

CITY OF SUMPTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Charlie Briscoe, Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith

**VISITORS:** Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, John Young, Matt Armstrong, Terry Valentine and wife, Kurt Clarke

**APPROVED MINUTES:**

**MSP:** To accept the May 27<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

**MSP:** To accept the May 27<sup>th</sup> Wright House Hearing Minutes. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

**REPORTS**

**Gaslin Accounting/Bills:** Provided Council with May bills to be paid for the month. The audit for the calendar year 2024 has started. **MSP:** To pay the bills as presented. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

**Fire Department:** (FD) Kurt Clarke - One medical call, reaffirmed that no ground fires or burn barrel fires are permitted. Recreational fires only. Mayor Wise updated the FD of the CWRR Grant and the deadline coming up in November on the progress of the street sign project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Budget Discussion:** Mr. Gaslin updated the public and councilors of the budget and future upcoming meeting to discuss budget. Encouraged the public to please attend future meetings to discuss concerns and ideas to increase city revenue for the GF.
- b. **Zoning:** Lot 1200 Address Assignments: Parcel 8-10 with proposed addresses of 655, 635, 605 Ajax St. **MSP:** To accept the proposed addresses of 655, 635 and 605 Ajax St. **Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

- c. Zoning: Conditional Use at 665 Park St. This is a seasonal permit with the condition of one recreational vehicle there permanently for the season. May have visitor RVs for a limited number of days. **MSP**: To approve 665 Park St conditional use with the provision that one RV is allowed permanently during the season. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**
- d. Museum Parking: Proposed utilizing the hot side of the museum during events for designated ATV parking. The city needs to have the new kiosk signage in place to see what the space will look like after installation. The council tabled discussion till after kiosk signage is installed.
- e. John Young/Ren Faire: Mr. Young requested the use of the Wright House grounds as well as the sides of the museum during the Fourth of July Ren Faire Event. Due to the surplus sale status of the Wright House, the city will not allow use of that property. The council discussed the possibility of setting up a fee schedule for the use of the museum space during future event times. **MSP**: To allow the Volunteers/Ren Faire use of the space around the museum, but not use of the Wright House grounds. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. Resilience Hub Grant: The contract was reviewed by the city attorney and submitted. The city should receive the funds hopefully by the end of the month for the schoolhouse updates/install.
- b. Cemetery Update: Terry Valentine thanked Kurt Clarke for the use of his CAT. A few piles left that need to be moved and some fence work is needed. Terry would like to schedule a future volunteer clean-up date. Matt Armstrong offered two different plot plan designs to the council. The council chose plan B with the walking paths. Matt will begin staking out the plots the following week.

## COUNCILOR COMMENT

Councilor Smith: Concerned about tourist bookings on a decline and how can we boost tourism advertising for Sumpter RV parks.

Councilor Demaris: Questions about where TLT stands and how the changes will affect our city.

Mayor Wise: The Grounds during Memorial Day flea market were very dusty. We received a few complaints from vendors/visitors. There is a possibility of having rock donated to cover the parking lot to reduce the dust issue. Will update when we have further information.

No Comment from Councilor Briscoe.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Kurt Clarke: Asked if there would be a space usage fee for the FD for the spaghetti feed fundraiser. No fee would be given, just discussion of a fee during events.
- b. John Young: Rodent control/ raptor stands on the event grounds. He would also like to seed and continue to improve the land. The council will discuss later how to resolve concerns at The Grounds.
- c. Jon Patterson: RV park resolution and ordinance and concerns with the lack of compliance of some residents.

AJOURNMENT: 5:00 pm

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

Approved by the City Council this 24 day of June, 2025.

Approved: 

Attested: 