



## Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, December 23, 2024, 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. December 09, 2024, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve December 09, 2024, Minutes, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

3. Old Business

- a. Draft Report of Decision  
Jason Heutink, Applicant

Carson Cortez, City Planner explained this is the draft report of decision for the applicant Jason Heutink Sumas Avenue project. After discussions with the applicant and his engineer regarding changes the report-of-decision was finalized by the applicant for final approval.

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to adopt the draft report of decision for the long subdivision, subdivision variance and conditional use permit, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

4. New Business

- a. Resolution No. 844, Reallocating and Approving Uses for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Mollie Bost, Finance Director, stated this to true up the ARPA funds by the end of the year deadline. The remaining balance \$2285.13 would be reallocated to the 2024 Whatcom County Fire District #14's contract.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to adopt Resolution 844 Reallocating and Approving Uses for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

b. WA State of Washington Department of Health Formal Compliance Agreement

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, explained this agreement is a formal compliance agreement with the Department of Health; due to our water samples triggering positive results. Sunny stated we have until May 2025 to submit engineered project reports and construction documents for chlorination system to the health department as part of the compliance plan. One more positive test within the next year, we will have to begin chlorinating our water.

Councilmember Jesse Clawson asked if we know what is triggering these positive results. Sunny advised he has updated and evaluated different areas of the water system hoping to neutralize any more positive tests.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to authorize entering into the WA State Department of Health Formal Compliance Agreement, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

## 5. Staff Reports

### Chief of Police

Daniel DeBruin said the force-on-force mock training was successful. Officer Kurt DeVries our firearm and use of force instructor did an excellent job with the training program.

### Finance Director

Mollie Bost stated that the CETA Audit is completed. She will have it posted on our website by the end of next week if the council would like to review.

### City Planner

Carson Cortez stated that the comprehensive plan update for 2025 and will be completed by the end of the year.

### Mayor

Mayor Bosch asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Councilmember Jesse Clawson inquired how the EV Charging grant was going, Carson explained he had sent notice and spoke with the individual business owners to get quotes on the installation of the charging ports, and they are to let him know by January. Once all the information is compiled, the grant will be presented back to the council.

Councilmember Koehler inquired about the status of the water issue with Mr. Brock. The committee had met, and Sunny explained at this time we are leaving everything the way it is. If there is any new development on Arthurs Way, the waterline will then be extended to Mr. Brocks' property.

## 6. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 43851 through 43882 for \$46,067.12; voided check (103.95), EFTs in the amount \$110,543.54. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

## 7. Executive Session

- a. Discussion with legal counsel about legal risk of current or proposed action RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

Discussion with legal counsel about legal risk of current or proposed action RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to be back in session by 7:32 pm. No Action was Taken.

## 8. Adjournment

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

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

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk