

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 13, 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 – Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Toni Thompson, Richard Summerfield, John Young.

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the January 23, 2024, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Department, John Young
  - (1) Not a lot to report, working mostly on medicals this time of year. Our medical director (Dr. Richards) has signed back up to continue in his role for the SVFD.
  - (2) CPR instruction/training has been lined up for our FD. EMR training can be done online.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report, Rob Gaslin – highlights of bills: HECO \$7500, OSFM Fire grant expenditures: OCS, Signs \$4000 and Traffic Safety, signposts \$6000; all other bills have gone through. Our cash balance is currently \$406K, of which \$200K is grant money that is not [really] available. Appropriations review: at over halfway point of the fiscal year, budget should be at approximately 50%. Administration and Road are a “little ahead” or on target; Flea Market and Fire Department have large expenses coming; material services for Water and Sewer are getting “tight” and will probably require a resolution in the next month to transfer funds into the account(s). MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt motioned to pay the bills as presented. All Councilors approved.
- b. Land Use Compatibility Statement, Sumpter Nugget, Justin & Jennifer Long – The Nugget requests approval to add wholesale to the processing portion of the business (Suite 103); in essence adding another license. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris motioned to pass this land use application. All Councilors approved.
- c. City Hall Office Hours – proposal to change city hall office hours: going forward, the office would be closed to the public on Wednesdays. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt motioned to close the city hall office to the public on Wednesdays. All Councilors approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. SVFD, Overhead Bay Doors, Powered Door Openers – the city has approved the quote from NE-HI for new overhead doors with powered door openers; the SVCV will be donating funds to cover the costs of the openers and installation of outlets by Arros Electric. The volunteers have allocated \$2000. Both NE-HI and Arros have projected a 3-to-4-week lead time for the installation to begin.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Mayor Wise – we are working with Ducote on a federal grant for next year to upgrade the schoolhouse community center. It will include air filtration, a generator, a new kitchen, etc. Community letters are needed to go with the grant application to increase the “feel good” nature of the project.

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- b. Councilor Wise – after a few meeting discussions, the city is moving forward with the wastewater project. Later this year there will be some activity including an environmental study.
- c. Mayor Wise – the city is awaiting response from the insurance company for the museum roof leak repair. We are also working on a grant that would pay for costs of roof replacement later this year.
- d. Mayor Wise – the mayor will be attending the LOC quarterly meeting on a scholarship award which covers the cost of expenses to attend it. The meeting is in April.
- e. Councilor Smith – the schoolhouse renovation [grant] is a big deal. It is basically a complete makeover.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Richard Summerfield – he has a question on the mainline extensions that it is going to happen. According to Mayor Wise it is “a work in progress”. There is a meeting scheduled for 9:00am on Thursday; more information will be available then.
- b. Jon Patterson – he wants to give a report on the ATV rally scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. The event is going to be a “big thing”. The event is being billed as the Pacific Northwest Trail Fest. It will be equal to or better than last year’s event. He also suggests putting up state highway signage to Sumpter businesses; costs may be covered by the TLT funds.

**ADJOURNMENT – 4:23 PM**

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

Approved by the City Council this 27th day of February 2024.

Approved: 

Attested: 