

CITY OF SUMPTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2026
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

VISITORS

Richard Crowe, Debra Toombs, Mike Bogart, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, John Young, Matt Armstrong, Richard Summerfield, Jennifer Lake, Kurt Clarke

APPROVED MINUTES

- a. April 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the April 14th City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, and Marsha Demaris voted to approve. Councilor Sherry Brandt abstained due to absence.**
- b. April 28, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the April 28th City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- c. May 05, 2026 Town Hall Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the May 05th Town Hall Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, and Marsha Demaris voted to approve. Councilor Sherry Brandt abstained due to absence.**
- d. May 06, 2026 Special Session Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the May 06th Special Session Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

REPORTS

SVFD: Fire Chief Kurt Clarke (FD): There was one medical call. Ten people were present and passed the CPR training class. The fire department did an equipment check on the brush trucks and they are ready for emergency response as needed for the season. There could be a potential burn ban coming soon and will let the city know as soon as that alert has been set by ODF. In the meantime, the city burn pile is getting large and needs to be burned down before the fire restrictions are set. The water truck is available to be on standby for tending around the city burn pile as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report: Mr. Gaslin provided and presented the council with the April 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 and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.** Mr. Gaslin advised the city to do a resolution to move up to 10% of the GF to the Parks Dept budget.
- b. FAFA: President Don George presented and read a letter to the city council and the public present. This letter was in regard to FAFA's stance on their support of ATV's. The letter also included FAFA's position on the proposed special designation of the Motorized National Recreation Area. The City Council thanked Mr. George for visiting.
- c. Zoning: 450 N. Ibex (Lean-to): The proposed lean-to meets all the zoning requirements and setbacks. **MSP: To approve the zoning permit for 450 N. Ibex Lean-to. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- d. Stage Stop Memorial Day OLCC Permit: The permit will be for the annual beer garden during the Memorial Day weekend. **MSP: To approve the Stage Stop's OLCC Permit during the Memorial Day weekend. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- e. Volunteer Park Usage: It was brought up at previous council meeting to utilize the park for a music event. Concerns were brought up concerning a music event in a residential neighborhood. Council felt that perhaps any music festival/event would be better suited for the Event Grounds. Council requested that Mr. Young bring a more detailed information on what he has planned for council to review. Topic tabled until the next council meeting.
- f. Staffing Grant Update: The City received the contract for the Grant. There are new reporting changes that the City will need to meet with the Fire Dept and go over these changes.
- g. School House Youth Night: Lyndi Ayer presented information on a startup youth program for school age children in the Sumpter community and surrounding area. This would be a once-a-month afternoon event that would be held at the School House Community Center and occasionally at Volunteer Park weather permitting. There will be a parent/child meeting before the next council meeting. Lyndi will follow up with the council with further details and information at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Update: Matt Armstrong presented updated information on the Blue Mountain Cemetery progress. The plots have been marked; RD Mac is set to deliver gravel (144 yds) on the 26th & 27th of the month. Matt continues to work on the program for all pertinent plot/cemetery information and sales. Matt also attended the zoom meeting for the Historical Cemetery Grant review. The city should expect an answer by the end of the month if Sumpter is a recipient of this grant, which will go toward the fencing if awarded. The Council thanked Matt for all his hard work on the Cemetery.

COUNCILOR COMMENT

Darold Smith: Would like the public to be more involved at the budget meetings. This is yearly thing and the council would really like to get the public's input, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Marsha Demaris: It is springtime which means an increase of building happening. If you have a new build, addition, or moving a structure on your property please come to City Hall and get a zoning permit.

Sherry Brandt: No Comment

Linda Wise: Would like the community to let the city council know what they want done about travel trailers and conditional use permits, ordinances, and zoning rules. The city needs to get ahead of the potential changes coming to the City with the influx of mining operations. Mayor Wise encouraged the public to be involved and let their opinions known about the future of Sumpter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Lake: How does the city plan to enforce the ordinances? Also, with more trailers and no housing being built the less tax revenue the city will receive.

Matt Armstrong: Wanted to verify the cash statement report with Mr. Gaslin

Jon Patterson: Countered the comments given by FAFA President earlier in the meeting.

Richard Summerfield: Asked the council when pothole repair on the main roads would start. Mentioned a few areas where the potholes were bad.

Rebecca Patterson: Thanked Mr. George for his letter, also commented on the pothole that seems to be getting bigger and concerns of a water leak. Will there be water restrictions in place soon?

Kurt Clarke: Asked if he could put rock on Bourne Ave or other city property, and water the road for the Memorial Weekend.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:48 PM

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

Approved by the city council this 9th day of JUNE , 2026.

Approved: Linda Wise

Attested: Lucia Taylor