



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Hall – 1104 Maple Street**  
**November 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

*The city conducted this public meeting using a hybrid model, in-person and on the Zoom platform.*

Staff present: Marquez, Windish, Ruth, Moericke, Palmer, Raymond, Steffens, Kosa, Beagle, and Converse

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUMNER CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAYDEN AT 6:00 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation - David Barnes

Roll Call: Bitetto, Bowman, Clerget, Cole, Elfers, Kenna, Reinke

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED BY BOWMAN SECONDED BY BITETTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF:

1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Biosolids Modernization – Construction Consultant Contract Amendment
2. Wastewater Treatment Facility Biosolids Modernization – Construction Management Contract Award
3. Variable Frequency Drive Replacement – Goods & Services Contract
4. White River Restoration Project – Construction Management Consultant Supplement

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No Public Hearings tonight.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**1. Unfinished Business**

**a. Resolution No. 1732 – 2026 Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy**

MOVED BY COLE SECONDED BY CLERGET TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1732 2026 AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond addressed the Council.

Since there was a Public Hearing held on this item on November 3, 2024, no comments were accepted from the public.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

**2. Public Comment**

Randall Adams, Sumner.

Nick Biermann, Sumner spoke about the Ryan House.

Chester Bates, Sumner. Opposing the 30<sup>th</sup> Street zoning.

**3. New Business**

**a. 2026 Legislative Agenda.**

MOVED BY BITETTO, SECONDED BY REINKE TO APPROVE THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

Communications Director Carmen Palmer and Bill Clark, Legislative Lobbyist, both addressed the Council.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

**b. Ordinance No. 2947 – Amending Utility Rates**

MOVED BY CLERGET, SECONDED BY KENNA TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2947 AMENDING UTILITY RATES.

Public Works Director Michael Kosa spoke to the topic.

Bowman and Kenna spoke about the reasoning behind amending the rates, and how it will bring the utility infrastructure ‘up to standard.’

Mark Malcom, Guptil Avenue, spoke about the annual increase.

Linda Ridley, 145<sup>th</sup> Ave Court East, asked about funding for projects that aren’t started.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

**c. Ordinance No. 2948 – Amending Utility System Development Charges and Sumner Municipal Code 13.16, 13.24 and 13.48**

MOVED BY REINKE, SECONDED BY COLE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2948 AMENDING UTILITY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES AND SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 13.16, 13.24 AND 13.48.

Public Works Director Michael Kosa spoke to the topic.

Nick Biermann, Parker Road East, asked about base rates.

Randall Adams, Sumner, spoke against the ordinance.

Mark Malcom, Guptil, spoke against the ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Bowman asked about modeling and financial burdens on future residents.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

**c. Ordinance No. 2950 – Updating Sumner Municipal Code 15.08 Establishing Means of Appeal**

MOVED BY ELFERS, SECONDED BY BITETTO TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2950 UPDATING SUMNER MUNICIPAL CODE 15.08 ESTABLISHING MEANS OF APPEAL.

Deputy City Attorney Doug Ruth addressed the Council.

Councilmember Elfers asked clarifying questions.

Scott Jordon, 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court East addressed the Council, asked about fairness of the Code.

Linda Ridley, 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court East, spoke against the Ordinance.

Nick Biermann, Parker Road, spoke against the Ordinance.

Councilmember Bitetto asked clarification regarding the impartiality of the Hearing Examiner vs a Board of Appeals.

Councilmember Cole asked specifics duties of the Hearing Examiner.

Councilmember Kenna and Deputy Mayor Bowman asked process questions.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

**3. Reports**

**a. Council**

Councilmember Reinke attended the State of the District meeting for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District. They are going to expand/remodel eight schools. He congratulated the newly elected officials. He is looking forward to working with them over the next four years. He then thanked the outgoing councilmembers and mayor.

Deputy Mayor Bowman shared that she participated in a Pierce County roundtable with Mayor Hayden and Deputy City Administrator Jeff Steffens. She Thanked those who have been on the council.

Councilmember Clerget congratulated the newly elected officials.

Councilmember Bitetto congratulated the newly elected officials. She is looking forward to the Bridge Lighting on November 29, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Councilmember Elfers thanked the public for attending and emphasized the importance of public input. He thanked both incoming and outgoing elected officials. He has learned from a few of his trips to Olympia that some increased costs related to budgeting are impacted by state requirements such as the Growth Management Act and Climate Commitment Act. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Cole expressed pride that her three grandchildren who received achievement awards from Victor Falls Elementary and commented on the kindness and support shown among the students, noting it was a strong example of respectful behavior. She hopes it will be a lesson that is carried on into their adulthood.

Councilmember Kenna thanked the public for coming and sharing their comments. He

thanked the departing councilmembers who have served this community. He ended his comments with reminding the public of the upcoming football game. He encouraged donating to the local food banks and toy drives.

**b. City Administrator**

Deputy City Administrator Jeff Steffens shared the following:

**Upcoming Policy Issues:**

- November 24, 2025 – Special Council Meeting
  - Public Hearing – for the 2025-26 Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment
  - 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- December 1, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting
  - Swearing in Councilmembers Wisley and Hochstatter
  - Contract Awards:
    - Foster Garvey
    - Biosolids Modernization Project
    - Stewart Road Intelligent Transportation Systems Consultant
  - Approving the 2025-26 Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustment
  - 2026 Compensation Schedule
  - Confirming appointment of Anneke Berry as Municipal Court Judge
  - OpenGov Asset Management Software Purchase
  - First reading of a Franchise Agreement with Forged Fiber

**Miscellaneous:**

- The City will be hosting an open house to thank Kathy Hayden for her years of service to the community. It will be Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 at the Senior Center.

**c. Mayor**

All City offices will be closed November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. We have so much to be thankful for in Sumner, and she wishes everyone a nice holiday.

November 29, 2025, is Shop Small Saturday. She walked through the Hometown Holidays this weekend and saw so many people shopping! The stores look great. She ended her comments by again reminding everyone of the Bridge Lighting at The Old Cannery.

**4. Executive Session**

There was none tonight.

**5. Adjournment**

Mayor Hayden reminded the public and Council of the Special Study Session following this meeting. Mayor Hayden adjourned the meeting at 7:43PM.

ATTEST:

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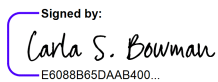
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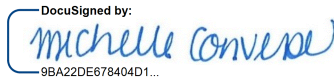
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