



Sumas City Council Meeting

433 Cherry Street, Sumas, WA
Tuesday, May 26, 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
Council Member David Daniels

1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

2. Citizen Input

Samantha Doering, Front Street, requested that a Zoom link be offered for council meetings. She also expressed disappointment with the appointment process for the vacant council position and cited a lack of transparency.

Rich VanDiest, 207 W. Second Street presented a letter to the council expressing concern about the nomination process for the vacant council position and the way the vote transpired. He requested that the council reject the nomination and revote for one of the other applicants who had submitted applications.

Brett Egbert, Jefferson Court, requested that a Zoom link or another remote meeting platform be provided again for council meetings. He also spoke regarding the appointment to the vacant council position and stated that he did not believe members of the same family should serve on the council at the same time.

Stacey Daly, Wilson Lane, requested that the Zoom link be restored for council meetings. Ms. Daly also expressed concerns regarding the appointment to the vacant council position and the way it was handled.

Ryan Wittig, Sumas Avenue, expressed concern regarding how the nomination for the vacant council position was handled and urged the council to improve its process.

3. Oath of Office for Appointed Official

Jim Wright, City Attorney, administered the oath of office to David Daniels for Council Position No. 5.

4. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

- a. Councilmember Koehler requested that revision be made to the draft minutes from May 11, 2026, council meeting to reflect the sequence of a nomination, executive session, and vote.

Councilmember Koehler moved to approve May 11, 2026, minutes with the voting sequence revision. Councilmember Todd Daniels seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

5. Old Business

- a. Mollie Bost, Finance Director, explained that RestoreWell LLC had submitted a second change order for the Library/Community Center contract to reflect updated material costs. After review, the Public Works Director determined that some items included in the first and second change orders could be completed later. RestoreWell LLC then combined the two change orders into a revised total of \$39,222.12, which would replace Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$45,018.34. Jim Wright, City Attorney, will draft Modification No. 2 to the contract and rescind Modification No. 1.

Councilmember Koehler moved to approve Modification No. 2 to the RestoreWell LLC contract in the amount of \$39,222.12 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilmember Todd Daniels seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

6. New Business

- a. Carson Cortez, City Planner, explained that Whatcom County and the small cities have been working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is updated on a five-year cycle, and each city has a jurisdictional profile. Mr. Cortez stated that the primary changes involve the list of hazards and the method used to determine each hazard. Additional revisions were made to the planning, population, and critical facilities sections.

This current draft is before the council for review prior to submission to Whatcom County. Final adoption of the plan is expected by the end of the year.

Councilmember Clawson moved to authorize Carson Cortez, City Planner, to submit the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to Whatcom County. Councilmember Postma seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

7. Flood Committee

Councilmember Koehler attended a conference regarding the flooding situation and visited several properties in the area that had experienced flooding. She stated that the interaction was beneficial and expressed hope that it would lead to progress.

Councilmember Clawson reported that there was no WID meeting this month, as it was rescheduled for June. He also stated that FEMA is coming to each city for further inspections.

8. Staff Reports

Finance Director

Mollie Bost reported that the CETA audit, which began last year, has now been completed. Council members have received an email invitation to the exit meeting.

She reported that the annual report has been completed, reviewed by the Mayor and the Finance Committee, and will be submitted the following day. She also stated that the annual report had been emailed to all council members and would be posted on the city website once submitted.

The Finance Committee also met, and Councilmember Todd Daniels provided an update on the discussion. He stated that the committee reviewed the city's finances and noted that, due to the flooding situation, city funds are currently stretched. He added that future insurance and FEMA reimbursements should help improve the city's financial position. The city will defer major projects at this time.

9. Voucher Approvals

Bills were presented for approval and payment, including checks numbered 45150 through 45168 in the amount of \$177,738.66 and voided check 44874, EFTs totaling \$127,694.80.

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

10. Executive Session

The council entered executive session to discuss code enforcement actions with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The council returned to the record at 7:55 p.m. No action was taken.

11. Adjournment

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

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk