

CITY OF SUMPTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2026  
4:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:01 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt

**VISITORS**

Cindy Remington, Richard Crowe, Richard Summerfield, John Young, Debbie Bliss, Nancy Lukens, Kurt Clarke

**APPROVED MINUTES**

- a. January 19, 2026 Workshop Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the January 19<sup>th</sup> Workshop Minutes. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, and Charlie Briscoe voted to approve. Councilor Sherry Brandt abstained due to absence from the meeting.**
- b. January 13, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the January 13<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, and Charlie Briscoe voted to approve. Councilor Sherry Brandt abstained due to absence from the meeting.**

**REPORTS**

SVFD: John Young(FD) reported that the firefighters are working on their training hours for medical recertification with Powder River FD. There was one medical call.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Gaslin Report: Mr. Gaslin provided and presented the council with the January budget and bills to be paid for the month. **MSP:** To approve and pay the bills as presented. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

- b. Council Signer Vote: The council needs an additional signer for grant disbursements in case one of the current signers is not available. **MSP**: To assign Councilor Darold Smith as the third signer for the grant disbursements. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Darold Smith abstained.**
- c. President of Council Vote: The yearly vote for president of council. **MSP**: To continue having Councilor Charlie Briscoe as president of council. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Charlie Briscoe abstained.
- d. Cemetery Fees and Rules: Mr. Armstrong gave the council a preliminary proposal for cemetery fees and rules at a previous workshop. He included some more information concerning fencing that is needed to separate the old and new sections of the cemetery. The council would like to set up a new workshop to review the new fees proposed and the fencing that was presented, as Mr. Armstrong was not present for this city council meeting. **Topic was tabled.**
- e. September National Preparedness Month: The State of Oregon would like to designate the first week of September as Home Inventory Week. The state offered a proposed resolution for communities to use to make Home Inventory Week official. The council would like to investigate the information further. **Topic was tabled** to a future council meeting once more information has been made available.
- f. Zoning: 201 Mill St.(Fence): The property owner would like to install a perimeter fence. The council questioned the location of the access gates on the vacated Clifford St area and if they planned to use that as an access point for vendors during the flea markets. The owner informed the council that the access gate in question will be used as an emergency exit only. **MSP**: To approve the zoning permit for the perimeter fencing. **Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

### OLD BUSINESS

Zoning: 110 Mill St. (Shed): The property owner presented updated information that the council requested in the previous council meeting. The zoning permit now meets all required setbacks. **MSP**: To approve the zoning permit for a new shed that will replace the existing old structure. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

**COUNCILOR COMMENT**

Darold Smith-No Comment  
Charlie Briscoe-No Comment  
Sherry Brandt- No Comment

Linda Wise: The city was approved for \$173,000 Federal Grant for the School House/Community Center. This grant will allow the city to upgrade the kitchen, air conditioning, air filtration, and other assorted items. This will be a huge improvement for the community center to be used as an emergency shelter.

Marsha Demaris: Spoke with CenturyLink and the city needs to update the payment information with them to resume the monthly autopay. **MSP**: To add the credit card to the CenturyLink account for autopay. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kurt Clarke: Questioned what happened to the metal recycle dumpster. City clerk informed the public that the dumpster was removed for maintenance by B&K Recycling and should be back within 1-2 weeks.

**ADJOURNMENT**: 4:28PM

**MSP**: To adjourn. **Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

Approved by the City Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH , 2026.

Approved: 

Attested: 