

CITY OF SUMPTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 09, 2025

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

VISITORS:

Matt Armstrong, Skip Duffin, Kim Ballard, Dick Brown, Cindy Remington, Richard Crowe, John Young, Sammi Rowan, Julie McKinney, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Debbie Bliss, Jane Leatherman, Doug Leatherman

APPROVED MINUTES

August 21, 2025 Executive Session Minutes. **MSP:** To approve the August 12th Executive Session Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

August 26, 2025 Executive Session Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the August 26th Executive Session Minutes. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

August 26, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the August 26th City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

REPORTS

SVFD: Kurt Clarke (FD) At the last training meeting they included safety training as well. The SVFD also installed a pole/windsock in the LZ at the Event Grounds for medical aircraft landings. There was one medical call since the last report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report: Mr. Gaslin provided and presented the council with August budget and bills to be paid for the month. **MSP:** To approve and pay the bills as presented. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**

- b. Amend Fee Resolution 396-21: The council discussed the need to add the flea market vendor fees (standard & food) to the fee schedule. Addition of NSF returned check fee of \$35. As well as adding a new fee of \$25 per event to 501C who schedule rental time at the School House. **MSP**: To amend Resolution 396-21 to include the flea market, NSF and new School House use fees. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe and Sherry Brandt voted to approve.**
- c. ATC Tower: Discussion TABLED and will be moved to an Executive Session.
- d. LOC Voting Delegate: The LOC is asking that every city has a representative to vote on delegates to the LOC Board. Resolution 443-25 is to appoint a city delegate. Councilor Sherry Brandt volunteered to be the city delegate. **MSP**: To approve Sherry Brandt be the delegate for Resolution 443-25. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith, Charlie Briscoe voted to approve. Councilor Sherry Brandt abstained.**

OLD BUSINESS

- e. Cemetery Update: Matt Armstrong spoke to the council updating them on progress and needs for the cemetery. A backhoe will be needed to remove stumps before Matt can move forward with installing the stakes/tags. Jon Patterson offered to help with the backhoe needs. Terry Valentine donated a new sign for the cemetery.
- f. Baker County Parks Board: Councilor Demaris and Matt Armstrong are on the board and Mayor Wise requested an update on the recent board meeting. The board had discussions about putting in trails through the tailings, trout stocking Powder River, and ponds.

COUNCILOR COMMENT

Darold Smith: Would like to have an Executive Session on the Flea Market and Vendor Fees at a future date.

Marsha Demaris: Spoke with some citizens about the upcoming public meeting. Mentioned that the cost of chlorine has gone up and that we are no longer able to return the empty barrels for a credit. The water that the public uses to water their lawns is chlorinated and to please be mindful of usage.

No Comment from Mayor Wise, Councilor Briscoe or Councilor Brandt.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Clarke: Questioned when the city plans to list the cemetery plots for sale. Mayor Wise and Matt Armstrong answered that this will probably be in 2026 before that becomes available.

Dick Brown: Asked the council when the septic tank lids will be taken care of. Mayor Wise informed Dick that it is in process of being resolved.

Jon Patterson: Thanked the community members who got involved with the ATV rally held over the Labor Day weekend. Updated info for the flooring that was donated and installed by the Sumpter Valley ATV.

AJOURNMENT: 6:26PM

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 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

Approved: 

Attested: 