

CITY OF SUMPTER

WORKSHOP

May 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Charlie Briscoe, Marsha Demaris, Sherry Brandt, Darold Smith

VISITORS: None in attendance

- I. **Park Street Water Line:** Resident would like the old water meter/line moved so it is not in the middle of the new driveway, without the cost associated with a new water hookup. Their contractor will be running a new dig line for power and would like the waterline placed at the same time.

Mayor Wise spoke with the City of Sumpter legal counsel and the City was advised “absolutely not” for any type of amended fee’s associated with the relocation of the waterline. The existing water line is old and out of date. Therefore, the procedure and materials needed would be the same as a new service hookup.

The council suggested a flat fee to cover new materials, labor, and time. Other suggestions mentioned the residents could hire a private contractor to do the work of moving the line or to accept the City’s existing hookup fees. Council discussed other scenarios of charging man hours, backhoe hourly rates, parts/materials with 10-20% price increase from cost. The council decided that the variable fee of time/money was too inconsistent to give an accurate estimate. Oregon State Law states that the city is responsible for making any connection or disconnecting services.

The council approved the zoning permit with the house plan with the existing water line where it was located. Therefore, it was suggested the fees were up to the property owner to pay for the fees associated with relocating the water line. Discussion ended and the topic will move to the City Council meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:51PM

Approved by the City Council this 27 day of May 2025

Approved: Linda Wise

Attested: Lucina Ayer