



Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, January 12, 2026, 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. **Oath of Office for Elected Officials**

Jim Wright, City Attorney, swore in Mayor Bosch, Councilmember Daniels, Councilmember Josh Clawson, and Councilmember Postma for the new term.

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

- a. December 22, 2025, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to approve December 22, 2025, Minutes, Councilmember Postma seconded all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. **Public Hearing**

- a. Conditional Use Permit Oleo Energies, Inc/Freeland & Associates, Inc

Sunny Aulakh opened the public hearing updated the council that we are still waiting for information and requested to continue the public hearing until January 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm. No public comment was received.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to continue the Public Hearing for Oleo Energies, Inc and Freeland and Associates, Inc to January 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

5. Staff Reports

Public Works Director

1. Sunny Aulakh stated that Stremler Gravel was awarded the bid for the repairs on the Hovel Road culvert for the Army Core of Engineers. Also, Stemler has completed the emergency debris removal in town.

Finance Director

2. Memo - Salary Step Increase - Gimmaka

Mollie Bost presented that Joshua Gimmaka has consistently demonstrated competence and professionalism in his duties.

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to affirm the salary step increase for Joshua Gimmaka from Step 2 to Set 3, effective January 1, 2026, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

City Clerk

3. 2026 Representative to the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) Board of Directors

Michelle Quinn explained every year we appoint a representative to the WTA Board of Directors, Councilmember Jennifer Lautenbach from the City of Everson has agreed to represent the small cities.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to appoint Everson Councilmember Jennifer Lautenbach to represent the Sumas to the WTA Board of Directors, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor

4. Mayor Bosch stated he has been attending many meetings regarding the flooding situation. A suggestion for a flood update line to be added to the agenda for future discussion and updates.

Meg Krieg, First Street, inquired if there will be a moratorium on future building to help with future flooding. Mayor Bosch advised there is not a lot of infill left in the city.

6. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 44800 – 44829: in the amount of \$54,145.92, EFTs for \$9,524.18, wires for \$177,906.31 and December Payroll 2025 \$264,429.47; Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

7. Executive Session

- a. Discussion with Legal Counsel RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

Executive Session with legal counsel for approximately 35 to 45 minutes back on record at 8:10 pm. No action was taken.

8. Adjournment

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

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk