



## Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, October 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM

### Minutes

#### PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch

Council Member Jesse Clawson

Council Member Richard Postma

Council Member Todd Daniels

Council Member Jessica Koehler

#### ABSENT

Council Member Josh Clawson

#### 1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

#### 2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

##### a. September 22, 2025, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve September 22, 2025, Minutes, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

#### 3. Citizen Input

##### a. Nicole Postma, Wilson Lane, requested a road closure on Third Street, for the Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2025.

Councilmember Postma made a motion to approve the road closure on Third Street for the Trunk or Treat October 31, 2025, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to waive the fee, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Whatcom County Planning & Development Request for "Open Space Land"  
3802 Kneuman Road - Geri Lewis

Carson Cortez, City Planner explained that Geri Lewis at 3802 Kneuman Road has been working with Whatcom County to have her tax designation of the property moved to Open Space Land. The original designation was Open Space Farm and Agriculture. Due to having no agriculture benefit on the property: Whatcom County approved the request to change the designation of the property.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve allowing Whatcom County Assessor's Office to designate the tax designation to Open Space Land at 3802 Kneuman Road, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

- b. Resolution No. 849 - Washington State Department of Revenue Unclaimed Property

Mollie Bost, Finance Director, stated this year there are four checks in the amount of \$234.09 to be sent to Washington State Department of Revenue Unclaimed Property Section.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 849 Remitting the Funds to the Washington State Department of Revenue Unclaimed Property Section, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

- c. Agreement for Services with the City of Abbotsford

Mollie Bost, Finance Director, stated that the City of Abbotsford sent back an agreement for the payment plan for the excess system capacity assessed for 2023 & 2024. The total sum with interest paid to Abbotsford will be \$291,258.82 US funds.

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to approve the Mayor executing the payment plan agreement with the City of Abbotsford. Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

#### 5. Staff Reports

Finance Director

1. Request for a Public Hearing - Setting the Property Tax Levy for 2026, November 10th, 2025, at 7 PM

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to set a public hearing for the Property Tax Levy for 2026 for November 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

2. Request for a Public Hearing - 2026 Preliminary Budget, November 10th, 2025, at 7 PM

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to set the public hearing for 2026 Preliminary Budget, for November 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

#### City Planner

3. Review UGA Proposal

Carson Cortez gave an update about the City and county's negotiations regarding Sumas UGA proposal for the comprehensive update. Carson is asking for direction to be able to negotiate and offer to remove area ten on the proposed UGA expansion to the County. The council members agreed to offer removing area ten from the proposed UGA expansion.

4. Request for a Public Hearing for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Updates & Development Regulation Amendments, October 27th, 2025, at 7 PM

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to set the public hearing for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Updates & Development Regulation Amendments, on October 27th, 2025, at 7:00 pm, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

5. Request for a Public Hearing - Conditional Use Permit at 309 Bob Mitchell Ave, November 10th, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to set a public hearing for Conditional Use Permit at 309 Bob Mitchell Avenue, November 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

6. Carson also requested a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit Application at 191 W Front Street on November 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to set a public hearing for Conditional Use Permit Application for 191 W Front Street, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

#### Mayor

Bruce Bosch, stated this is the week for our flood awareness updates to be posted on our website and Facebook page, there also will be an open house at the City Hall on Friday 10 am – 12 pm and Saturday 10 am – 12pm for the public to stop in for information with regards to flooding.

Councilmember Koehler advised she had found a Department of Commerce grant for electric charging stations and provided the information.

## 6. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 44580 – 44640 for \$128,288.71 and EFTs for \$10,324.33; September Payroll \$228,913.97. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

## 7. Executive Session

- a. Discussion with legal counsel about current or potential litigation RCW42.30.110(1)(i)

Discussion with legal counsel in executive session for approximately fifteen minutes until 7:45 pm. No action taken.

## 8. Other Business

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, presented a water main replacement project from the water tanks down to Barker Avenue. This would be to replace the existing deteriorating pipes from the tanks to Barker Avenue. The architectural and engineering costs for the project are estimated to be \$76,864.12.

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a recommendation to have staff bring back a proposed contract from Reichhart & Ebe Engineering Inc. providing Professional Service for the Final Design and Related Documents for the Water Main Replacement.

## 9. Adjournment

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

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

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk