



Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, June 09, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Minutes

PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch

Council Member Jesse Clawson

Council Member Josh Clawson

Council Member Todd Daniels

Council Member Jessica Koehler

ABSENT

Council Member Richard Postma

1. **Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes**

- a. May 27, 2025, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to approve May 27, 2025, Minutes, Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded, the motion carried.

3. **New Business**

- a. Request for a Beer Garden at the Sumas Bull-A-Rama, July 5, 2025, 5.30 pm - 10.30 pm.

Toni Segerman, Rodeo Director, submitted a request for a beer garden on July 5, 2025, from 5:30 pm - 10.30 pm, at the Bull-A-Rama Event. Councilmember Koehler asked about the liquor license being in the name of the Sumas Chamber, Mayor Bosch explained both parties work together.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to allow the Beer Garden at the Bull-A-Rama Event, on July 5, 2025, from 5:30 pm to 10.30 pm, Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

- b. Request for an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) at 515 Mitchell Street

Carson Cortez, City Planner advised that Tim Vander Meulen at 515 Mitchell Street is requesting to be able to complete his accessory structure with an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) before the City passes their ADU ordinance.

Tim Vander Meulen spoke about the completion of his accessory unit and would like to install a shower to receive his final occupancy permit. With Sumas not having an ADU ordinance in place he cannot complete the unit with the shower installed.

Carson explained that Washington State has moved the deadline for cities to have an ADU ordinance in place allowing accessory dwelling units by December 31, 2025.

Mr. Vander Meulen would like permission to complete the unit as an accepted ADU and will not rent the unit until the City passes the ADU ordinance. Sunny Aulakh explained that the project has been inspected and passed those inspections but will not receive a certificate of occupancy if there is a shower installed. One concern is that the City has no provisions in place for ADU's and if you allow one there will be more people asking to have ADU's before the ordinance is in place.

All council members approved the shower completion at this time and sent the discussion of the certificate of occupancy to the public works committee for further review.

4. Staff Reports

Chief of Police

Daniel DeBruin stated that Josh Gimmaka is still completing his FTO process and it is going well.

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh stated that the grant funding for the event center will be closing on June 30, 2025. The event center is complete with bleachers, lighting and announcer's booth, sound system and the gates have been repaired. We have also ordered equipment to maintain the arena grounds. Currently, the balance remaining is \$31,000.00 from the grant funding and must be used before the grant closes. If anyone has any other ideas for the event center, please let him know. One option is for the reimbursement of the hours the crew invested at the event center, for use of the funding.

City Planner

Carson Cortez requested a public hearing for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for June 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to set the public hearing for June 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

5. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 44271 through 44326 for \$135,996.51 EFTs for \$13,334.99 and May 2025 Payroll \$215,219.30. Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

6. Executive Session

- a. Discussion with legal counsel about current or potential litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

Discussion with legal counsel about current or potential litigation for approximately thirty minutes; back on record at 8.02 pm. No action was taken.

7. Adjournment

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

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk