

CITY OF SUMPTER
TOWN HALL MEETING
MAY 05, 2026
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

MEMEBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Marsha Demaris and Darold Smith. Councilor Sherry Brandt was not present.

VISITORS

Cindy Remington, Richard Crowe, Michael Ballard, Kimberly Ballard, Danny Wilson, Dan Johnson, Gail Armstrong, Matt Armstrong, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Ron Borello, Dillon Borello, Dick Epler, Vern Hollopeter, Richard Summerfield, Mark Luker, David J. Ochab, Ben Werner, Christina Witham, Kody Justus, Heidi Justus, Jim Valentine, Debbie Valentine, Wes Morgan, Kathy Todhunter, Jim Eckstein, Jane Leatherman, Mari Golden, Nick and Tena Milner, Kurt Clarke, Jason and Alisia Croslin, Brian Phillips, Jeff Rice.

- I. **Sumpter Development LLC Mining Presentation with Dr. Michael Werner:**
Dr. Michael Werner's presentation on the potential mining operations outside the City of Sumpter provided an insightful overview of the region's rich mining history and the projected economic and environmental impact to the area. He presented a detailed analysis of the proposed development of the four mines the company hopes to reopen. These mines include the North Pole, Eureka, Excelsior and Columbia. His presentation also emphasized the importance of balancing resource extraction with environmental stewardship while preserving the local heritage. After his presentation Dr. Werner took questions and comments from the public. Most questions centered on the impact the mining operation will have on the city that included questions about housing, traffic, law enforcement, snow removal, emergency and first responder needs, and what the projected construction time will be once proper licensing and permits are secured.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM

Approved by the City Council this 12th day of May, 2026.

Approved: John W. [Signature]
Attested: Lucina L. [Signature]