

**SUMNER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

The regular session of the Sumner City Council meeting was called to order on September 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. A quorum was present, and Mayor Brian Bockhaus was present.

Present Council members: Wayne Meyer, Darrol Mohlis, Brad Gade, Isaac Richmond. Council member Dustin Pierce was absent. Also, present, City Clerk Patty Mechtel and City Administrator Laura Holmes.

Citizens Present: Ira Monteith, Morgan Bergmann, Lucas Klosterman, Randy Slick, Darren Paulus, Ryan Cunningham, Nichole Sungren, Lisa Oberbroeckling, Elaine Davis.

Mayor Bockhaus moved agenda item #2 up to #1 and agenda item #3 to #2. Agenda item #7 was removed from the agenda.

Motion Gade to approve Consent Agenda September 8, 2026, with a revision to the spelling of his first name in the minutes from August 17, 2026, 2nd Mohlis. RC 3-1.

Nichole Sungren with MSA was present to discuss the project updates. The preliminary plat review is the next step for the East Ridge addition; dates are being considered for a public meeting on the 3rd St bridge design. We need to complete final closeout paperwork for the Wastewater project and the FEMA closeout is in progress on the Walnut St. improvement project. The 5th St bridge closeout is nearly complete and INRCOG is completing the CDBG requirements for release of funds on the Y Ave. water main looping project. Nichole answered questions from last meeting about size of the Y Ave water line – it will be 6 inches. Weed growth near the Walnut St. project will not hinder the function of the stormwater construction, but the growth should be burned off every 3-5 years.

Motion Richmond to approve MSA Resolution 756 Certificate of Substantial Completion with Punch List, 2nd Meyer. RC 4-0.

Superintendent, Ryan Cunningham was present to discuss the upcoming bond referendum that the SFCSD residents will vote on in November. Phase 1 of the school improvements is already underway. The November referendum is for a \$16.3 million bond, which would increase the property tax rate by \$2.70/\$1,000 taxable valuation.

The city will obtain bids for hauling the yard waste piles to a location near Readlyn where the material can be accepted.

Action from the work session – The city's attorney will need to review the 28E agreement between the city and Tri-County Sports Complex. Motion Meyer to have the city attorney meet with the council to discuss the 28E agreement, 2nd Richmond. MC 4-0.

Motion Gade to set Public Hearing for Resolution 758-2026 for GO 10-year Bond to cover engineering costs for 3rd St Bridge not to exceed \$350,000.00 for September 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm, 2nd Mohlis. MC 4-0.

The city's Jetter no longer works. We received bids to lease a Jetter for four years. One bid was \$1760/month with first payment due 30 days after commencement and the other bid was \$1852/month with first payment due one year after commencement. Motion Richmond to approve the \$1852/month bid for the Jetter with the first payment due on year after commencement, 2nd Meyer. MC 4-0.

The city received bids for the ground prep for the 3rd St bridge. Motion Richmond to accept the bid from Smith Excavating in the amount of \$19,905.52 to do the ground prep removing trees and clearing debris for the 3rd St bridge beginning after October 1, 2026 due to DNR regulations, 2nd Mohlis. MC 4-0. The council asked for bids to remove the stumps, as well.

Deputy Clerk, Elaine Davis, submitted her letter of resignation as she is retiring after 18 years with the city. Her last day is September 30, 2026. Motion Meyer to accept Elaine Davis' resignation effective September 30, 2026, 2nd Gade. MC 4-0.

The personnel committee has implemented a new policy to offer city employees new half-day holidays. The new policy includes half days for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve. The sanitation department will shift landfill days and the Police Department is an exception. Motion Richmond to approve the new policy update to include half-day holidays to city employees on The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve, 2nd Mohlis. MC 4-0.

Former City Clerk, Lisa Oberbroeckling, has reached her 60 hours of training with the office staff that the council voted to allow. The office staff and Lisa agree that more time is needed. Motion Richmond to allow former City Clerk, Lisa Oberbroeckling, to continue training at the same rate of pay until September 30, 2026, 2nd Gade. MC 4-0. Lisa asked to be paid tomorrow for hours worked up to this point. Motion Richmond to pay Lisa on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, for hours worked, 2nd Gade. MC 4-0.

Committee Reports: Public Safety reported that our new Police Officer has started; Personnel N/A; Finance/Budget N/A; Economic Development N/A; Streets/Sanitation – the garbage truck will be back this week; Bldgs/Grounds will have a full report in 2 weeks; Park/REC N/A; Water – the water tower repairs are coming and the manhole repairs will be done soon.

In other business – City Administrator is obtaining bids for a hoop bldg. for salt and sand that would be on the east side of the recycling building. The garbage truck repairs will be finished this week. We will be getting the new dump truck in a couple weeks.

Citizen comments – A citizen asked if our sanitation crew could replace the lids on garbage cans after they dump them. He also inquired about an ordinance regarding trees overhanging sidewalks and asked the city to look into the surface and manhole condition of Walnut St.

Adjourned 8:27 p.m.

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Patty Mechtel
City Clerk

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Brian Bockhaus
Mayor