

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 12, 2023

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 – Skip Duffin, Lila Young, Jennifer Lake, John Young

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the November 14, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith; Mayor Wise and Councilor Brandt abstained. All voting Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Department, John Young
  - (1) Switching over to structure fire preparedness.
  - (2) Fire grant items are starting to come in.
- a. Gaslin Accounting – There is approximately \$26K in the bank. AP list of checks, the largest being: DEQ, HECO, Gaslin Accounting, John Deere (grader lease Payment). \$26K in the water fund and ~\$390K in the LGIP. Appropriations: budget is looking good so far this year. Water fund has a significant outlay as we continue the project. Sewer is a little high due to the amount of tank pumping for the year. MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Brandt to pay the bills as presented. All councilors approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Wastewater Grant Project – Sisul Engineering has been sending Sumpter invoices for work done years ago and after the city had paid said bills years ago. The mayor spoke to Sisul and resolved the issue. HECO is our engineering firm going forward. The mayor suggested reallocating ARPA funds allocated to wastewater to the design needs in phase III of the water project. This must be done by resolution.
- b. Grounds, Keyless Locks – Locks are working in city hall and the community center. It is suggested to install three at the Grounds offices. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to move forward with getting keyless locks for the Grounds. All Councilors approved.
- c. Fire Department Overhead Doors Quote – current doors are in marginal condition and are not insulated. Two new doors are \$8100 from NE-HI for R-18 insulation value. Current doors are very old. The topic is tabled pending a second quote.
- d. Partition Wall in City Hall – it has been suggested to install a partition wall between the office reception area and the council chamber. It will provide privacy for meetings held in the chamber. It requires a permit from Baker City; however, the city can build it without a contractor. It will need a solid door, a quote from Arros Electric and the mayor wants total costs kept under \$1000. TABLE this for now until we get an estimate for the permit.
- e. Zoning Clean Up – a few lots in town are split by zoning boundaries, i.e. CR and R zones. In these situations, the full lot would be changed to the predominant use zone. The council has the authority to revise such properties to be one zone. Notifications to landowners would be followed by a public meeting and notification of the state.

OLD BUSINESS

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TABLED (11/14/23 City Council Meeting) – Museum Window – topic will remain tabled; a second bid has not been received yet.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Mayor Wise – Mayors Association membership dues, \$100.00. MSP: Councilors Brandt/Demaris to approve payment of dues to continue membership. The Mayor abstained from the vote. Remaining Councilors approved.
- b. Mayor Wise – the City Recorder wants to enlarge and laminate the Grounds map for Flea Market. Cost is \$104. MSP: Councilors Brandt/Briscoe to approve the expenditure and creating the map. All Councilors approved.
- c. Councilor Briscoe – city grader: the heat pump is nonfunctioning. Repair cost is \$1500; CB bypassed it as it is low priority to grader operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Jennifer Lake – inquiring about the cell tower lease. The city attorney is working with American Tower to come to agreement, no decision yet.
- b. John Young – Baker City FD is no longer available for EMR training/certification to SVFD. John is waying options for replacement training; expenses could go up.
- c. Councilor Demaris – she expressed gratitude to John Young for obtaining Christmas Bazaar insurance.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:34 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 9th day of January 2024.

Approved:



Attested:

