

CITY OF SUMPTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 09, 2026
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 4:03 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

VISITORS

Sharon Manning, Mike Manning, Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Richard Summerfield, John Young, Kurt Clarke, Mike Davidson

APPROVED MINUTES

- a. May 11, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the May 11th Budget Committee Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- b. May 12, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the May 12th City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- c. May 26th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes: These minutes were **tabled** until the following council meeting. Unfinished.
- d. May 26, 2026 Workshop Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the May 26th Workshop Minutes. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. . Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

REPORTS

SVFD: Kurt Clarke(FD): The fire season has begun and the ODF has set the fire level to Moderate. Meaning NO ground fires and a burn permit is required. The city burn pile is currently open and operating. Kurt suggested the city invest in more signage for citizens to read what is permitted to be dumped (pine needles, leaves, pinecone, lawn debris, 3" diameter or smaller branches). The fire department worked on one of the fire trucks, it will need repairs that will put it out of commission for approximately 10 days and there will be some expenses coming. The FD had 1 medical call.

Water Report: Alex Tallman presented himself to the council and the public as the new water/sewer utility worker for the city. He would like to remind all citizens and visitors to be water conscience. We did not get the needed snowpack this past winter, and we need to be mindful of water usage. The utility crew will keep monitoring the burn pile and will work with the fire dept on the burn piles availability to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report: ReNae Cameron presented the council with the May 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 Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- b. 5% Sewer Rate Increase Vote: **MSP:** To approve the 5% increase on the flat sewer rate of \$30.00 which will increase by \$1.50 as previously discussed on May 26th. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- c. 2026-2027 Budget: **Resolution 447-26** was read by Mayor Linda Wise to the public and city council to amend the 2026-2027 budget to the general fund to parks. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Mayor Wise then presented the council with the annual agreement with Gaslin to continue their services. ReNae explained the new contract billing details that have been changed to a level pay every month. **MSP:** To approve the new contract with Gaslin Accounting and continue services. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- d. Volunteer Park Contract/Usage Fee: The city council discussed the volunteer park contract at a previous special session meeting. The city attorney made the additions and corrections the council requested. The council reviewed the revised contract. **MSP:** To approve the Volunteer Park Usage agreement for events. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- e. Sumpter Street Development: Councilor Demaris explained the situation concerning the street development which includes a lot that would like to have street access due to being currently landlocked. The property owner can open up Sumpter St at their own expense. The property area will need to be surveyed; the city will need to relocate the city burn pile and other equipment pieces prior to construction. All DEQ and EPA rules will need to be followed concerning the pond that is also located in the vicinity. **MSP:** To approve a surveyed 30 ft wide x 250 ft long street to be developed by the property owner at his cost on Sumpter Street according to City specifications. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

- f. M. Davidson: Mill St Maintenance: Mr. Davidson presented information concerning Mill St section by Volunteer Park and StageStop. Mike paid to have dust abatement on the section of Mill St that his business is on. Mr. Davidson would like to be reimbursed by the city for the dust abatement if they are going to hold large events at Volunteer Park. The council reviewed the new contract rules with Mr. Davidson which includes a limited event size and does not include dust abatement. The city does not have the budget for further dust abatement other than what is required per the lawsuit.
- g. S. Manning: Waterflow on Fairview Lot: Sharon and Michael Manning presented information concerning waterflow that runs through a lot on Fairview that the Mannings are in the process of purchasing. The Mannings believe the water is overflowing from the city water tank. However, the city has tested the water, and it holds no chlorine, therefore the city council believes this waterflow is from a natural spring from up above the property and runs down. The city cannot divert any freshwater waterflow on private property. There is a possible diversion to a culvert on the corner of Parkinsons and Fairview and the Mannings could look into to eliminate the waterflow through the property. The Mannings also asked about fuel reduction options, which the city referred to the Sumpter Volunteer Fire Dept under their fuel risk reduction grant.
- h. Zoning: Address Assignment for 09S37E29CA Lot 500/600: **MSP:** To assign Lot 500 the address of **800 Bourne Road** and Lot 600 the address of **700 Bourne Road**. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- i. Zoning: 272 Bonanza Fencing: The proposed 4 ft fencing meets all city requirements and setbacks. **MSP:** To approve the fencing for 272 Bonanza St. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- j. Zoning: 810 New St Pole Building: The percentages need to be reevaluated before submitting to Baker County. The building meets all the setbacks and city requirements. **MSP:** To approve the pole barn building at 810 New St. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Darold Smith abstains.**

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Cemetery and Volunteer Park Updates: Lyndi Ayer presented information for the cemetery. 144 yds of gravel were delivered and spread for the paths/roads within the cemetery with the help of Ronnie Borello and John Young. The kiosk is complete at the entrance to the new section of the cemetery. The program is almost complete for purchasing, and Matt Armstrong will work with Lyndi to update the city website with cemetery information. Matt will be meeting with the utility crew to go over training and procedures for digging the plots for a burial.

Volunteer Park Update: The preliminary plan has been established with the park committee. The original budget has been revised to include the extended play area matting/padding. Lyndi has finalized the colors for the playground equipment and is waiting for the shipping schedule updates from the vendors. In the meantime, the first task will be to improve the creek channel on the south end of the park and prep the play area for the new equipment.

- b. Sumpter Youth Program Update: Lyndi Ayer had an initial meeting with parents and potential volunteers with a tentative date of June 18 for the first youth program event. Lyndi asked the council for approval to utilize the Community Center for the Youth Program. **MSP:** To approve the youth program under Lyndi's supervision, to utilize the Community Center from 4-6 on the 18th. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

COUNCILOR COMMENT

Mayor Linda Wise: The city received a letter in regard to the conditional use permit previously discussed at a council meeting. The council would like to hold an open workshop with the community and get their feedback on enforcement for this permit. Mayor Wise encouraged the public to please contact City Hall with any questions or time suggestions for the workshop. Mayor Wise also informed the council and citizens that the City of Sumpter was awarded the 2026 Historical Cemetery Grant that will allow the city to move forward with fencing between the new and old sections of the cemetery.

No Comment from Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith or Sherry Brandt.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Clarke: Add to the Fire Report to thank the volunteers for showing up to drills, training and calls.

John Young: 4th of July Event is coming up. John asked if he could use the delineators, trashcans.

Jon Patterson: Asked the city to be aware of where the burn pile is on Sumpter St and be sure that they are aware where his property pins are located during the relocation of the burn pile

Mike Manning: Are their pins on the road for the property on Fairview. Councilor suggested Mike use a metal detector to locate the metal pins.

AJOURNMENT 5:13PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 28th day of July, 2026

Approved: _____

Attested: _____

Linda Wise
Lyndi Ayer