



Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch

Council Member Jesse Clawson

Council Member Josh Clawson

Council Member Richard Postma

Council Member Todd Daniels

Council Member Jessica Koehler

2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

a. July 28, 2025, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to adopt July 28, 2025, Minutes with one spelling correction, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

3. Public Hearing

a. Ordinance No. 1822 Moratorium on the City Receiving and Processing Permit Applications for Development Projects

Carson Cortez, City Planner opened the public hearing. Ordinance 1822 is regarding a moratorium on the city's receiving and processing permit applications for development projects involving hazardous, toxic and/or flammable materials. Carson explained that Ordinance 1822 should remain in effect pursuant to its terms to ensure adequate review of development activities in the industrial zone. By keeping this mortarium in place for another six months, this will allow more time for the comprehensive plan review to address the permitting for development activities of hazardous, toxic and/or flammable materials.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to continue Ordinance No.1822 Relating to Land Use Regulations, Declaring an Emergency, Establishing and Immediate Moratorium, Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

4. New Business

- a. Preliminary Draft Review Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2025-2045
Chapters 1 - 3

Carson Cortez, City Planner stated this is an initial review of chapters one through three for the draft comprehensive plan updates. Chapter 1 provides an overview of the purpose and scope of the comprehensive plan. Chapter 2 provides a summary of the history of Sumas. Chapter 3 provides an analysis of the geographic characteristics of Sumas and an analysis of our current land use conditions and projections for the future land use decisions. Discussion on the proposed future UGA expansion areas which are providing new areas for the city to grow and move out of the floodplain.

Councilmember Josh Clawson wanted to thank the planning commission for all their hard work in reviewing all the comprehensive plan updates.

- b. Review of Draft Development Regulations Amendments

Carson Cortez, City Planner explained this draft ordinance will be adopting amendments to title 20 of the Sumas Municipal Code related to development regulations. This is part of the comprehensive plan update process; this ordinance will change as the comprehensive plan is going through its review process.

- c. Countywide Planning Policies

Carson Cortez, City Planner stated that the Countywide Planning Policies are a set of policies crafted by County and City planning departments. The Washington State Growth Management Act requires that Comprehensive Plans be coordinated and consistent with one another.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve Whatcom County Countywide Planning Policies, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

5. Staff Reports

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh stated they are finishing the pothole repair paving projects around town.

Mayor

Bruce Bosch requested a road closure on August 23, 2025, from 3.00 pm to 9.00 pm, on Third Street between Lawson Street and Dow Street. Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to allow the road closure, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to waive the fee, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

6. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 44446 through 44495 for \$111,350.01 and manual checks 44442 through 44445 \$1710.75. EFTs for \$12,886.44 and July Payroll \$241,470.86. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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