

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Linda Wise, Councilor Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt. Councilor Marsha Demaris was not present due to illness.

**VISITORS**

Matt Armstrong, John Young, Kurt Clarke

**APPROVED MINUTES**

- a. January 27, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the minutes from the January 27<sup>th</sup> city council meeting. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- b. February 10, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> city council meeting. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

**REPORTS**

SVFD: Kurt Clarke (FD): The fire dept received a slip tank from the Baker County Grant which funded five districts. Kurt will hopefully be installing the equipment onto a truck soon. Several locates have been submitted for the street signs and the fire department would like to get installations started once the final extension approval comes in from the state. The staffing grant will be opening soon, and the council would like to discuss that further with the fire dept. The EMS training with Powder River is ongoing. There were no emergency calls to report. Emergency Services is updating the evacuation zones for Baker County.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report: Mr. Gaslin provided and presented the council with the February budget and bills to be paid for the month. Due to unexpected expenses in the Parks Budget, the City will need do a supplemental budget in April. Mr. Gaslin requested the playground equipment information and bill totals to be included within this supplemental budget. The City will provide Gaslin Accounting with those documents. **MSP: To approve and pay the bills as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- b. Supplemental Budget Preparations for Parks: Per the information that Mr. Gaslin provided in his report this topic will be tabled until the next month.
- c. Cemetery Resolutions: 445-26 & 446-26: Word Voice read the reading of Resolution 445-26 setting Fees and City Policy for Sumpter Blue Mountain Cemetery. **MSP: To approve Resolution 445-26. Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.** The reading of Resolution 446-26 setting the Rules and Regulations for Sumpter Blue Mountain Cemetery was read by Mayor Linda Wise and Word Voice. **MSP: To approve Resolution 446-26. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- d. Cracker Creek and Little Cracker Creek Name Change Update: Mayor Linda Wise read the report from the Oregon Names Board that after further research they found no need to rename Cracker Creek and Little Cracker Creek. There will be no further action in regard to renaming of these waterways.
- e. Jeep Club Breakfast on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center: The Sumpter Community Volunteers would like to host the Jeep Club Breakfast on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the schoolhouse community center. **MSP: To approve the Sumpter Volunteers use of the community center to host the Jeep Club Breakfast on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- f. EMS Training Charges: The SVFD has monthly training with Powder River FD and would like to split the \$100 monthly fee with Powder River. **MSP: To approve the monthly fee of \$50 to be paid to Powder River FD for SVFD EMS training. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Wastewater: DEQ was questioning some of our water testing. HECO had an expert counter DEQ's concerns. The City and HECO are waiting for a reply from DEQ. The project will not be moving forward until May of 2027. The archaeology study still needs to be done by September 2026, and we cannot move forward until that is complete.
- b. Deposit for the Tankless Water Heater for The Event Grounds: **MSP:** To approve and pay the deposit for the tankless water heater in the amount of \$4397 to Baker Heating and Cooling. **Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

**COUNCILOR COMMENT**

Mayor Linda Wise: Mayor Wise attended a Zoom meeting concerning the Federal Grant the City was awarded for repairs and updates for the Community Center. They committee is still forming and setting guidelines. There will be no moving forward with this project until further notice is received from the Federal level.

Darold Smith: Will be absent on March 24<sup>th</sup> for the next council meeting.  
No comment from Councilors Sherry Brandt and Charlie Briscoe.


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kurt Clarke: Mr. Clarke asked for clarification on the appropriation review for the SVFD. Mr. Gaslin explained the budget breakdown for the fire department.

**ADJOURNMENT: 4:27 PM**

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

Approved by the City Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

Approved:   
Attested: 