



## Sumas City Council Meeting

433 Cherry Street, Sumas, WA  
Monday, April 27, 2026, at 7:00 PM

### Minutes

#### PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch  
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. Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve April 13, 2026, Minutes, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### 3. Public Hearing

- a. Carson Cortez, City Planner, opened the public hearing for the floodplain development variance application at 234 Morton Street. This project is to construct on their property a detached shop with ADU on the second floor. The floodplain development variance is because the project will be below the base flood elevation.

Jordan Johnson, 234 Morton Street, advised that the bottom will be all cement and have flood vents to allow the water to move through. The structure will be built to match the house.

No comments were received.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to close the public hearing; Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Councilmember Postma made a motion to approve the Floodplain Development Variance Application for 234 Morton Street, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### 4. Citizen Input

Samantha Doering, Front Street, was in favor the of the short-term rentals, it would bring in more customers for the local businesses.

Jacob Williams, Lincoln Circle, was also in support of the short-term rentals.

Mark Ruiter, Bowen Road, thinks having the option for short-term rentals would be beneficial to the community.

Angel Innes, First Street, is not in favor of the short-term rentals due to all the children in the area and thinks it would be unsafe for the neighborhood.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Carson Cortez, City Planner, explained that public works committee reviewed the conditional use permit application for 540 Second Street Building A. and they went over the short-term rental requirements. Councilmember Daniels stated the applicant is meeting all the requirements for vetting the short-term renters and has a solid plan in place for any renters.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit at 540 Second Street Building A, and Report of Decision, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

## 7. Flood Committee

Councilmember Daniels listened to the WID Meeting, and some of their projects have started moving forward. Councilmember Clawson stated he went to the Sumas Church, the FEMA Agency is there helping people get signed up for assistance either in person or online until June 10, 2026. They stated there has been a good turnout, there have been 115 who have signed up, 65 out of that has been granted some funds.

## 8. Staff Reports

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh stated the community center and library have put in the flooring and cabinets this week.

Finance Director

1. Mollie Bost stated that Carson Cortez, City Planner, has completed 3 years. Mayor Bosch and staff recommend moving Carson from step 3 to step 4 effective April 1, 2026.

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to affirm the salary-step increase for Carson from Step 3 to Step 4 effective April 1, 2026, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

City Clerk

Michelle Quinn requested to move May 25, 2026, council meeting to Tuesday May 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm due to a holiday falling on Monday.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve moving the council meeting to Tuesday May 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor

Mayor Bosch updated the council on a proposed fence on W. Third Street by Rich VanDiest to help hold the lumber back during a flood. The decision is the project will need to be pushed back onto the owner's property.

**9. Voucher Approvals**

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 45097-45111 in the amount of \$235,649.35 and EFTs for \$130,349.37. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**10. Executive Session**

- a. The executive session was conducted for consideration of applicants for elective office. RCW 42.30.110(1)(f). Returned to regular session at 7:50 pm. No action taken.

An additional executive session was conducted with legal counsel present regarding code enforcement RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). Returned to regular session at 8:11 pm. No action taken.

**11. Adjournment**

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

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

ATTEST:

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