

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 12, 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 – Richard Summerfield, John Young, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Mike Bogart, Kurt Clarke.

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. The minutes document date is incorrect, revise and re-print. MSP: To accept the February 27, 2024, to approve council meeting minutes with date corrections as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
  - (1) Training is going well; there is a session coming this weekend.
  - (2) OSFM grant – purchases: tractor, plus, Kurt is getting a quote for a dump trailer.
  - (3) The city has applied for the OSFM Staffing grant. Possible award notice is the end of April.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Monthly Budget Report – There is \$354K in the bank. There are some large expenditures coming soon: CIS (\$7.0K), HECO (\$6.0K), OSFM Tractor (\$48K). Appropriations review, at this time of year there should be 25% left in budget line items. A few lines are approaching their budgeted limits: water fund Material & Services (16.74% remaining), and sewer fund Personnel Services (1.57% remaining). Councilor Smith suggests looking for grants for heat pumps for the library, due to the expense for Valley Wide propane. Discussion continued with further suggestion to track each tank on city properties. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Briscoe motioned to approve the expenditures and pay the bills. All Councilors approved.
  - i) It is budget planning season for F24/25, the city needs to schedule meetings.
  - ii) The 2022 financial audit is completed and will be issued on March 18, 2024. It is needed for USDA Rural Development prior to awarding further low interest loans to the city.
- b. Vintage Snowmobile Races at the Grounds, (OVSRC), Jake Bork – races scheduled for Saturday only, March 16, 2024, starting at 9:00am. At this point, OVSRC has not decided they will run yet (due to low snowpack and warm weather). The lot was plowed by the city today. OVSRC needs to complete an application and submit a COI. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe motioned to approve the vintage races at the Grounds on March 16. All Councilors approved.
- c. Forest Thinning Operations, 2025 & 2027 – the FS is planning thinning operations north of town. They request use of Ibex Street/Sheep Creek Road for access in 2025 and use of Badger St. in 2027 to access the areas for thinning. The city does not have jurisdiction over Sheep Creek Road as it runs on private property; we need to determine if there is an existing easement. When operations begin, Badger and Ibex Streets will require dust abatement.
- d. AGENDA ADDITION, Locked & Loaded Event – scheduled for April 5-7. Breakfast will be served at the community center and is open to the public; serving begins between 7:00 and 7:30am, April 6th. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve use of the community center for breakfast for the L & L group. All Councilors approved.

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OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Mayor Wise – components of the new water tower have been ordered, including the tank. The city was also awarded \$1.4MM for phase II of the water improvement project. The funds are earmarked for new transmission line and meters in 2025. The wastewater project goes to final design in August 2024; funding for 2025.
- b. Councilor Demaris – the city applied for a grant to upgrade the community center; a website was created for the center by Ducote Consulting. The project is for 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None

ADJOURNMENT – 4:25 PM

MSP: Councilor Demaris /Councilor Briscoe motioned to adjourn the council meeting. All Councilors approved.

Approved by the City Council this 26th day of March 2024.

Approved: 

Attested: 