



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 06, 2026 at 6:00 PM

33 Church Street, Sutter Creek, CA 95685

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1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum for Regular Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Claire Gunselman, Vice Mayor Julia Sierk, Councilmember Susan Feist, Councilmember Dan Riordan, Councilmember James Swift

Staff: Tom DuBois, City Manager; Derek Cole, City Attorney; Erin Ventura, Contract City Planner; Jim O'Connell, Police Chief; Mason Peters, Finance Supervisor; Dan Lafontaine, Public Works Director

Mayor Gunselman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Gunselman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Forum

One (1) member of the public addressed the Council.

Sheri Curtis, an Amador County resident, spoke in opposition to cannabis retail within the community. She shared information regarding potential health impacts associated with cannabis use, including cardiovascular and mental health concerns, referenced studies regarding THC potency, and urged the Council to consider those impacts.

Public comment was closed.

4. City Manager's Report

City Manager DuBois provided an update on City business. The presentation is included with the meeting materials.

5. Presentations

- A. Proclamation Recognizing Ms. Lisa Klosowski for Her Work on Behalf of the City of Sutter Creek and the Sutter Creek Visitor Center

This item was continued due to Ms. Klosowski's unavailability.

6. Approval of Minutes

- A. City Council Minutes of June 15, 2026

Motion made by Councilmember Riordan to approve the June 15, 2026, City Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilmember Swift.

AYES: Gunselman, Feist, Riordan, Swift

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Sierk

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED (4-0-1)

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Support County Supervisors putting the continuation of the Countywide Abandoned Vehicle Fee on the Ballot

Motion made by Vice Mayor Sierk to approve the resolution supporting the County's placement of the continuation of the Countywide Abandoned Vehicle Fee on the ballot, seconded by Councilmember Swift.

AYES: Gunselman, Sierk, Feist, Riordan, Swift

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED (5-0)

8. Ordinances and Public Hearing

None.

9. Administrative Agenda

- A. Presentation by Amador County Assessor, Jim Rooney

County Assessor Jim Rooney presented the latest property assessment data and answered questions from the City Council and City Manager. He also discussed the title to Sutter Creek City Hall and indicated he had spoken with County staff regarding the matter. City Attorney Cole will follow up with the County Recorder.

10. Mayor and Council Member Reports

Councilmember Feist reported that she would like to resume the Marketing Committee in September.

Councilmember Swift reported that he had initially believed the Native Sons would not consider the Monteverde grant application until September but has since learned it may be considered in July.

Mayor Gunselman announced that the Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation will donate \$15,000 toward the Monteverde Store restoration project, consisting of \$10,000 from the 2026 Duck Race proceeds and \$5,000 from a private donation.

Vice Mayor Sierk reported that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee is requesting funding from ACTC for the Sutter Creek-Amador City route.

Councilmember Riordan reported that ACTC is continuing its paving pilot program, including completed paving projects on French Bar Road in Amador County and within the City of Jackson. He stated that ACTC's attorney will provide an update regarding the legal limitations of in-house paving and may propose a framework for the County to provide paving services to the cities. Councilmember Riordan requested that the pilot program analysis, including complete accounting and cost information, be completed before proceeding further.

11. City Attorney's Report

No report.

12. Information and Correspondence

The City Council received all public correspondence submitted for the meeting.

13. Closed Session

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at approximately 7:30 p.m.

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - City Manager

14. Report from Closed Session

City Attorney Cole reported there was no reportable action.

15. Adjournment

Mayor Gunselman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 20, 2026