



## Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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### Minutes

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

**2. Oath of Office for Elected/Re-Elected Council Members**

**Todd Daniels, Richard Postma, Joshua Clawson**

Todd Daniels, Josh Clawson and Rich Postma were sworn in with the Oath of Office

**3. Mayor Bosch, Councilmembers Josh Clawson, Jesse Clawson, Rich Postma, Todd Daniels and Debra Morgan were all present.**

**4. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes**

a. December 27, 2021 Draft Minutes - December 27, 2021 Minutes were presented, Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

**5. Citizen Input**

No Citizen Input

**6. New Business**

a. Resolution No. 819 - Waiving Fees for Reviews and Permits

Resolution No. 819 is to waive the fees for reviews and permits for any floods damage through January 31, 2022. Councilmember Jesse Clawson inquired if this also allows for people who demo their homes and want to rebuild, Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director stated if the home was damaged by the flood the fees should be waived. Councilmember Jesse Clawson believes this will help the town as a whole and encourage people to want to stay and rebuild or lift their homes. Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to adopt Resolution 819 Waiving Fees for Reviews and Permits related to Repairs to Structures Damaged due to Flooding, Councilmember Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

b. Appoint WTA Board Representative for 2022

Jennifer Lautenbach, City of Everson Councilmember has volunteered to be the City of Sumas representative for the WTA Board. Councilmember Lautenbach will represent the Cities of Sumas, Everson and Nooksack for the year 2022. Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to appoint Jennifer Lautenbach as the City of Sumas representative for the WTA Board Member, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

## 7. Staff Reports

### Chief of Police

Chief DeBruin welcomed Todd Daniels back to the council; Bruce Bosch as the new Mayor and is looking forward to working with them.

### Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director spoke about a request from Washington State Dept. of Transportation for a temporary noise variance request for repairs on SR 9 Milepost to work at night; for crack sealing and a pavement repair project in the summer months. Sunny will bring it back to the council when he has more information from the Department of Transportation.

### Finance Director

Jennifer Bell wanted to remind everyone it is a new year and if anyone needs to update their information please contact her.

### Mayor

Mayor Bosch stated as the new Mayor of Sumas; he will do his best and always be available if needed.

Councilmember Jesse Clawson wanted to discuss the garbage situation still around town and if there is a possibility of the City still helping out the residents with the disposal of flood damaged debris. Discussion on moving forward with some different ideas to help with the debris still on the City right of ways. Mayor Bosch was wondering if an extension on the funds was available for debris removable as an option because of the bad weather be possible. Sunny believes all the funding has been spent on debris removable at this time; Jennifer suggested maybe one more weekend and advertise one last time for the community if any more funding becomes available. The staff will do some research and bring back information to the next council meeting for discussion.

## 8. Voucher Approvals

The bills were present from approval and payment. Check numbers 22082 thru 22092 in the amount \$116,473.46; EFTs in the amount \$18.00 and December Payroll \$199,109.02; voided check 21781 (\$224.11). December 2021-Open Period 22032 thru 22081 \$408,125.85 & EFT's \$179.46. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

## 9. Adjournment

Councilmember Jesse Clawson motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

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