

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of August 09, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on August 09, 2021 with all councilmembers present. The minutes of July 26, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Megan Wiseman, Nooksack Parent Coalition, logged in via teams representing over three hundred members of parents in the community have formed the Nooksack Parent Coalition. Their concerns are with the school mandating the children to wear mask during school hours, their goal is making people aware of the mandated requirements.

The Public Hearing for Sumas Development LLC General Binding Site Plan was re-opened, Rollin Harper City Planner advised this is a continuation of the public hearing. The building and ordinance committee did meet, and the three topics of consideration have been entered into the updated draft report of decision with their recommendations.

Steve Brock, 464 Arthurs Way, Sumas spoke about his concerns with the possibility of liquefaction occurring on the property; which may occur if an earthquake does happen in the area.

David Grainger of Sumas Development LLC wanted to clarify the requirements of the road and shoulder widths, that the city staff and committee recommended. This is causing some concerns with the storm water design that had been previously engineered. Mr. Grainger would like to propose a four-foot-wide shoulder on the south side and an eight-foot-wide shoulder on the north side. Mr. Grainger presented a map to the city staff and council members showing a new shorter road with a cul-de-sac at the end. Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director would still like to see two eight-foot paved shoulders and the walkway, Jesse Clawson would also like to have the two eight-foot paved shoulders. Rollin suggests maybe the engineer meet with the committee or speak to the council addressing the concerns with the city's requirements and how move forward.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to continue the public hearing for the General Binding Site Plan Application; to the Building and Ordinance Committee to review the application and bring their recommendations to the council on August 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Jesse Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Rollin Harper City Planner presented the Hovel Estate, Division 4 – Request for Final Plat Approval from Jason Heutink. All the required plat improvements have been completed and found to be acceptable by the Public Works Director. Rollin listed in his memorandum the final items to be addressed before the finalizing the plat for Division 4, Josh Clawson made a motion to approve Hovel Estate Division 4 Final Plat Approval, Jesse Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to also include that final plat punch list that will need be completed and approved by the Mayor before the finalizing the plat for Division 4, Rich Postma seconded all were in favor the motion carried

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented Resolution 808 Authorizing Financial Investments for purchasing a \$250,000.00, US Treasury Bond for a three-year term. Jesse Clawson motion to adopt Resolution 808 Authorizing Financial Investment Deborah Morgan; seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director also went over Resolution 809, Approving Uses for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. The City will receive \$428,212.00 of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds at this time the City has received the first half of the funds. The finance committee reviewed the items presented for use of the funds; at this time the finance committee recommends moving forward with the projected presented in the general fund's expenditures totaling \$95,600.00 and wait on the other projects.

Jesse Clawson inquired if helping businesses or residents in the city with these new funds is possible; maybe creating an application request for further financial assistance if needed by businesses or residents for utility bills. Mayor Christensen advised he and the city staff will meet and come up with some ideas to bring back to the council.

Jesse Clawson motioned to adopt Resolution 809 Approving Uses for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds not to exceed \$95,600.00 as listed in Attachment A, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk called for a public hearing on the Reed – Critical Variance Application for August 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Bruce Bosch made motion to call for the Public Hearing on the Critical Variance Application for August 23, 2021, Jesse Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.


Michelle Quinn, called for a public hearing for Pacific Edge Builders LLC- Conditional Use Permit Application for September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Bruce Bosch motioned to set the Public Hearing for Pacific Edge Builders LLC, Conditional Use Permit Application on September 13, 2021, Rich Postma seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney spoke about the Comcast Franchise Agreement and the Pole Attachment Agreement included in the packet. Jim would like to have a public hearing set for the next council meeting for any public comments with regards to these agreements. Josh Clawson motioned to set the Public Hearing for August 23, 2021 for the Comcast Franchise Agreement and Pole Attachment Agreement, Jesse Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21585 thru #21630 in the amount of \$96,681.09; EFT's for \$10,946.81 and July Payroll for \$154,923.06. Rich Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Bruce Bosch seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Deborah Morgan asked about how and when the minutes are posted, Jennifer advised the minutes are not usually posted until they are approved at the next council meeting.

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

  
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ATTEST:

  
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