



## Sumas City Council Meeting

Sumas City Hall, 433 Cherry Street, Sumas, WA 98295

Monday, November 08, 2021 at 7:00 PM

### Minutes

#### Opening Meeting – Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Mayor Christensen, Councilmember Bosch, Councilmember Morgan, Councilmember Josh Clawson, Councilmember Jesse Clawson and Councilmember Postma all present

Minutes from October 25, 2021 were approved

#### Public Hearings

Petition to Vacate Street or Alley, Baha Abulnaga  
Ordinance No. 1785

Jim Wright, City Attorney opened the Public Hearing for a Petition to Vacate Street or Alley submitted by Baha Abulnaga. Mr. Abulnaga is requesting a portion of a retained utility easement located on the east half of a vacated portion of Pine Street in Johnson's Addition. The city staff has reviewed the request and approves the petition. Councilmember Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilmember Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Bosch made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1785 Granting the Vacation of a Retained Utility Easement located in the East half of the Vacated portion of Pine Street in Johnson's Addition, Councilmember Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

#### 2022 Preliminary Budget Hearing

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Preliminary Budget. Included in the packet was a 2022 Preliminary Budget Highlights for the councilmembers review. There were no questions or comments for the finance director. Councilmember Bosch motioned to close the public hearing, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Bosch made a motion to call for a Public Hearing on November 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm for Final 2022 Budget, Councilmember Morgan seconded, all were if favor the motion carried.

#### 2022 Property Tax Levy Hearing - Ordinance 1784

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Property Levy, this is a proposal for an .86642 percent increase for 2022 in the amount of \$5,552.45. Councilmember Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1784 Setting the Real Property Tax Levy for 2022 Councilmember Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Motion made by Clawson, Seconded by Postma.  
Voting Yea: Bosch, Morgan, Clawson, Clawson, Postma

### **New Business**

Rollin Harper, Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Call for a Public Hearing November 22, 2021

Rollin Harper, City Planner spoke about the Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan with regards to the current updates. The City has participated in a multi-jurisdictional effort updating the City's sections and this has been sent to FEMA for review, they have recommended some changes. Rollin would like to call for a Public Hearing on November 22, 2021 to adopt by resolution the Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. All the other jurisdiction will also be being doing the same process. The final plan will then be submitted to FEMA for their final approval.

Councilmember Morgan called for a public hearing November 22, 2021, for the Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Rollin Harper, Countywide Planning Policy Amendment Procedures

Rollin Harper, City Planner went over the Countywide Planning Policy Amendment Procedures, there are proposed amendments to the countywide planning policy that would establish permanent procedures for adopting amendments. The county would like to adopt the interim procedures in place currently into permanent procedures. One concern with proposed policy amendments is that any new amendments brought forward; the three larger jurisdictions could pass an amendment over the objectives of the smaller jurisdictions. Mayor Christensen supports Rollin's suggestion that at least 50 percent of the jurisdictions and 85 percent of the population is needed to support any approvals.

Resolution 814 - Adopting the City's Laptop/Tablet Policy

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director went over the new policy for the councilmembers regarding the new tablets allowing them to access their emails and the new agenda software. Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 814 Adopting the City's Laptop/Tablet Policy, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Event Center Change Order #1

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director explained the event center change order #1; this is a credit from Colacurcio Brothers for \$10,081.00 for a cost reduction in the dig-out and less concrete with the bleachers being moved. Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to accept the Change Order Proposal No. 1 for the credit of \$10,081.00, Councilmember Morgan seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Event Center Change Order #2

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director went over the event center change order #2 a credit from Colacurcio Brothers for \$139,033.15. This credit is from the bleacher manufacturer who included in their bid preparation of the site, Colacurcio had already included it in their base bid. Sunny is hoping these credits will help complete the restrooms. Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to approve Change Order Proposal No. 2 for \$139,033.15, Councilmember Bosch seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

**Voucher Approvals**

The bills were present for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21823 thru #21883 in the amount of \$231,503.39; EFTs in the amount of \$8,155.05 and October Payroll \$151,805.88. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Josh Clawson; all were in favor the motion carried.

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

ATTEST:

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