



Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, September 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch

Council Member Josh Clawson

Council Member Richard Postma

Council Member Todd Daniels

Council Member Jessica Koehler

ABSENT

Council Member Jesse Clawson

2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

a. September 08, 2025, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve September 08, 2025, Minutes, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

3. Citizen Input

Kyle Christensen, Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group spoke about a new elevation/rehab program, elevating and bringing homes up to code. This program is for anyone affected by the 2021 flood; they had to have owned their home during the flood and meet income requirements to qualify for the funding.

4. On-Going Business

a. Report of Decision - Conditional Use Permit Application for 1116 Sumas Avenue

Sunny Aulakh, Public Work Director stated the report of decision addresses all the councils input regarding this project 1116 Sumas Ave they wanted to see for this project.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to approve the conditional use permit application for 1116 Sumas Avenue and adopt the report of decision, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

5. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 1824 - Establishing a Policy for the Procurement of Compost

Mollie Bost Finance Director explained that WA State Legislature passed HB 1799 to increase the diversion of organic materials. The City contracts with Nooksack Valley Disposal, which requires the city to adopt a compost procurement ordinance (CPO). This will prioritize the use of compost, report to Dept of Ecology annually, and conduct educational outreach to inform the residents about the value of composting.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1824 Adding Chapter 5.28 to the Sumas Municipal Code, Establishing a Policy for the Procurement of Compost Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

Chief of Police

Daniel DeBruin stated that the City is in the process of switching phone carriers. Dan explained that T-Mobile has faster connections, cell coverage, and cost savings.

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh updated that the sidewalk on Front Street from Hovel Road to Boon Avenue has been started and will take about week to complete.

Finance Director

Mollie Bost said that Abbotsford has approved the payment plan proposal from the City and will be sending a contract for the council's approval.

Councilmember Koehler inquired about the budget retreat session that had been offered by the Finance Director and requested that the minutes reflect that two council members had responded in favor of the session and the others had not.

Mollie explained that Councilmember Koehler and Councilmember Jesse Clawson responded in favor of the budget retreat session. Councilmember Daniels and Councilmember Postma are both on the finance committee and will review the budget at the finance committee meeting and Councilmember Josh Clawson requested to meet individually with the Finance Director. Mollie further explained that she will also meet with Councilmember Koehler and Councilmember Jesse Clawson individually to review the budget and that all council members will get all budget information regardless of whether there is a separate budget retreat session.

City Clerk

1. Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) Board Composition Review Meeting - Appoint a Representative for October 2, 2025, at 9:30 am

Michelle Quinn stated the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) is having Board Composition Review meeting as required to have every four years. Mayor Bosch stated he will attend the meeting,

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to appoint Mayor Bosch as our representative for the WTA Board Meeting on October 02, 2025, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

7. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 44553 through 44579 for \$24,943.17 and EFTs for \$142,972.93. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

8. Adjournment

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

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk