

Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, May 08, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch

Council Member Jesse Clawson

Council Member Josh Clawson

Council Member Richard Postma

Council Member Todd Daniels

Council Member Bob Bromley

2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

a. April 24, 2023, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to approve April 24, 2023, Minutes, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

3. Public Hearing

a. Whatcom Buildable Lands Report - 2023 Revision

Rollin Harper City Planner stated this public hearing is a required step for the growth management act. Whatcom County is recognized as one of the fastest growing counties in the state. The legislation has added an extra requirement called a review and evaluation program known as the buildable lands program. There are two things this program reviews; one is to see how each city has done in a five-year period and to see if the density targets have been met. Rollin states the county, and all the cities look back at the data to see how each jurisdiction did from the comp plan dated 2016 through 2021. The good news was Sumas did meet density targets; we are following the comprehensive growth area through 2036. This is a public hearing for the council and citizens to ask questions. There were no comments received. Councilmember Daniels made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor of the motion carried. Councilmember Daniels made a motion to bring back an ordinance to adopt the Whatcom Buildable Lands Report, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

4. New Business

- a. Change of Zoning or Classification Application - Brad Heppner
Memorandum from Rollin Harper, City Planner

Rollin Harper City Planner states this is not a public hearing for a change of zoning application. Brad Heppner is the applicant requesting a Change of Zoning or Classification Application for property at the south end of town, owned by the Whatcom Fire District. This is the first formal step for requesting a change in zoning. They are looking to change from business general to business mini warehouse. The council decision tonight or a future meeting would be to allow this to be docketed for moving forward, this is a key step because of SMC20.08.180 which allows only one amendment to the comprehensive plan one time in a calendar year. The council would like to send this to the committee for further follow-up.

- b. General Contractor-Owner Construction Contract with Potelco, Inc.

Sunny Aulakh Public Works Director said this contract with Potelco, Inc is for aiding the City only when needed with emergencies with power issues. Councilmember Bromley made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the Potelco Contract, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

- c. Call for Public Hearing - 411 W Second Street
Shoreline Permit, CUP Application & Variance Application
for June 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk called for a public hearing for June 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM for 411 W Second Street for a Shoreline Permit Application, Conditional Use Permit Application, Variance Permit Application. Councilmember Daniels made a motion to set the Public Hearing for June 26, 2023, at 7:00 pm, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

- d. Agreement for Exchange of Services with Whatcom County Rural Library District

Jennifer Bell said the Whatcom County Rural Library District has agreed to give \$15,000.00 towards the new roof on the library and community center building. Councilmember Bromley made a motion to accept the First Amendment for Exchange of Services with the Whatcom County Rural Library District, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

5. Staff Reports

Chief of Police

Daniel DeBruin stated his officers have recently completed an active shooter course put on by the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office.

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh said the spray pad will be up and running before the hot weather arrives. Also, the crew is getting the park ready for community days coming up.

Finance Director

Jennifer Bell said the first quarter finance documents are for review. This year's financials will be up and down, due to big projects and with still receiving FEMA funds and insurance funds. Jennifer has updated the council she has put in her resignation as the finance clerk, she has enjoyed working here and will be here to help with transition. Mollie Bost has agreed to take the position.

Mayor

Mayor Bosch has been attending flood meetings and is still working on solutions for the flooding issues.

6. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 23432 – 23454 & 42405-42427 in the amount of \$76,923.50; EFTs in the amount \$10,055.79 and April payroll in the amount \$204,642.70. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

7. Executive Session

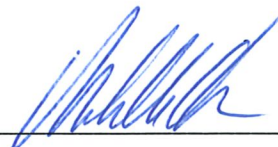
Executive Session with Jim Wright City Attorney present; about agency enforcement actions. RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and will be back in session by 7:50 p.m.

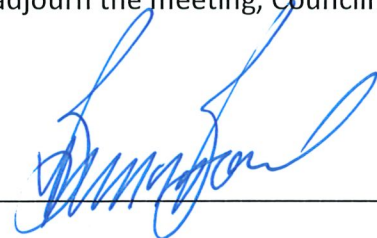
Back on the record with No Action Taken.

8. Adjournment

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

ATTEST:


_____, City Clerk


_____, Mayor