

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of August 23, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on August 23, 2021 with all councilmembers present. The minutes of August 09, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steven Brock, 464 Arthurs Way, Sumas, is concerned about the mandate of mask requirements; the mask requirements are not being followed and everyone should work together.

The public hearing for the Reed Critical Area Variance Application was opened; Rollin Harper City Planner presented the application and the draft report of decision to the council. This application will allow this property which has some large wetlands to permit a house and shop to be built. The mitigation proposed by the applicant has received no written comments or verbal comments; Rollin states the applicants have addressed all potential impacts; he recommends to the council to move forward with approving the application. Bruce Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing, Josh Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Jesse Clawson motioned to adopt the Critical Areas Variance Application Report of Decision and Conditions of Approval, Josh Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

The public hearing for Sumas Development LLC General Binding Site Plan was opened, Rollin Harper City Planner advised this is a continuation of the public hearing. The building and ordinance committee did meet again to review some of the issues of the binding site plan, the updated items have been included in the draft report of decision. One extra proposal for this area would be a secondary emergency access to this area for emergency vehicles only off the Barbo Road. Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director would like the secondary road to be on the north side of the property. Mr. Grainger requests not to dedicate the road placement until the lots are designed; there currently is an access road already in place off Barbo Road for emergency vehicles.

Open for public comment: Steven Brock 464 Arthurs Ways, states the temporary road currently in place is not very well maintained. Jesse Clawson and Josh Clawson Building Committee, after meeting with Mr. Grainger and his engineer; they feel all the items have been addressed with regards to the City's concerns with the proposed project. Bruce Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing, Jesse Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jesse Clawson made a motion to adopt the Sumas Development LLC General Binding Site Plan Report of Decision with the conditions of approvals, with the added condition of approval for the secondary emergency access road off Barbo Road, Josh Clawson seconded, 4 were in favor, 1 nay, the motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the Comcast Franchise and Pole Agreement was opened, Jim Wright City Attorney advised this will grant a franchise agreement to Comcast if both parties agree with the proposed contract. No written comment or verbal comments were received. Jim will bring back the ordinance to the next council meeting for consideration. Bruce Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing for the Comcast Franchise and Pole Agreement, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Ericka Lautenbach, Director & Katie Stanford, Assessment Specialist, from the Whatcom County Health Department presented online the COVID-19 Community Health Impact Assessment to the councilmembers.

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, presented Resolution 810, Property Surplus and Authorizing its Lease. This property is located on Garfield Street approximately .037 acres, putting the property out to bid for leasing the empty property. Jesse Clawson made a motion to adopt Resolution 810, Property Surplus & Authorizing its Lease, Deborah Morgan seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell Finance Director updated the council on the ARPA Funds and the Sumas Business Grants, the application for our local business is being finalized this week. The application will be available for our local businesses, applications will need to be returned by September 15, 2021. The maximum amount will be \$10,000.00 or any other amount under \$10,000.00 that is requested by the applicant.

Jennifer advised the bid opening for the Event Center was done on August 11, 2021; four bids were submitted for the project. Colacurcio Construction was the lowest bid, Mayor Christensen advised the project is going over budget so at this time; we will only be moving forward with only the lump base bid without the alternates. Mayor Christensen is recommending the grandstands only be setback 25 feet from the arena not the original 50 feet proposed. Jesse Clawson was wondering if there are any extra funds could it be used for a roof over the seating this may be an option. Bruce Bosch made a motion to accept Colacurcio's Construction base bid of \$726,000.00 with no alternates, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Kyle Christensen, Mayor went over the new COVID 19 mandates put in place by the Governor.

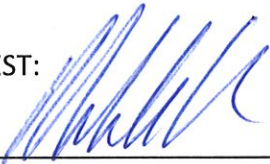
Jim Wright, City Attorney went over the Department of Revenue, Business License Contract, Jim has sent changes of the contract to the Dept of Revenue for review. Bruce Bosch made a motion to allow Mayor Christensen to sign the Dept of Revenue Business License Contract with the recommended changes by the city attorney, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21631 thru #21649 & 1003 in the amount of \$19,032.73; EFT's for \$360,6752.27. Rich Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch has received some complaints about the bathrooms in the city park being dirty, Sunny is going to investigate it.

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

  
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ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk