



## Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, February 09, 2026, at 7:00 PM

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### 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. January 26, 2026, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve January 26, 2026, Minutes, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### 3. Citizen Input

Samantha Doering, Lynden, asked if the library and community center will be first on the repairs. The senior program and library program need to get up and running.

Rich VanDiest, W Second Street, wanted to know the status on the gravel pile. Sunny Aulakh, Public Work Director stated we are waiting on FEMA.

Stacey Dailey, Wilson Lane, wanted to follow up with the questions from the last meeting. If there will be a zoom link provided at the council meetings, also if there is anyone at the City who can assist with grant information for the small businesses. She inquired about the citizen input and if it could be at the end of the meeting. Ms. Daley also wanted to know if there will be debris clean-up for the ditches and creeks or if groups can organize their own clean-up.

Nicole Postma, Wilson Lane, wanted to know if the City will be doing Easter in the Park this year. If not, Loca Mocha is willing to host the event this year in the park. She will reach out to the Sumas Chamber about the event.

Elliot Swaney, Wilson Lane, wanted to know if he was allowed to clean out the creek behind his home.

#### 4. Old Business

- a. Public Work Agreement 2026 - Emergency Flood Repair and Restoration - Sumas Library & Community Center

Mollie Bost, Finance Director, stated these contracts are being brought back. The language in the current contracts removes the clean-up which was done prior. These contracts reflect on the rebuilding of the properties. RestoreWell did not include the HVAC cost in the first contract, which added an additional \$2,484.99. Mollie also stated the City will be receiving from our flood insurance policy \$381,000.00 for the library and community center.

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised Public Work Agreement 2026 Emergency Flood Repair and Restoration for the Sumas Library & Community Center for \$344,725.77, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

- b. Public Work Agreement 2026 - Emergency Flood Repair & Restoration - Sumas Museum

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised Public Work Agreement 2026 - Emergency Flood Repair and Restoration - Sumas Museum for \$61,750.12, Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

- c. Public Work Agreement 2026 - Emergency Flood Repair & Restoration - Sumas City Hall

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised Public Work Agreement 2026 - Emergency Flood Repair & Restoration - Sumas City Hall for \$18,923.18, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

- d. Public Work Agreement 2026 - Emergency Flood Repair & Restoration - Sumas Rodeo Grounds

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Public Work Agreement 2026- Emergency Flood Repair & Restoration - Sumas Rodeo Grounds for \$13,261.85, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### 5. Flood Committee

Councilmember Jesse Clawson stated he recently attended the FLIP Meeting, and they went over the same projects from the last flood. It sounds like most of the major projects are still years out. In the meantime, smaller fixes are being proposed, like widening the funnel in the river.

Mayor Bosch attended the meeting also and said they are trying to lower the CFS of the water coming to Sumas, but it is not really working in our favor.

Discussion on what the City can do to help ourselves and minimize the flooding effects until something can be done about the river. The residents are here to help and want to support the City with any clean up efforts moving forward.

**6. Staff Reports**

Chief of Police

Daniel DeBruin stated one of the patrol cars lost an engine, thankfully it was still under warranty.

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh stated that sewer lift station seven has had a new pump installed for \$10,872.00. The Hovel Road project is moving forward. A crane will be brought in this week to the sheet piles installed by next week and the box culverts will be installed.

**7. Voucher Approvals**

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 44908-44953 in the amount of \$448,281.55 and Check numbers 44906-44907 in the amount \$1,203.83, EFTs for \$12,864.33, January Payroll for \$211,046.15 Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**8. Deliberation regarding CUP Application - Quasi-Judicial Closed Session**

Deliberation for approximately 15 minutes. Staff will bring back a proposed response to the application for consideration at the next council meeting.

**9. Executive Session**

Discussion with legal counsel about legal risks of current or proposed action (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 10 minutes back on record at 8:10 pm.

**10. Adjournment**

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

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

ATTEST:

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