



## Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM

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### Minutes

#### PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch

Council Member Jesse Clawson

Council Member Josh Clawson

Council Member Richard Postma

Council Member Todd Daniels

Council Member Bob Bromley

1. **Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes**

- a. March 27, 2023, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve March 27, 2023, Minutes, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

3. **Public Hearing**

- a. Conditional Use Permit Application -1107 Lawson St  
Letter of Completeness  
Applicants Response for Minimum Lot Requirements  
Draft Report of Decision

Rollin Harper City Planner explained this conditional use permit application is to construct a four-plex at 1107 Lawson Street. Rollin stated there were no public comments received but the applicant did provide a response letter. The draft report of decision is provided as a starting point document for the council to help reach a decision. There is one issue highlighted in the conditions regarding the lot coverage, the four-complex does not appear to meet the city code lot coverage standard of thirty-five percent. The standard conditions which have applied for the other four-plex's construction have carried forward to this plan too with the parking and landscaping. Discussion on concerns with parking around the four-plex area mixed with congestion of the school traffic and if will raised to help mitigate any flooding issues.

Mr. Koelsch, Hannegan Rd. Bellingham, addressed the concerns with parking and feels there will be no parking on the road and will build it per flood requirements. Mr. Koelsch is also concerned about the lot coverage, wanting to know who determines the percentage of lot coverage.

Mayor Bosch advised this will be sent to the public works committee for more information and follow-up. The public hearing will remain open until the next council meeting. Councilmember Daniels made a motion to continue the public hearing to the next council meeting, Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor of the motion carried.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **a. FEMA 4635 Sewer Project Preliminary Bid Results**

Sunny Aulakh Public Works Director stated that Ultra Tank Services was the lowest bid for the FEMA 4635 Sewer Project. Councilmember Bromley made a motion to accept Ultra Tank Services bid of \$182,440.41 for the FEMA 4635 Sewer Project, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **a. Bull-a-Rama Request the Sale of Alcohol**

The Bull-a-Rama committee submitted a request to serve alcohol on July 8, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm for the Bull-A-Rama at the Howard Bowen Memorial Rodeo Grounds. Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to approve the sale of alcohol on July 08, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Clawson updated the council on the parks committee meeting with regards to the rodeo arena; the concerns on the lighting have been addressed also the plugin for the vendors; they will need to bring adapters to use the plugins. Councilmember Bromley also stated there maybe needs to be more signage for no alcohol or drinking on premises.

#### **6. Staff Reports**

##### **Chief of Police**

Daniel DeBruin states everything is going well with the police department. Officer Huyber has recently been certified as a defense tactic instructor and Officer DeVries is in the process of renewing his firearm instructor certification.

##### **Public Works Director**

##### **1. Sumas Community Center Roofing Quotes**

Sunny Aulakh stated that it has recently been discovered that Sumas Community Center/Library roof is leaking and needs to be replaced. Sunny presented three quotes for replacing the roof which the Whatcom County Parks Department and Whatcom County Library are each contributing 25% towards the cost of the roof. Axiom Roofing submitted the lowest bid for the re-roofing of the community center and library. Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to accept Axiom Roofing Company bid of \$46,583.00 for the Sumas Community Center and Library Roof, Councilmember Postma seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

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2. Flood Recovery Updates

Patricia Mullett updated the council on the homes that may be still in flood repair stages, she identified twenty homes that appeared to be still empty; four have been sold, six are waiting on assistance from FEMA for elevating, five homes/apt are still under construction, three households are in different stages of construction phases and two other buildings just haven't started but plan too. The recovery timeline shows Sumas is on the right path in the recovery process. The business grants are still being processed and the money should be sent out to the businesses soon.

7. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 23361 thru 23408 in the amount of \$485,695.54; voided check 23362 and EFTs in the amount \$16,226.71, March 2023 Payroll \$212,023.47. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

8. Adjournment

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Bromley seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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