



Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, January 13, 2025, 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

ABSENT

Council Member Jesse Clawson

1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

a. December 23, 2024, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Postma made a motion to approve December 23, 2024, Minutes, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

3. Citizen Input

Bernetta Ruiz, Garfield Street, is requesting new swings in the city park and asking the local businesses to help with the cost. She also wanted to know if it is allowed to place door hangers on the residents' doors in town to advertise for her martial arts studio. The staff will look into her request and let her know the outcome. Bernetta would like to join the chamber of commerce and help get the chamber up and running again.

4. New Business

a. Interlocal Jail Facility Use Agreement for Correctional Services

Jim Wright, City Attorney, would like more time to review the contract and recommend changes before signing this contract. The contract will be brought back to the next council meeting.

b. 2025 Representative for the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) Board of Directors

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk stated every year Sumas needs to appoint someone to be on the WTA board of directors, Jennifer Lautenbach, an Everson Councilmember, has agreed to represent Everson, Sumas, and Nooksack on the board.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to appoint Jennifer Lautenbach to the 2025 WTA Board of Directors to represent Sumas, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

c. Friends of the Sumas Library is requesting to serve alcohol at a Valentine Event

Samantha Doering from Friends of the Library requested permission to serve alcohol at their Valentine Day Fundraiser Event on February 15, 2025, starting at 6:00 - 9:00 pm. at the Sumas Community Center. They applied for their liquor license through the state.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to approve the Friends of the Sumas Library request to serve alcohol at the event, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

5. Staff Reports

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh updated the council that Bayside is in town cleaning out the catch basins for any plugged storm lines. Also, the water department is going around town exercising the water valves and painting them blue.

City Planner

1. Update on WA State Department of Commerce Electrical Vehicle Charging Grant

Carson Cortez updated the council on the status of the electrical vehicle charging grant that we have been working on. After the businesses received quotes on how much the installation of the charging units was going to be, the cost was higher than anticipated. The grant only covered \$62,000.00 and the combined bids for all the charging units were around \$100,000.00. Carson reached out to the three business owners, advising the cost of the chargers for them was getting extremely high. The businesses decided at this time not to move forward with this project. Carson is requesting to close this project and not move forward.

6. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 43887 through 43891 and 43939 through 43953 for \$221,200.80; December open period checks 43883 through 43886 and 43892 through 43938, in the amount of \$109,435.11; EFT's for \$11,151.17 and December 2024 Payroll \$209,539.50 Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

7. Adjournment

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

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk