

CITY OF SUMPTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

VISITORS

Matt Armstrong, Vern Hollopeter, Nancy Lukens, John Young, Debbie Bliss, Kurt Clarke, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Wes Christianson

APPROVED MINUTES

August 12, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes. **MSP:** To approve the August 12th council meeting minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

REPORTS

SVFD: Kurt Clarke (FD) Maintenance check on the equipment/vehicles. Two reported medical calls. Please be aware of high fire dangers and remind citizens that chainsaw use until 12pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Clean Sand Filters: Geoff Wells has arranged for a couple of people to help get the filters cleaned in September before the weather gets cold.
- b. Event Grounds Shower/Water System: Two valves went bad on the boiler; one replacement valve is obsolete. Overall, it will be cheaper to install a new tankless water system to run off propane. Baker Heating & Cooling will be sending a quote for replacement cost. There will be no showers for Labor Day Flea Market. The City is looking into getting TLT funds to help pay for replacement costs.
- c. Stage Stop OLCC Permit for Labor Day Weekend: Mayor Wise and City Clerk signed off on the permit application and approved the Outside Beer Garden for the holiday weekend.
- d. Pavilion Building Permit: The permit application was submitted. Baker County requested further information and hopefully will be able to start that project soon.

- e. ZONING: 252 Ibex Deck: This is a second story deck and meets all city requirements. **MSP:** to approve the deck for 252 Ibex. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- f. ZONING: Address Assignment for Lot #6700: Proposed address of 560 Mill St inline with previously assigned addresses. **MSP:** To approve 560 Mill St for Lot #6700. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- g. Museum Library Window: Ne-Hi has quoted to replace the window. The library has offered to donate \$500 toward the replacement costs. **MSP:** To accept library donation of \$500 and to approve the replacement costs for the window from Ne-Hi. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Cemetery Update: Matt Armstrong spoke with Terry Valentine about getting the outer fence repairs done to keep livestock out of the cemetery. A sign will also be installed within the next few weeks, and more stump removals are planned. Matt presented pricing for stakes/tags needed. Jon Patterson will be donating time/equipment to use his roller for the road when it is needed.
- b. Generator Bid for Resilience Hub Grant: Mayor Wise met with OR Dept of Human Services to go over the project site and proposed plan. The project will be moving forward and will be completed before winter.
- c. Flooring in School House: The new flooring is in. Thank you to Jon Patterson and the ATV Association for their donation to make this possible. Mr. Patterson presented picture presentation of the work completed. Mayor Wise would like to find the piano a new home as it will ruin the new flooring. Further work that needs to be done will hopefully be covered in a Grant that is in preliminary processing.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Marsha Demaris: Clubs need to turn in their schedules for the community center so it can be put on the calendar to keep scheduled conflicts from happening.

Darold Smith: Please do not use flushable wipes in the septic. If they are used, please use trash receptacles and not flush down the toilet.

No comment from Councilor Briscoe or Councilor Brandt

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vern Hollopeter: Would like to know what the plans for the dumped woodchips at the Event Grounds are. Mayor Wise informed Vern that the area in question will be roped off for the flea market period to prevent dust issues.

Kurt Clarke: Around Oct 23 (Tuesday night) Not sure of the exact date yet and will update the city to confirm. The Fire Department will need the community center for the FD annual spaghetti feed.

Gordon McCleary: (182 Bonanza) Paid for the dust abatement in the spring. Gordon asked the council if there is a water truck that can be used on the side street to help keep the dust down. Mayor Wise let him know that it would require renting a water truck and it is not practical at this time. Can the city post lower speed limit signs during flea market for ATVs? City will investigate posting a suggested lower speed limit going forward during high traffic times such as flea markets.

Wes Christianson: What else is the city planning to do for the Event Grounds parking lot? The council discussed that the work that was done is just the preliminary work. There will be further steps to help improve the parking lot, but it will take time and an ongoing project over the next year.

AJOURNMENT: 4:51PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 09 day of September, 2025.

Approved: Paul Wise

Attested: Lucina L. Ayer