

CITY OF SUMPTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 08, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

VISITORS:

Matt Armstrong, Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Dan Hamilton, John Young, Kurt Clark

APPROVED MINUTES

MSP: To accept the June 24, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Smith, Demaris, and Brandt voted to approve.**

July 02, 2025 Workshop Meeting Minutes were not available for approval and tabled until the next council meeting.

REPORTS

Fire Department: (FD) Kurt Clarke Offered a thank you to the volunteers for their time and service to the department. There was one medical call and two small fire incidents that were managed quickly. The same visitor was responsible for both fire incidents.

Gaslin Accounting/Bills: Mr. Gaslin was unable to attend. Mayor Wise provided and presented the council with June bills to be paid for the month.

MSP: Pay the bills as presented. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Smith, Demaris, and Brandt voted to approve.**

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Spare Inflow Meter Plate: The council needs to speak with Levi Tickner, discussion tabled until the next council meeting.
- b. 3% Water Bill Increase: Resolution states an increase of the water billing. **MSP: To accept the 3% water rate increase. Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Demaris, Smith, and Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe voted No**
- c. Move the July 22nd City Council Meeting to July 29th: Gaslin accounting would like to be present at the next meeting as he will be discussing the budget and GF needs further but is unavailable until the following week of the regular meeting time. **MSP: To move the July 22nd City Council meeting to July 29th. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Smith, Demaris, and Brandt voted to approve.**
- d. ZONING
 - a. **Auburn St**: Citizen is remodeling interior of building to residential and adding two decks. As of right now the building does not meet the residential setbacks. The council decided that the matter needs further information and will be moved to a Workshop on July 11, with a Special Session following as needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Flea Market Update: Received the check from the Memorial Day Flea Market and was deposited.

COUCILOR COMMENT:

Councilor Smith: A few residents requested that the city put a sign up that lets people know that there is no event at The Event Grounds during the Fourth of July Ren Faire. Secondly, the dredge will be closed for an undetermined amount of time for repairs.

Councilor Demaris: The handicap sign has been placed for handicap parking at City Hall. Reminding citizens to please be mindful and leave that space open for its intended use.

Mayor Wise: Reminder to the public that the next council meeting will include a session with Gaslin Accounting on budget, GF, and the city's ability to maintain and continue essential services. Asking the public to please come with helpful ideas that will benefit the community and the city. The session will also include an open discussion about the Fourth of July Ren Faire.

No comment from Councilors Briscoe or Brandt.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matt Armstrong: Believes that we can add the handicap parking access to the Hometown Grant. Matt will research it further and let the council know.

John Young: Presented the council with a donation from the vendors at the Fourth of July Ren Faire. Requested rodent traps and fill dirt to continue the maintenance project at The Event Grounds.

Jon Patterson: The Sumpter Valley ATV association would like to donate new LTV flooring for the community center. **MSP:** To approve the Sumpter Valley ATV to replace the flooring (Chiltern Valley) LTV in the community center. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Smith, Demaris, and Brandt voted to approve.** The Council thanked Mr. Patterson and the ATV association for this donation as well as the dust abatement on Sawmill Gulch, the ATV assoc. reimbursed the residents for that fee.

AJOURNMENT: 4:44PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 29 day of July , 2025.

Approved: 

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