



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall – 1104 Maple Street
December 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

Staff present: Wilson, Marquez, Johnstone, Palmer, Raymond, Windish, Steffens, Kosa, Beagle, McCurdy 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

Roll Call: Bitetto, Bowman, Cole, Elfers, and Reinke

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Hayden administered the Oath of Office to Micheal Hochstatter and Nicole Wisley. Both are filling short-term positions, with terms ending in 2027. They then joined the Council on the Dias.

PRESENTATION

City Administrator Jason Wilson presented outgoing Councilmembers Clerget, Bitetto and Cole with plaques honoring their service to the City. Mr. Wilson thanked the members for their service and community engagement. He hopes they will continue to do so and wishes them well in future endeavors.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Foster Garvey Contract Amendment – Litigation Defense Services
2. Municipal Court Judge Appointment
3. Approval of checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$13,613,888.27
4. Approval of the regular council meeting minutes from November 3, 2025, regular council meeting.
5. Resolution No. 1735 – Rejecting all bids for WWTP Biosolids Modernization Project (CIP 21-17)

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

None tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 2945 – 2025/2026 Mid Biennial Budget Amendment

MOVED BY COLE SECONDED BY BOWMAN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2945 – 2025/2026 MID BIENNIAL BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Chief Financial Officer Kassandra Raymond spoke to the topic.

Clarifying questions were asked by Council.

Since this was had a Public Hearing on November 24, 2025, no comments were received.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

2. Public Comment

Mike Brown, Lacey and Aleksey Gergalo, Spanaway encouraged Council to adopt a Community Workforce Agreement in consideration of the WWTP Biosolids Modernization Project bid opening.

George Josten, Sumner, praised Council and Sumner's strong sense of community.

Randall Adams, Sumner, spoke in opposition to the donation ordinance.

3. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 2951 – Establishing the 2026 Compensation Schedule

MOVED BY BITETTO, SECONDED BY COLE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2951 ESTABLISHING THE 2026 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE.

Mayor Hayden called on Deputy City Administrator Jeff Steffens.

Randall Adams, Sumner commented on the Ordinance.

Councilmember Elfers asked Mr. Steffens specifics regarding Teamster negotiations.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. Procurement of OpenGov Asset Management Software

MOVED BY REINKE, SECONDED BY BOWMAN TO APPROVE THE PROCUREMENT OF OPENGOV ASSET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE.

Deputy Public Works Director Ryan Johnstone spoke to the item.

Clarifying questions concerning costs, data, etc., were asked by Councilmembers Bitetto, Reinke and Elfers.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

c. Ordinance No. 2949 – Franchise Agreement with Forged Fiber 37 LLC (First Reading)

MOVED BY ELFERS, SECONDED BY BOWMAN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2949 FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH FORGED FIBER 37 LLC (FIRST READING)

City Attorney Andrea Marquez addressed the Council.

Public comments and questions were made by Randall Adams, Nick Biermann (Sumner) and Pete Hochstatter (Sumner). Carley Nations representing the applicant addressed the public and Council via Zoom.

Councilmember Elfers commented on the item.

As required by law, this item will be returning to the Council meeting of January 5, 2026, for a second reading and approval by the Council.

3. Reports

a. Council

Councilmember Reinke thanked Mayor Hayden and the outgoing Councilmembers for their service. He reminded the public of the East Pierce Fire and Rescue (EPFR) Pancake Feed on Saturday, December 6, the Santa parade beginning at 3:30. Mr. Reinke continued his comments by updating the public with dates and times for the Santa Run sponsored by EPFR. Mr. Reinke ended his comments by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Bowman, echoed Councilmember Reinke's remarks. She welcomed the new Councilmembers and shared her appreciation for the outgoing Councilmembers and Mayor Hayden. Ending her remarks by sharing how much she is looking forward to the Santa Parade.

Councilmember Bitetto shared her reflections on her service on the Council and various committees, noting that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve. She thanked the Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse for their continued participation in community events and welcomed the new Councilmembers. She expressed pride in serving a City whose vision statement reads, "Sumner will set the standard of excellence for a progressive small City." She ended her comments by thanking her family and friends for their support.

Councilmember Elfers welcomed the new Councilmembers and added how nice it is to see family and friends supporting them. He provided an overview of the November 20th, meeting of the Pierce County Regional Council. Mr. Elfers concluded his comments by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Cole shared her appreciation to staff, the public and her fellow Councilmembers who supported her during her tenure on the Council. She noted that she greatly enjoyed her time on the Council. Ms. Cole concluded her remarks by stating that she has heard a lot of misinformation from the audience, and in order to get the facts, file a Public Records Request.

Councilmember Hochstatter thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Council. Mr. Hochstatter shared his love of his hometown, from the Deputy Police Chief waving at his family as they walked to the Bridge Lighting event to the Hallmark-esque charm of Main Street. He encouraged public/private partnerships noting, there is nothing there is nothing the community cannot accomplish together, this is the spirit that makes Sumner thrive.

Councilmember Wilsey appreciates the opportunity to serve. She appreciates her family being in attendance tonight and their support. She is looking forward to what Council gets to do rather than when Council has to do.

b. **City Administrator**

City Administrator Jason Wilson shared the following:

Upcoming Policy Issues:

- This is the last council meeting of the year. We will reconvene on January 5, 2026 when newly elected members will be sworn in, and council will choose a Deputy Mayor and their committee assignments.
- At the January 12th study session we will be discussing the process for filling Mayor Elect Bowman's council seat.

Miscellaneous:

- On Wednesday, December 11th, City services will be available starting at 10am. This is to give employees an opportunity to gather to celebrate achievements and give out annual awards.
- On Thursday, December 12th, please join us from 4-6pm at the Senior Center to celebrate Mayor Hayden's 21 years of service to the Sumner Community.

c. **Mayor**

Mayor Hayden reminded the public of the Santa Parade on December 6, 2025. The route will begin at the High School, go down Main Street and end at Heritage Park.

The Spartans football team will be playing in the State championship also on December 6, 2025. Go Spartans!

4. **Executive Session**

There was none tonight.

5. **Adjournment**

With no additional business before the council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the meeting at 7:19PM. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

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Carla S. Bowman

Carla S. Bowman, Mayor

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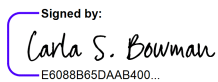
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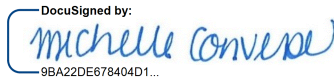
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