

CITY OF SUMPTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 24, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:01pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**VISITORS:**

Matt Armstrong, Ron Shapland, John Young, Richard Summerfield

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**MSP:** To accept the June 10<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing/Conditional Use Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve. Councilor Brandt abstained due to absence.**

**MSP:** To accept the June 10<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve. Councilor Brandt abstained due to absence.**

**REPORTS**

**Fire Department:** (FD) John Young- Crew took four trucks out to assess that the equipment was functional and in working order.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Flea Market Schedule:** Recommended that the City change the required check out time. The change would require the vendors at The Event Grounds to stay until 6:00pm on Sunday rather than on Monday. **MSP:** To change the checkout time at The Event Grounds to 6pm on Sunday. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith, Brandt voted to approve.** Update from Memorial Day Market. Mayor Wise will pick up revenue payout from Baker Chamber this week, and the city is waiting for reimbursement from M2 for their portion of the dust abatement.

- b. Mason W/S Hook-up Refund: Mr. Mason requested a refund of funds for his w/s hook-up as the property he was going to purchase did not go through. **MSP**: To refund Mr. Mason the money for w/s hookup. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith, Brandt voted to approve.**
- c. Museum Broken Window: The museum has a crack that runs from top to bottom, therefore needs replacement. The city needs to speak with the insurance agent to see if this is covered under the policy. Tabled discussion until the city speaks with the insurance agent and receives a quote for the repair.
- d. Sewer Lid Replacement: The city currently has four cement sewer lids that need to be replaced. One plastic lid has been ordered to assess if it is compatible. The cost comparison is estimated at \$60 for plastic, where concrete is estimated at \$200. The cost savings of the plastic will benefit the city if using the plastic lids is an option. Tabled until the city has more information about replacing cement lids with plastic.
- e. Stage Stop OLCC permit for 4<sup>th</sup> of July: They submitted a special event license for an outdoor beer garden during the holiday weekend. **MSP**: To approve the special events license for the holiday weekend. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Demaris, Smith, Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe abstained.**
- f. Alleyways and Zoning Permits: Advised citizens that they need to check in with the city any time they plan to do any work on their property. One property owner called in about a tree that is leaning badly in an alleyway that needs to be evaluated.
- g. Zoning: Lot 7000 Address Assignment: Proposed address of 330 Climax St. **MSP**: To accept the proposed address of 330 Climax St. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Demaris, Smith, Brandt, Briscoe voted to approve.**
- h. Zoning: Mill St, Garage Build. **MSP**: To approve the garage zoning permit for 445 Mill St. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Demaris, Smith, Brandt, Briscoe voted to approve.**
- i. City Lawnmower Repair: Needed repairs and servicing for the riding lawnmower and make it useable. **MSP**: To approve the bill and pay it out. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Demaris, Smith, Brandt, Briscoe voted to approve.**
- j. RESOLUTION 440-25: To adopt the budget for 2025-2026. Read by Mayor Wise. **MSP**: To approve Resolution 440-25 to adopt the budget for calendar year 25/26. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Demaris, Smith, Brandt, Briscoe voted to approve.**
- k. RESOLUTION 441-25: Approving Participation in the State Revenue Sharing Program. Read by Mayor Wise **MSP**: To adopt Resolution 441-25. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Demaris, Smith, Brandt, Briscoe voted to approve.**



- I. **RESOLUTION 442-25:** To Impose and Categorize Taxes for Fiscal Year 25/26. Read by Mayor Wise. **MSP:** To approve Resolution 442-25. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Demaris, Smith, Brandt, Briscoe voted to approve.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Cemetery Update: Matt Armstrong- Many compliments and accolades to Terry Valentine for the work and progress that has been done at the cemetery. Matt has started to stake out major plot line areas and the 12 ft paths. Thanked Richard Summerfield for donating wood for the plot number markers. Item needs to be added to a future scheduled Workshop.

Event Ground Parking Area: Gravel is being donated to the city. The cost to the city is to haul the gravel and rent a roller to compact the gravel down. Asked the FD if they would be able to assist with watering the grounds to keep the dust down. Need to speak with Fire Chief Kurt Clarke who was not present at the meeting. Item needs to be added to a future scheduled Workshop. **MSP:** To approve the expense of the roller and transport of gravel to Event Ground parking area.

**Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Demaris, Smith, Brandt, voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe abstained.**

### **COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Wise: Advised the public once again about the budget shortfalls and that all suggestions to generate an increase in city funds for the General Fund are welcome. The budget will be a topic in future council meetings along with the city accountant R. Gaslin to discuss with the public and the council. The city received an update for the Resilience Hub Grant, and we are working on gaining access to the Oregon Buys website to accept the funds.

Councilor Demaris: Would like to add snowplowing of the Event grounds in the winter to the Workshop agenda. We need to add a handicap sign and parking space for the city hall and the event grounds. Councilor Demaris will head this project and see it through completion.

No Comment from Councilor Briscoe, Smith, or Brandt.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matt Armstrong: The new street signs going up look fantastic.

John Young: The firefighters need gravel for the sign project. They were advised that it is on order and should be delivered within 2 days.

**AJOURNMENT:** 4:51pm

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

Approved by the City Council this 08 day of July, 2025.

Approved: [Signature]

Attested: [Signature]