

Sumas City Council Meeting

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

Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Minutes

PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch

Council Member Jesse Clawson

Council Member Josh Clawson

Council Member Todd Daniels

Council Member Jessica Koehler

ABSENT

Council Member Richard Postma

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

- a. January 22, 2024, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to approve January 22, 2024, Minutes, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

- b. Special Meeting January 25, 2024, Draft Minutes

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to approve January 25, 2024, Minutes, Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

3. **Citizen Input**

- a. Cayla Samms, Sumas Community Holiday Dinner

Michelle Quinn. City Clerk stated Ms. Samms was grateful for the use of the community center, they had a good turnout and will continue with this holiday dinner.

- b. RCI Construction Inc. Letter

Mayor Bosch said he had spoke with Mr. VanDiest regarding his concern with the neighboring property that has been unmanaged resulting in overgrown trees and brush. Mr. VanDiest submitted a report from a Certified Arborist. Councilmember Jesse Clawson wanted to know what the city could do with the situation. Jim Wright, City Attorney advised that the city staff will review our code book and bring the information back to the council for further consideration.

4. New Business

- a. Sub-Recipient Agreement with Whatcom Sheriff's Office
Operation Stonegarden Program

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police, advised this is a continuance of a contract the police department has had since 2008 for the Stonegarden overtime reimbursement. The funding has decreased over the years, the current amount allowed in this contract is \$12,000.00 for 2024.

Councilmember Jesse Clawson motioned to authorize Mayor Bosch to sign the Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

- b. Memo FEMA Mitigation Request for Qualifications

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director stated the city published a notice requesting RFQ's for FEMA Mitigation Projects to complete repairs from the 2021 flood disaster. The RFQ request included a list of projects the city will need to have A&E completed; we received three responses; we would like to accept all the firms for different projects on the list.

Councilmember Daniels made a motion to accept the request of qualifications from Freeland and Associates, Councilmember Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Clawson made a motion to accept the request for qualifications from Reichardt & Ebe Engineering, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion to accept the request for qualifications from Trantech Engineering, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

- c. Pole Attachment Agreement with Frontier Communications Northwest dba Ziply

Jim Wright, City Attorney, went over this contract for the pole attachment agreement with Frontier Communications Northwest LLC dba Ziply, They have requested to attach their equipment to seven of our poles. Councilmember Jesse Clawson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to execute the Pole Attachment Agreement with Frontier Communications Northwest LLC dba Ziply, Councilmember Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

5. Staff Reports

Public Works Director

Sunny Aulakh updated the council on the Washington DC trip for the national water tasting convention, unfortunately we did not win the best tasting water in the nation. Our water did place number one in Washington State.

Finance Director

1. 2023 FEMA Projects & Funding

Mollie Bost went over the FEMA projects and funding we have received from the 2021 flood; the attached spreadsheet shows the funding the City has received. There are thirteen projects not completed and eighteen projects completed for a total of \$3,674,916.01 received from FEMA.

6. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check numbers 43059 through 43111 for \$126,080.50; voided check 43046; EFTs in the amount \$8,818.49 and December 2023 Payroll \$205,124.84. Councilmember Daniels made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.


7. Executive Session

a. Executive Session with counsel consideration of sale of real estate RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

Mayor Bosch started the executive session, for approximately 15 minutes until 7:45 pm for consideration the sale of real estate RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and potential litigation with council RCW.42.30.110(1)(i), No action taken.

8. Adjournment

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

 _____, Mayor

ATTEST:  _____, City Clerk