



Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call – Mayor Christensen, Councilmember Bosch, Councilmember Morgan, Councilmember Josh Clawson and Jesse Clawson all present. Councilmember Postma was absent.

2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes
No Minutes Presented

3. Citizen Input

Meg Krieg, First Street, Sumas, thanked everyone for all the hard work. Ms. Krieg is concerned with any new building in the area and how it may affect the surrounding homes. She went over 14.30 the Sumas Municipal Code regarding our flood management listed requirements. Ms. Krieg would like to encourage the City to have a town hall meeting with the community members.

4. Public Hearings

- a. Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan-Resolution 815

Rollin Harper, City Planner presented Resolution 815, Adopting the Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan with the 2021 updates. This allows each jurisdiction to be eligible for certain FEMA grants in a natural disaster. This also allows for pre-disaster mitigation grants; the mitigation plan allows for the jurisdictions to qualify for grants. There were no written comments or oral comments. 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 adopt Resolution 815, Adopting the Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried

- b. 2022 Final Budget Hearing - Ordinance 1786

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director, this is the second public hearing for the 2022 Budget, there could be some budget amendments that may need to be addressed after dealing with all the disaster recovery. There were no written or oral comments submitted. Councilmember Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Bosch made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1786 Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022, Councilmember Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

6. New Business

a. Resolution No. 817 - Emergency Declaration

Mayor Christensen presented Resolution No. 817, an Emergency Declaration of the Mayor; this is needed for assistance with all the damage from the flood. Jennifer Bell, Finance Director states that this authorizes the City to use emergency purchasing procedures pursuant to RCW 39.04.280.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 817 An Emergency Declaration of the Mayor - Request for Public Assistance Due to November 2021 Flood Event, City of Sumas, Councilmember Bosch seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

b. Widener & Associates - Services Agreement

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented the service agreement with Widener & Associates the purpose of this agreement is for professional consulting services and assistance with FEMA emergency repair projects related to the flood damage. They will assist with completing the documenting of our damages and coordinating it with any funding through FEMA. Councilmember Josh Clawson motioned to allow Mayor Christensen to sign the Widener and Associates Service Agreement, Councilmember Bosch seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

c. Resolution 816 - Declaring certain Property Surplus and Authoring its Sale

Chief Daniel DeBruin explained this is the old Tahoe of the police department and has been replaced by a new patrol car. The Whatcom County Fire District #14 had purchased our last surplus vehicle for \$5000.00 and have recently lost a couple of their vehicle's due to the current flood. Daniel recommends to surplus this directly to the Whatcom County Fire District #14 for \$5000.00. Councilmember Morgan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 816 Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing its Sale to the Whatcom County Fire District #14, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

d. Fifth Addendum Between City of Sumas and Nooksack Valley Disposal

Mayor Christensen advised Nooksack Valley Disposal are requesting to raise their rates beginning January 01, 2022, Mayor Christensen stated that they provide a good service for our community. Councilmember Bosch made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Fifth Addendum to Agreement with Nooksack Valley Disposal, Inc. for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

e. 2022 Salaries Ordinance 1787

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director stated this sets the salary rates for 2022, this also includes the 5.9% cost of living raise factored into the budget. Councilmember Morgan made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1787 Establishing the Salaries and Wages for the 2022 Calendar Year, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

7. Staff Reports

Chief of Police

Chief DeBruin wanted to say how proud he was of how the City Crew; Police Officers and the fire department all came together in this disaster. Daniel was thankful for how our community came together with response in the flooding efforts; everyone has been working together to get through this.

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh Public Works Director is also very appreciative of all the support from the Mayor, Police Dept, fire department and the city crew over the course of the last week.

Finance Director

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director was also thankful for all the community support and volunteers that had showed up to assist. She also thanked Mayor Christensen for stepping up and helping with organizing all the volunteers and getting help for the victims.

Mayor

Mayor Christensen was very thankful for all the volunteer efforts and the city crew has went above and beyond in this situation. Also, grateful for the fire department and all the first responders who have helped this situation. This is going to be a long process there still is a lot of stuff do, Mayor will continue to look for solutions so this does not happen again, this will be a long process. Mayor Christensen expressed how thankful is for the organizations who have responded to help people in need, Team Rubicon, Samaritan's Purse and all the other organizations that have showed up, they have assisted with helping so many people.

8. Voucher Approvals

The bills were present from approval and payment. Check numbers 21884 thru 21904 in the amount \$43,510.50; EFTs in the amount \$117,709.41. Councilmember Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Clawson was asking if there will be any assistance available to help with people's utility bills, Councilmember Jesse Clawson was wondering if the was any money from the COVID funding's leftover, Mayor Christensen and Jennifer will look and see what kind of assistance is available.

9. Adjournment

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

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

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