

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of June 14, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on June 14, 2021 with all councilmembers present. The minutes of May 24, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opened the Public Hearing for the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review.

Rollin Harper, City Planner logged in via teams had provided the council with a memorandum outlining the city proposed changes and the State required revisions. This periodic review is required by the state Shoreline Management Act. During the comment period only one comment was received. Ms. Josephson was present at the meeting addressing her concerns. She would like the city to consider beginning a restoration plan for the water ways throughout the city. Discussion about different options of maintaining the rivers and creeks were talked about. Bruce Bosch motioned to close the public hearing, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch motioned to have the staff move forward with the Shoreline Master Program changes and bring back for final council review.

Rollin Harper, City Planner would like to call for a public hearing for the Sumas Event Center, for the Shoreline Substantial Dev Permit, Shoreline CUP and Critical Area Variance for July 26, 2021 at 7:00. Jesse Clawson motioned to call for the public hearing for the Sumas Event Center on July 26, 2021, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, asked the council for permission to close Third Street and Sumas Avenue for community days on June 19, 2021 for a few hours. Josh Clawson made a motion to allow the road closures for Third St and Sumas Ave, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Josh Clawson motioned to waive the road closure fees; Jesse Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director went over the American Rescue Plan Act, advising that the City is eligible to receive \$428,213.00, half this year and the other half the following year. There will be some restrictions on the use of the money, the City has until 2024 to use these funds. Jesse Clawson inquired if the council will be informed of how the funds will be spent, the council will be informed of any projects the staff believes the funds will be applied too. Bruce Bosch made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the American Rescue Plan Act Contract, Jesse Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen reminded everyone of Sumas Community Days, if any council would like to sit in the booth let him know. The chamber is also looking for volunteers for the kid games.

Mayor Christensen called for an executive session for approximately 15-20 minutes regarding legal reasons with Attorney Wright present; RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor Christensen advised no action was taken during the executive session.

Discussion on the Whatcom County Fire District Annexation a recommendation for annexation with the Whatcom County Fire District will be presented at the next council meeting

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21429 thru #21481 in the amount of \$112,415.96; EFT's for \$13,795.09, May Payroll \$156,004.57. Rich Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Jesse Clawson motioned to adjourn the meeting Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.


_____, Mayor

ATTEST: 
_____, City Clerk