



Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Minutes

PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch

Council Member Jesse Clawson

Council Member Josh Clawson

Council Member Richard Postma

Council Member Todd Daniels

Council Member Jessica Koehler

1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

- a. January 27, 2025, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to approve January 27, 2025, Minutes, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

3. Citizen Input

Lizette Custer, Lawson Street, wanted to remind everyone about the Friends of the Library, Valentine's Event on Saturday and there are still tickets for sale.

4. New Business

- a. Assignment of Operation and Management Agreement (Cable System)

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk, explained this assignment of Operation & Management Agreement is an internal re-structuring part of an inter-company merger changing the name of the company. There will be no changes to the rates, terms, or conditions for our residents.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Assignment of Operation & Management Agreement, Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

b. Statement of Qualifications - BHC Consultants LLC
Sewer System Expansion Study

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, explained this statement of qualifications is for a study of any future expansion of our sewer system with UGA growth.

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to accept BHC Consultants LLC statement of qualifications, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

c. Statement of Qualifications - Wilson Engineering
Construction of Continuous Disinfection Treatment

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, explained this statement of qualifications is from Wilson Engineering to design a continuous Disinfection Treatment for chlorination of our water system. This is a requirement of the Whatcom County Health Department where we are to provide engineering and surveying services to design a continuous chlorinating treatment system if needed in the future.

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to approve Wilson Engineering statement of qualifications for the engineering services to design a continuous chlorinating system, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

5. Staff Reports

Chief of Police

Daniel DeBruin updated the council the position for a police officer is posted on our website, this will help create a list of people who would be eligible for hiring when the position opens. Daniel would like to have someone in place before Officer Fuhrman retires this year.

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh went over the memo that was given to the council members discussing the shop being built on Kneuman Road and the cost of the project going over the eighty thousand dollars that was budgeted.

Sunny met with finance committee explaining the need for additional funds and committee agreed that the REET 1 Fund has enough funds to cover the additional amount of the project and would like to see the project completed. Councilmember Koehler inquired how this project was so far over the budgeted amount. Sunny explained the cost of the dirt work, cement, and cost increase for all materials made the cost estimate of the project underbudgeted.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to approve the additional sixty-six thousand dollars from the REET 1 fund to complete the Kneuman Road shop project, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor

Mayor Bosch spoke about the cancelled meeting for solutions on flooding and the charrette that was cancelled due to weather, it will be re-scheduled for March. Whatcom County will be re-inviting everyone to the meeting on the new date.

6. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 43972 through 44010 for \$86,847.67 and EFTs for \$22,423.95; wires: for \$219,649.87 and January 2025 Payroll \$207,765.62. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

7. Adjournment

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

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk