

CITY OF SUMPTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

VISITORS

Debbie Bliss, Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Jenny Long

APPROVED MINUTES

October 14, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the October 14th City Council meeting minutes. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

REPORTS

No report from the Fire Dept. due to the Volunteer Spaghetti feed fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Revise July 29th CC Meeting Minutes: The revision is being made to clarify the verbiage to be exact and precise for the motion on a zoning permit. **MSP:** To approve the revised July 29th city council meeting minutes to include the exact verbiage for the fence zoning permit. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe abstained due to absence at the original meeting.**
- b. Council Meeting Schedule for November/December: Council discussed changing the city council meeting schedule to one per month due to the holidays in Nov. and Dec. **MSP:** To change the city council meeting schedule to November 12 and December 9th and cancel the Nov 25th and Dec. 23rd meetings. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- c. Museum's Christmas Bazaar: The Bazaar will be held December 12-13 with the understanding that the Sumpter Volunteers have the proper insurance for the event. **MSP:** To approve the Volunteers request to hold the Christmas Bazaar Dec. 12-13th at

- the Museum. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- d. Letter for Renaming Cracker Creek: Council discussed a request from the County Commissioners asking the city to write a letter opposing changing the name Cracker Creek. Mayor Wise will revise the drafted letter presented and it will be sent to the County Commissioners at the following Baker County Parks Board meeting.
 - e. Zoning: 195 N. Bonanza (patio cover): The patio cover meets the setbacks. City will inform the county that this is a mobile home when we send the zoning permit. **MSP:** To approve the patio cover for 195 N. Bonanza. **Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Cemetery and Park Updates: Matt Armstrong and Terry Valentine were not present. No updates to report
- b. Sewer Lid Covers: The lids and risers have been ordered. Installation will start once all the parts have been delivered.
- c. LiquiVision Inspection of Upper Tank: The required inspection that was scheduled for the tank has been postponed by LiquiVision and rescheduled to the third week of November. The company has been informed that due to possible weather it will have to be postponed until spring 2026 if we have snow on the ground. They will keep the city advised if there are any earlier openings before the late November date.
- d. October 10th Wedding/Event Grounds Damages: The wedding party did not comply to the contract. They were \$50 short on the deposit and did not complete a proper clean up after the event. There was also damage to a women's bathroom stall door, ATV damage in the parking lot and on an adjoining private citizen's land. The city will not be refunding the cleaning deposit and will follow up with damage estimates to the property and repair costs. Council discussed revising the contract to include a damage clause and having a credit card on file for future reservations.
- e. City Equipment Check for Winter: Mayor Wise asked if the grader needed to be serviced. Councilor Briscoe will check and follow up with an answer. Secondly, the deuce has a leaking seal that needs to be looked at. The seal could be covered under warranty as this was repaired the previous year. The city will look into this further and contact the repair shop.

COUNCILOR COMMENT

Mayor Wise: The 2024 audit is done, and they are starting on the 2025. As costly as it is, the city is almost completely caught up. To close out the water grant the city needed to do a tracer study. Civil West will be doing the tracer study for free.

Marsha Demaris: The topic that the word embezzlement was used when referring to the Sumpter Volunteers is inaccurate and was not said by the council. Councilor Demaris apologized to the volunteers that the words used were taken out of context and the rumors are incorrect. Secondly with SNAP and EBT being unavailable as of November 1st due to the government shut down, the city will be keeping the food pantry stocked for people. Please share the information with our locals in need. The city is accepting nonperishable donations for our local food pantry.

Sherry Brandt: Thank you to Jenny Long and the volunteers for all their hard work to make the Trunk or Treat decorations and preparations look amazing.

No comment from Councilors Smith and Briscoe.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenny Long: Asked if the volunteers and fire department could borrow the delineators for Saturdays Trunk or Treat and use of the city garbage cans. Council let Jenny know that the city will be updating the reader board to watch out for children.

Jon Patterson: Asked for an update on the grant for the schoolhouse. Jon would like to continue to raise funds for future updates. Mayor Wise will try to get an update about the grant, but it is proving difficult with the government shut down.

AJOURNMENT: 4:33PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 12th day of NOVEMBER, 2025.

Approved: 

Attested: 