

CITY OF SUMPTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 09, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris, Darold Smith and Sherry Brandt

**VISITORS:**

Matt Armstrong, Rob Gaslin, John Young, Mike Bogart, Richard Summerfield, Kurt Clarke

**APPROVED MINUTES**

November 12, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes: **MSP:** To approve the November 12<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe was not in attendance due to medical reasons.**

**REPORTS**

SVFD: Kurt Clarke(FD): Kurt thanked all his volunteers for their work. The SVFD installed the winter chains on the equipment. The SVFD used the funds from the Sumpter Volunteers Spaghetti feed to service Truck #3381 and to have Grumpy's install a new brake cable that is broken. The fire department will hopefully have a couple of trucks in the Christmas parade if they can provide enough drivers. Mayor Wise asked if they are done with the street signs for the year. Kurt thinks that they can do some more before it snows, and John Young will get the rest stored indoors for the winter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Gaslin Report: Mr. Gaslin provided and presented the council with the November budget and bills to be paid for the month. **MSP:** To approve and pay the bills as presented. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe was not in attendance due to medical reasons.**

- b. Surplus Resolution: Resolution 444-25 was read by Mayor Wise in regard to the surplus piece of equipment that will be placed for bid. **MSP: To pass Resolution 444-25. Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. . Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe was not in attendance due to medical reasons.** The bid sheet will be available at City Hall for two weeks (12/23 at noon).
- c. LiquiVision Report: The inspection was completed. There were a few recommendations for repairing the tank for the council to review. Due to the winter conditions, these items will be tabled until spring.
- d. J. Bork-Snowmobile Races: Jake presented dates January 17-18 and February 21-22 2026 for the snowmobile races at the Event Grounds. Mayor Wise discussed the plowing plans for the 2025-2026 winter season, so the snowmobile club is aware of the changes. The plowing plan will be the side road to the pavilion and will not include the main parking area. **MSP: To approve the dates presented for the snowmobile races, weather allowing. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe was not in attendance due to medical reasons.**
- e. Volunteer Park Playground Equipment: The council held a workshop before the council meeting to finalize the equipment list. **MSP: To approve the playground equipment the council discussed and to move forward with the ordering process. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe was not in attendance due to medical reasons.**

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. Hometown T-Mobile Grant: Matt Armstrong presented information about the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for the grant. He requested the quotes needed to complete the application so he can submit the paperwork by the deadline.
- b. Cemetery Update: Matt Armstrong is done with work for the year. In spring of 2026 there will be a list of items ready to be completed and Matt will revisit the topic with the city council once the snow has melted.
- c. County Parks Board: Matt Armstrong presented information about the last board meeting on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, in which the commissioners voted to rescind the ordinance for mining in the tailings. Recreational mining will still be allowed. They approved the Parks Board Ordinance. The parks board is still moving forward with the Dark Sky Certification for the tailings.

- d. Dark Sky Certification for the City of Sumpter: Matt Armstrong presented information about the requirements the city would need to meet to qualify. Council discussed enforcement concerns within the city and Matt will follow up with further information at the next council meeting.

### COUNCILOR COMMENT

Marsha Demaris: A friendly reminder if you know if anyone is in need, the food pantry is stocked. So please let your neighbors know and encourage them to visit and take what they need. Secondly, the coat hanger that Ron installed at the schoolhouse is beautiful. It was made from redwood from the old water tower.

No comment from Mayor Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, and Sherry Brandt

### PUBLIC COMMENT

John Young: The volunteers would like to borrow the burn barrels and delineators for the upcoming Christmas parade. Councilor Brandt informed John and Kurt that the firewood that is stacked by the barrels is for them to use and donated by herself and Ron.

### ADJOURNMENT: 4:30PM

**MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Darold Smith, Marsha Demaris and Sherry Brandt voted to approve. Councilor Briscoe was not in attendance due to medical reasons.**

Approved by the City Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Approved: 

Attested: 