

CITY OF SUMPTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 23, 2026
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 4:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

VISITORS

Richard Summerfield, Matt Armstrong, Tracy Wilson, Debra Toombs, Jennifer Lake, John Young, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Kurt Clarke, Alex Tallman, Gail Armstrong, Danny Wilson, Jason Dolezal

APPROVED MINUTES

- a. May 26, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the city council meeting minutes on May 26th. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- b. June 09, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes: Unfinished and tabled to future meeting.

REPORTS

SVFD: Kurt Clarke(FD): The fire department had 2 medical and one fire call. The #1 Structure truck has been repaired and has been returned to service. Burn pile: Chief Clarke feels that if people have a place to dump it is safer for the community than burning on their own property. Kurt suggests that with the existing pile ribboned off and dump debris in front of the ribboned area it should be safe. Kurt also suggests better signs with the allowed organic debris to be dumped, and better regulated hours for people to drop off debris.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. COLA Approval: The city handbook has in place a minimum COLA of 5% increase. Mayor Wise suggests a 5% COLA per the handbook. **MSP:** To approve the 5% COLA increase per the handbook starting July 01, 2026. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

- b. Budget Resolutions: Resolution 448-26 was read by Microsoft Word Read Aloud to adopt the budget for 2026-2027 fiscal year. **MSP:** To approve and adopt Resolution 448-26 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.** Resolution 229-26 was read by Microsoft Word Read Aloud for the State Revenue Sharing. **MSP:** To approve Resolution 449-26 State Revenue Sharing for the 2026-2027 fiscal budget. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.** Resolution 450-26 was read by Microsoft Word Read Aloud to impose and categorize taxes for fiscal year 2026-2027. **MSP:** To approve Resolution 450-26 to impose and categorize taxes for the fiscal year 2026-2027. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- c. Zoning: 640 S. Mill St (Tent Deck): The proposed permit for the tent deck meets all setback and city requirements. Also noted that this tent deck is a movable temporary structure that will be stored during the winter. **MSP:** To approve the tent deck for 640 S. Mill St. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- d. Zoning: 101 Sawmill Gulch (Star Gazing Suite): The proposed permit for the star gazing suite meets all city requirements and setbacks. **MSP:** To approve the star gazing suite for 101 Sawmill Gulch. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- e. Zoning: 195 Bonanza St (Bathroom Addition): The proposed bathroom addition meets all city requirements and setbacks. **MSP:** To approve the bathroom addition for 195 Bonanza St. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- f. Archaeology Study for Sewer Lagoon. **MSP:** To approve the bid for \$16,695 Archeological bid. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- g. Heco Amendment Task 7: **MSP:** To approve the amendment to task 7 for HECO. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Cemetery and Volunteer Updates: Matt Armstrong presented information about the 2026 Cemetery Grant that was awarded the city and new fencing options for the council to approve. Volunteer Park update: The committee discussed removal of the horseshoe pits and replacing with cornhole boards. Will need more dirt for the creek channel project.

- b. Sumpter Youth Program Update: Lyndi Ayer presented information on the Father's Day event. Thanks Jackie and Mike Davidson for their food donations for the program. Also thanked Jason and Alisia Croslin for volunteering their time and supplies for the program. Future date in July will be with the SVFD.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Darold Smith: Encouraged the public to take a copy of the budget to review and bring ideas to the table on ways the city can generate more revenue for the general fund.

Marsha Demaris: No Comment

Sherry Brandt: Letter of Resignation from the City Council.

Linda Wise: Mayor Wise met with Ducote Consulting the previous week for the Community Center Grant. The 2025 audit is being finalized. The water meter project is moving forward, and the RFP will go out to bid in August. There are 2 city councilors and the mayor seat up for election this year. There are candidate packets in the office and encourages the public to come forward to apply.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Clarke: Felt that the people really enjoyed the music from Huckleberry Jam. Kurt also added to fire report that we are now in HIGH fire danger.

Matt Armstrong: Went to the County Parks board meeting. They are hoping to have the RFP to hand over the management of certain parks out by the end of the year.

Jon Patterson: Would like to know if the city can relocate the burn pile to a new location and feels it could be a liability in the new location at the city shop.

Jennifer Lake: Gave thanks to CenturyLink for painting their building.

AJOURNMENT 4:53PM

MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. 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: Linda Wise

Attested: Lyndi Ayer