

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 28, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm**

- a) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- b) **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Mayor Wise, Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Brandt. **Absent:** Councilor Smith
- c) **VISITORS** –John Young, Cindy Remington, Al Jones, Ron Shaplin, Toni Thompson, and Kurt Clarke

**APPROVE MINUTES**

- a) **MSP:** To accept the March 14, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All Councilors present, approved.

**REPORTS**

- a) **Fire Chief Kurt Clarke**
  - i) The department has been responding to calls.
  - ii) Department training sessions are going well.
  - iii) Going forward, the Fire Chief will limit VFD reports to the second Tuesday council meetings only.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Snow Removal Invoice, Museum/Library - MSP:** Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to approve the expenditure of snow removal from the building roof. All Councilors present, approved.
- b) **House/Lot Number Assignment, Richard Summerfield – Map 09S37E29BD, Lot 800 on Cracker Creek Road.** There is no system for assigning address numbers in Sumpter other than to anticipate likelihood of future development. House number assigned is 890 Cracker Creek Road. **MSP:** Councilor Brandt/Demaris motioned to approve the assignment of 890 Cracker Creek Road to the lot. All Councilors present, approved.
- a) **Zoning Permit, Nikki & Tim Rust – adding a shed to a lot at 410 Columbia Street.** Discussion followed about conditional use in the Residential zone (R). Ordinance 1984-3 states that RV's on R lots are permitted for seasonal use only at a fee per Resolution 396-21, City of Sumpter Fee Schedule. **MSP:** Councilors Damaris/Brandt to approve the zoning permit for a shed at 410 Columbia Steet. All Councilors present, approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Museum Contract – Mayor Wise** is still working on the contract verbiage. She will follow up with Toni Thompson during the week of 4/2/23.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

- a) **Mayor Wise** – the city received an email from Rick Elliott, ODOT Regional Bridge Manager. Following the water main break in the highway 410 bridge over Cracker Creek. He was checking on the city's plans for the repair. After the snow melts, the city will invite Rick and Andy Gehrke, HECO Engineer, to the site for consultation.
- b) **Mayor Wise** – Baker County Commissioner Bruce Nichols was hosting a ZOOM meeting regarding recycling mandatory recycling in Oregon state starting in 2025. The city must complete an assessment of

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- recycling needs. We should start soon with some items; security is an issue associated with dumping garbage.
- c) Mayor Wise – security cameras for city hall. Purchase four cameras set with no monthly fees. MSP: Councilors Brandt/Councilor Briscoe to approve the purchase of a four-camera standalone set. All Councilors present, approved.
- d) Councilor Demaris – proposes sending written notices for conditional use and zoning permits to be included with monthly utilities bills as a reminder to city residents of rules according to ordinances. The Fire Chief has information to be sent out as well. There is concern that some residents do not receive bills via US Mail. The letter will be posted in town and on the website.
- e) Councilor Briscoe – pertaining to the city graders, is the city to ready to put them up for sealed bidding? Mayor Wise to check with the City Attorney for the bid resolution.


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a) No public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT – 4:28 PM**

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

Approved by the City Council this 11th day of April 2023.

Approved: 

Attested: 