

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm

- a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- b. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – Mayor Wise, Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Brandt and Councilor Smith
- c. VISITORS – Toni Thompson, John Young, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Kurt Clarke

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the December 12, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. John Young – grant work continues as SVFD receives ordered items.
- b. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
 - (1) The American Red Cross has a voluntary program to evaluate/replace smoke alarms. The city will inform the public through postings and placing a letter in utility bills.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – cash statement, property taxes came in, \$51K in the checking account. Major expenses for the month, Ducote Consulting, Gaslin, HECO, Hughes Construction, and Attorney Sully. There is \$479K in the LGIP. Appropriations, at the halfway point in F23/24, reviewed several budget lines to highlight the most at risk for possible adjustment (refer to 12/2022 appropriations handout for details). MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith motioned to approve and pay the bills as presented. All Councilors approved.
- b. City Utility Line Extensions – Responsibility of Cost – There has been discussion about a mainline extension because a new extension will be put in this year. The ordinance is written such that council has authority to establish procedures, however they are unclear. An offline discussion (a workshop) is needed to discuss and set the standards. Results should determine who/how to put in and pay for mainline extensions and rewording the ordinance to reflect the decision. Council members should review the ordinance and come ready to discuss the topic at the workshop. Final decisions will be made at the next council meeting.
- c. Resolution 425-24 – Transfer ARPA Funds from Wastewater Project to the Water Project – The resolution was read in full by the City Recorder. The Wastewater Project is still active and HECO Engineering will review the plans. This reappropriation to the water project will use up all remaining ARPA funds. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve Resolution 425-24 allowing diversion of ARPA funds from the wastewater project to phase 3 of the water project. All Councilors approved.
- d. Employee Handbook – Vacation Accrual Revision – for the vacation and sick time sections, the verbiage needs some rewording to clear up the policy. To be discussed in the council workshop.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Tabled – FD overhead doors, awaiting a second quote.
- b. Tabled – installation of a partition wall in city hall. The building permit for the work is approximately \$142.

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COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Mayor Wise – she distributed a rough draft copy of the Short-Term Rental (STR) operating license information to the councilors. Per Councilor Demaris, the city attorney would like to get this piece of the ordinance completed. Councilors should read in preparation for the upcoming workshop.
- b. Mayor Wise – the local military liaison provided a discounted membership application from Life Flight for veterans and active duty military.
- c. Mayor Wise – with Winter in full swing, city hall is again receiving complaints from residents about berms blocking their driveways. The city does not plow berms. The city will compile a list of private plow servicers and provide it to folks when they call in.
- d. Mayor Wise – Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) revenues collected by Baker County for Sumpter. Sumpter cannot take revenues back but can apply for grants to market or advertise city events. The mayor will research how to navigate the process. To be discussed at the workshop.
- e. Workshop is scheduled for January 18, 2024 at 9:00AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Jon Patterson – inquiring about the \$10 land applied effluent fee on the sewer bill and when it will be discontinued.
- b. Jon Patterson – suggesting that Municipay provide an auto-populate feature for market vendor business licenses on the city website.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:30 PM

MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Demaris /Councilor Brandt. All Councilors approved.

Approved by the City Council this 24th day of January 2024.

Approved: 

Attested: 