

**Sutton Town Council**  
**March 12, 2026, 6:00 pm - Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**Council Chambers, Sutton Municipal Building**

1. Call to Order **Start Time:** \_\_\_6:06 PM\_\_\_
  - a. The meeting was opened by Mayor Carolyn Hoover
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance by all attendees
  - c. Opening Prayer by Darrell Pierson

2. Roll Call	Present	Absent		Present
Absent				
Mayor - Carolyn Hoover	__X__	___	Recorder - Debbie Pierson	__X__
Anita Lambert	__X__	___	Darrell Pierson	__X__
Thomas Gates	__X__	___	Tia Mullins	__X__
Justin Hill	__X__	___		

A Quarum was present throughout the meeting.

3. Special Guests/Topics
 

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Community Liaison Angie Maxwell</li> <li>b. Community Liaison Angie Maxwell</li> <li>c. Councilman Tia Mullins</li> <li>d. Councilman Tia Mullins</li> <li>e. Mayor Carolyn Hoover</li> <li>f. Councilman Thomas Gates</li> <li>g. Councilman Thomas Gates</li> <li>h. Councilman Thomas Gates</li> <li>i. Councilman Anita Lambert</li> </ol>	<p>Sutton Community Development Corporation            Landmark Studio for the Arts.            Braxton County Development Authority            Braxton County Development Authority</p> <p>ADA Compliant Grant            Brownfields Grant            Rails to Trails            Appalachian Ghost Tours            Municipal Building Energy Improvements</p>
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4. Approval of Minutes - February 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

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*Councilman Thomas Gates: I motion that we approve the February 12, 2026 minutes\_*

*Councilman Darrell Pierson: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_6\_    \_ Those opposed - \_\_0\_\_ 'No'    The Ayes have it.    Motion carried.*

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5. Citizens' Concerns

Catherine Hoover brought to the attention of the council the broken window in the town.

6. Mayor's Report

We received the resignation of Michele Sears.

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*Councilman Thomas Gates: I motion that we accept the resignation of Michele Sears*

*Councilman Tia Mullins: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_6\_    \_ Those opposed - \_\_0\_\_ 'No'    The Ayes have it.    Motion carried.*

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Special thanks to the members of our Street Crew for all their hard work.

7. Old Business

a. Municipal Clerk hire

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*Recorder Debbie Pierson: I motion that we hire Kristen Gates for the position of Municipal Clerk*

*Councilman Justin Hill: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_5\_ \_ Those opposed - \_0\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

*Councilman Thomas Gates abstained.*

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b. Tree Cutting

There were no bids. The council will attempt to locate a viable tree cutter.

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*Councilman Thomas Gates: I motion to put out a bid to get the tree cut down.*

*Councilman Darrell Pierson: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_6\_ \_ Those opposed - \_0\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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c. B&O Tax Ordinance 4-201 amendment.

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*Councilman Thomas Gates: I motion that we adopt the ordinance 4-201*

*Councilman Tia Mullins: second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_6\_ Those opposed - \_0\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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8. Standing Committees

a. Finance – Recorder Debbie Pierson

1) Finance Report

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*Councilman Tia Mullins: I motion that we approve the Financial Report*

*Councilman Thomas Gates: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_6\_ Those opposed - \_0\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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2) Budget 2026 Revision

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*Councilman Anita Lambert: I motion that we approve the 2026 Revisions*

*Councilman Darrell Pierson: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_6\_ Those opposed - \_0\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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3) Sutton Public Library Request for Funds

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*Councilman Thomas Gates:* *\_ I motion that we Approve the allocation of funds to be distributed to the Sutton Library in the amount of \$2500.00*

*Councilman Tia Mullins:* *I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_\_6\_\_ Those opposed - \_0\_\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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4) Farmers' Market Request for utilities and early opening

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*Councilman Thomas Gates:* *I motion that we proceed with turning on the utilities for the farmers market use.*

*Councilman Darrell Pierson:* *I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_\_6\_\_ Those opposed - \_0\_\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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- b. Roads, Streets and Alleys – Councilman Darrell Pierson and Street Commissioner Brittany Fowler

Mayor Carolyn Hoover presented the Street Commissioner's Report

- c. Public Health and Safety – Councilman Thomas Gates and Chief of Police Andy Shingler
- d. City Property and Community Building - Councilman Anita Lambert and Councilman Justin Hill
- e. Sutton Planning Committee – Councilman Tia Mullins

9. Special Committees

- a. Ordinance/Rules

- i. Amend the following ordinances

1. **1-201 Time and place of regular meetings**

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*Councilman Thomas Gates:* *I motion that we adopt the 1-201 Ordinance amemdment*

*Councilman Darrell Pierson:* *I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_\_6\_\_ Those opposed - \_0\_\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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2. **1-209 Order of business**

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*Councilman Tia Mullins:* *I motion that adopt the 1-209 ordinance amendment.*

*Councilman Thomas Gates:* *I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_\_6\_\_ Those opposed - \_0\_\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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3. **1-409 Purchasing in open market or competitive bids.**

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Recorder Debbie Pierson: *I motion that adopt the 1-409 ordinance amendment.*

Councilman Thomas Gates: *I second the motion.*

All in favor say 'Aye'   6   Those opposed -   0   'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.

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4. **1-601 Applicability of article**

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Councilman Tia Mullins: *I motion that adopt the 1-601 ordinance amendment.*

Councilman Thomas Gates: *I second the motion.*

All in favor say 'Aye'   6   Those opposed -   0   'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.

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5. **2-113 Committees & 2-114 Committee members**

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Councilman Thomas Gates: *I motion that adopt the 2-113 ordinance amendment.*

Councilman Justin Hill: *I second the motion.*

All in favor say 'Aye'   6   Those opposed -   0   'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.

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Councilman Thomas Gates: *I motion that adopt the 2-114 ordinance amendment.*

Councilman Tia Mullins: *I second the motion.*

All in favor say 'Aye'   6   Those opposed -   0   'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.

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6. **8-211 Weeds & 8-212 Health hazard due to broken sewer, penalties**

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Councilman Thomas Gates: *I motion that adopt the 8-211 ordinance amendment.*

Councilman Anita Lambert: *I second the motion.*

All in favor say 'Aye'   6   Those opposed -   0   'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.

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Councilman Tia Mullins: *I motion that adopt the 8-212 ordinance amendment.*

Councilman Darrell Pierson: *I second the motion.*

All in favor say 'Aye'   6   Those opposed -   0   'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.

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7. **11-109 Brandishing deadly weapons, penalties.**

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Councilman Thomas Gates: *I motion that adopt 11-109 ordinance amendment.*

Councilman Anita Lambert: *I second the motion.*

All in favor say 'Aye'   6   Those opposed -   0   'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.

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ii. Ordinance **Repeal and Replace** - Chapter 1

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*Recorder Debbie Pierson: I motion that we move forward with the Ordinance Repeal and Replace Chapter 1*

*Councilman Thomas Gates: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_\_6\_\_ Those opposed - \_0\_\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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10. New Business

- a. Cameras to be installed throughout Sutton.

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*Councilman Darrell Pierson: I motion that we put out for Bid the installation of Camera's throughout Sutton.*

*Councilman Tia Mullins: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_\_6\_\_ Those opposed - \_0\_\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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- b. Ordinance concerning vacant houses, and town improvements.

- A. Allow property owners to relinquish their vacant property in leu of fines to the town of Sutton. Fines would deal with dilapidated houses.

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*Councilman Thomas Gates: I motion that we begin the process of a Vacant property Ordinance*

*Councilman Anita Lambert: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_\_6\_\_ Those opposed - \_0\_\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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- c. FY 2027 Budget Approval

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*Councilman Thomas Gates: I motion that we approve the Budget for 2027.*

*Councilman Darrell Pierson:: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_\_6\_\_ Those opposed - \_0\_\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

*One councilmember stepped out.*

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11. Adjourn \_\_ at 7:12 pm \_\_

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*Councilman Thomas Gates: I motion that we Adjourn*

*Councilman Tia Mullins: I second the motion.*

*All in favor say 'Aye' \_\_5\_\_ Those opposed - \_0\_\_ 'No' The Ayes have it. Motion carried.*

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