

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm

- a. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- b. **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe, and Councilor Smith; Mayor Wise and Councilor Brandt were absent. A quorum was present.
- c. **VISITORS** – Skip Duffin, John Young, Kurt Clarke, Kimberly Ballard, Toni Thompson, Lila Young, Michael Bogart, and Jennifer Lake.

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. **MSP: To accept the October 24, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. All Councilors approved.**

REPORTS

- a. **Fire Chief, Kurt Clarke**
 - (1) Thank you to all people/business owners who donated food and volunteers for the spaghetti feed. The event collected \$1290 in donations.
 - (2) The department is still working on fire truck prep and taking 911 calls as they come in.
 - (3) The Chief recently attended the regional fire chief's meeting. Other fire entities reported that they have purchased equipment with OFSM grants and that Sumpter is behind in that effort.
 - (4) The Chief submitted a bill for dispatch service from Baker County and mutual aid agreement for signature from Mayor Wise.
- b. **John Young**
 - (1) Young is working on the VFA grant and reports the city will receive approximately \$12,908 worth of new gear. The SVFD has accumulated approximately \$15,000 worth of matching hours. Plus, there is another \$1100 in expenditures that Chief Clarke authorized from the SVCV (a cash in kind) which can be used if needed. Young prepared three "envelopes", one each per vendor. When the checks are ready, the envelopes can be mailed. Vendors are requested to provide a bill of sale "paid in full".

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Gaslin Report** – There was significant activity this month, especially with CDBG grant: M2, HECO, Ducote Consulting. Other expenses: Gaslin, tank pump outs. Appropriations review looks okay with a few larger expenses, but overall, on target. Councilors approved Rob Gaslin as a check signer in the mayor's absence. MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve the payment of the bills. All Councilors approved.
- b. **Lot Line Adjustment, 09S3729DB, TLs 3600, 3703, Keegan** – no issues were raised. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motion to approve the lot line adjustment for Mr. Keegan TLs 3600, 3703 of 09S3729DB. All councilors approved.
- c. **Zoning Permit Application, 709 Sumpter Valley Hwy, Patterson** – a 96 sq ft shed on 5 acre lot. No issues with the permit were raised. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve the permit for a shed. All Councilors approved.
- d. **Museum/Library – Window Repair** – there is a quote from Ne-Hi Enterprise for \$1700. Two other vendors will be asked to quote with the hope of getting a cheaper cost. The topic is tabled.

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- e. Museum/Library – Ladder Quote – the quote came in at \$3500 (not including permit). The city will need to get the permit. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to approve the quote to put the ladder on the museum. All Councilors approved.
- f. Christmas Parade – SVCV – event insurance is due week of 11/20/23. Stakeholders, including ODOT, have been informed about the parade. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to approve the Christmas parade for December 9th with all pertinent paperwork coming into city hall. All Councilors approved.
- g. Grounds Rental, June 15, 2024 – Wedding, Dunn/Day – No issues raised. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to approve the wedding at the Grounds. All Councilors approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 425-23, Water Rate Increase – RV Park – the full resolution was read aloud previously. The added rates for RV Parks were read aloud during the meeting. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe motioned to approve the revisions to resolution 425-23. Councilor Smith owns an RV Park and abstained; all other Councilors approved.
- b. House/Lot Number – 840 Bonanza St., England – tabled from the last CCM meeting; the chosen number, 840, will be appropriate for the lot. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris motioned to accept the 840 address. All Councilors approved.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. John Young – stated that [apparently] there is no such thing as a “historical contractor”. There is no “agreed upon” certification or regulatory language defining a historic contractor. Paid contractors only need to have appropriate insurance/bond to do the work. Young wanted to pass this information onto the council.
- b. Kurt Clarke – “is the new hydrant hooked to a 6 inch line”? Per Councilor Briscoe, it is. Clarke “was asked a bunch of times”. Clarke heard a lot about yellow water. Per Councilor Briscoe, hydrants were flushed throughout the city. Per Councilor Demaris, the water was tested and is okay.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:28 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 12th day of December 2023.

Approved: 

Attested: 