

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER- 4:01PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**MEMEBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Charlie Briscoe, Marsha Demaris, Sherry Brandt, Darold Smith

**VISITORS:**

Matt Armstrong, Skip Duffin, John Young, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Richard Summerfield, Kurt Clarke

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**MSP:** To accept the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith, Brandt voted to approve.**

**REPORTS**

Gaslin Accounting/Bills: Provided Council with April bills to be paid for the month.

**MSP:** Pay the bills as presented. **Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith, Brandt voted to approve.**

Fire Department: (FD) Kurt Clarke S130/S190 refresher course training on Tuesday at Powder River FD, burned eight piles of debris, all vehicles are in working order, need gravel for the street sign project and people to do the work.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Upper Tank Inspection Quotes: Need a timeframe from Levi on how critical we are in getting it completed. The council requested obtaining an hourly rate from Integrated Water Services and more questions answered pertaining to costs. The council chose to table the topic till more information is obtained from the companies.

- b. Office Carpet Replacement Quotes: Insurance approved either quote is acceptable. The council favored Cover Works Carpet who will move the office furniture in and out along with higher quality carpet installation. **MSP: To approve moving forward with Cover Works Carpet and get scheduled to install. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith, Brandt voted to approve.**
- c. NLC Line Warranty Program: Mayor Wise was made aware of this insurance program during the LOC conference in North Bend. It is an approved insurance company that will cover water and sewer lines on the residential side of the service. The information will be made available for the public for review at the City Hall.
- d. ZONING
  - a. 364 Mill St- Permit for Carport. Councilor Demaris requested that it be noted the owner of the property has changed the garage into living space and has gone through Baker County. **MSP: To approve 364 Mill St carport. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith, Brandt voted to approve.**
  - b. Conditional Use Permit Lot #403- Need to have a public hearing before approved. Access is a concern to the property, as it shows it is land locked and cannot be given an address due to the street being vacated. The council needs to speak with Baker County to confirm information before moving forward. Tabled for the next meeting and will schedule the public hearing.
  - c. Park Street Water/Sewer Hook-Up: Resident would like to have the city move the old existing water meter/line to a new location to fit with new construction layout for a reduced cost. The council discussed the topic prior to the city council meeting at the Workshop. **MSP: To charge them the full water/sewer hook up fees and for the removal of old existing line. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith, Brandt voted to approve.**

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. Volunteer Park Grant Update: Revised grant for better scoring. The EPA department for the Wetlands advised that permits will be needed to move forward with part of the project concerning the seasonal creek flooding. Revising to omit that part of the grant and will move that to a later grant date.
- b. Cemetery Report: A large turnout for cleanup date 25-30 people. There is more work to be done such as grading and brush/debris clean up but making timely progress. A second cleanup day to be scheduled in the future.
- c. ADA Curb Project: Contract has been signed and submitted with the additional request for the metal curb knobs. Waiting to be notified of the project date to be completed by state.

### COUNCILOR COMMENT

Mayor Wise: Dust abatement pricing for residents at \$2.10 a linear foot. Residents need to contact Ed Staub & Sons to schedule private roads. Postings with the information will be posted on the website and around town. The city dust abatement should be completed by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Vendor Licenses will be available at the City Hall starting Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> for the Flea Market. Mayor Wise spoke to those in attendance that any conferences or meetings that she attends for the betterment of the city are paid for either by a scholarship or out of her own pocket. No city funds are used for these events.

Councilor Smith: Was approached by a citizen calling the city council corrupt. Councilor Smith takes umbrage of this statement and reaffirmed that this council has been more than transparent. Residents/citizens are always welcome to approach the council with any questions or concerns.

Councilor Demaris: Thanks to Mayor Wise for all her hard work of 40+ hrs. a week for the city and its residents.

Councilor Briscoe: No Comment

Councilor Brandt: Thank you to Mayor Wise for all her hard work.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Clarke: Knows how much time it takes to be a city worker. He appreciates all the demanding work that the council and city office do and thanks them for their efforts.

AJOURNMENT: 4:36 PM

**MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith, Brandt voted to approve.**

Approved by the City Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2025.

Approved: 

Attested: 