

CITY OF SUMPTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

VISITORS

Skip Duffin, Matt Armstrong, Joe Romano, Debbie Bliss, Richard Summerfield, Dani Weaver, Jenny Long

APPROVED MINUTES

October 22, 2025 Workshop Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the October 22nd Workshop Minutes. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

October 28, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the October 28th City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

REPORTS

SVFD: Kurt Clarke (FD) It as been pretty quiet with medical/call ins. The slip tank in the chief's truck is borrowed from Bowen Valley. A new slip tank is coming from Baker County Emergency Services. The spaghetti feed was successful with a good turnout. Truck 3381 needs some maintenance including a nonfunctioning emergency brake. The wildland clean up is going well with a full-time person working on it. The SVFD also participated in the annual Trunk or Treat. Mayor Wise reminded the SVFD that the firefighters need to remember to sign for any fuel that they put into equipment, so that the city can keep track of all purchases.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report: Mr. Gaslin was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Mayor Wise presented the council with the October budget and bills to be paid for the month. **MSP:** To approve and pay the bills as present. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

- b. Dani Weaver: ODF Residential Aide/Fire Reduction Information: Dani works for the Dept. of Forestry. The ODF is doing work with individual landowners in the Sumpter area. The ODF is offering to conduct free HIZ assessment surveys, provide recommendations to reduce wildfire risks on private property. There are grants for this specific area to help with the costs of fire reduction that they will help the public with. Dani provided flyers and information to pass out to the public and encouraged landowners to contact ODF for more information.
- c. Jenny Long/OLCC Licensing: Jenny presented information about consolidating their four companies under one umbrella with the business name of Powder River Industries. Because of these changes, OLCC paperwork needs to be filed with the consolidation and name change process. **MPS:** To proceed with signing the required OLCC paperwork for Jenny Long. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris, Charlie Briscoe, and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- d. City of Sumpter Surplus Equipment: The city has a snowplow blade in surplus that has remained unused for a lengthy period of time. There has been inquiries about the blade, and the city would like to move forward with a surplus resolution. Councilor Briscoe will provide the city with the necessary information before the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Cemetery Update: Matt Armstrong provided updated information on the progress of the cemetery project, including Jon Patterson consolidating the brush piles that are ready to burn, Charlie Briscoe graded the roads and donated gravel with the help from Wade Christensen. The gates have been replaced with two new larger ones. Further cleanup projects and updates are planned for the spring.
- b. T-Mobile Grant Update: Matt Armstrong provided an update that he needs to review the workshop minutes before he can proceed further with the grant paperwork.
- c. Volunteer Park: Matt Armstrong asked the council how the city would like to form a committee for planning the Volunteer Park project. The council agrees that Matt should just ask individuals to be part of the committee as he sees fit.
- d. Baker County Parks Board: Matt Armstrong provided information from the last board meeting which was mostly an ordinance overview. The Parks Board decided that there will be camping allowed at Fizz Springs and the Tailings for up to 14 days. Hunting is already permitted in these areas. Matt is continuing to research the certification for a Dark Sky Sanctuary.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Demaris: Some food has been utilized from the community food bank and encouraged citizens to please let our citizens be aware of this service. There will be new flyers put around town that will hopefully get the word out that this service is available to everyone.

Mayor Wise: Due to the continued government shutdown, there is still no update on the grant for the schoolhouse. Mayor Wise is working with Heco and Ducote to move forward with the meter installation for 2026. The Wright House is being delayed due to requests from the State, the city should know more in 30 days.

Councilor Briscoe: Mentioned that LiquiVision showed up to complete the upper tank inspection. Mayor Wise confirmed that they did show up and completed the inspection with the utility maintenance crew present. Council will review the report when it becomes available.

No Comment: Councilor Smith and Councilor Brandt

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Armstrong: Thank you to Jenny Long and all the volunteers for their work on the Trunk or Treat. He and his family enjoyed it and felt they did an excellent job.

Kurt Clarke: Asked about the generator and what color of metal roof the council would prefer for the cover over the generator. Council left it up to Kurt's discretion to match it with the fencing.

AJOURNMENT: 4:35PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 9th day of December, 2025.

Approved : Mike Wise

Attested: Marsha Demaris