



Sumas City Council Meeting

City of Sumas, 433 Cherry Street, Sumas

Monday, May 11, 2026, 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

2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

- a. Councilmember Daniels moved to approve April 27, 2026, minutes. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Citizen Input

Josh Crosby of FEMA shared information about the December storms and the agency's assistance to residents. Recovery support is available for homeowners and renters at 125 Front Street. The application deadline is June 10, 2026.

4. Old Business

Mayor Bosch asked if the council members wanted to nominate anyone for the vacant council position.

Councilmember Clawson made a motion nominating David Daniels for the council position.

Councilmember Daniels seconded the motion. The Councilmembers voted on the nomination.

Councilmember Postma and Clawson voted in favor, Councilmember Koehler voted against, and Councilmember Daniels abstained. Because there was no majority vote, the nomination did not pass.

Councilmember Postma requested to go into executive session for purposes of discussing qualifications of candidates (RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)). Jim Wright, City Attorney, explained that the executive session was limited to the evaluation of qualifications of candidates. He added that appointing a council member required a majority vote of the council. (See section 9 below regarding Executive session)

Councilmember Clawson made a motion nominating David Daniels for the council position.

Councilmember Postma seconded the motion. The Councilmembers voted on the nomination.

Councilmembers Clawson, Daniels, and Postma voted in favor and Councilmember Koehler voted against. The motion to appoint David Daniels to the vacant council position carried.

5. New Business

- a. Park Ridge Community will sponsor the Sumas Advent Church fireworks sale. Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, reviewed and approved the plans, pending final approval from the Whatcom County Fire Marshal.

Councilmember Daniels moved to approve the fireworks application from Park Ridge Community Church. Councilmember Postma seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

- b. Michelle Quinn stated that Sumas Municipal Court would like to write off 10-year-old citations that are no longer collectible, totaling \$44,700.85.

Councilmember Daniels moved to approve the Sumas Municipal Court citation write-off of \$44,700.85. Councilmember Postma seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

6. Flood Committee

Councilmember Clawson stated that tomorrow's WID meeting was canceled. Councilmember Koehler asked whether the Mayor would attend the FCZD meeting, and Mayor Bosch said he would.

7. Staff Reports

Chief of Police

Daniel DeBruin reported that Officer Gimmaka welcomed a healthy baby boy.

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh stated that he had spoken with the ditching district and will meet with them to discuss the creeks within city limits. He also provided an update on the community center and library: the carpets have been installed, and the library will begin putting up its shelves.

Mayor

Councilmember Koehler asked about the Zoom link, and Mayor Bosch stated that Zoom is no longer offered for council meetings.

8. Voucher Approvals

Bills were presented for approval and payment, including checks numbered 45112 through 54149 in the amount of \$103,053.26, EFTs totaling \$12,082.40, and April 2026 payroll in the amount of \$202,299.77.

Councilmember Postma moved to pay the bills. Councilmember Daniels seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

9. Executive Session

- a. The council entered executive session to discuss applicant qualifications for approximately 15 minutes and returned to open session at 7:30 p.m. No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

Councilmember Clawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Daniels seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk