

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 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 – Mike Bogart, Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the May 26, 2024, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Briscoe. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
 - (1) The FD is working on training refreshers, including AED training.
 - (2) Red Cross smoke detector program: for those folks who signed up, they are getting installed on Saturday.
 - (3) Calls: none for fire, only medicals.
 - (4) He has a map of Forest Service project areas.
 - (5) Question: is water storage down compared to two years ago? The question is related to the upcoming fire season. Councilors commented that water quantity should be unchanged; however, the new tank will be installed this Summer and increases capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – cash statement: there are a few notable expenses this month: \$11K for the '21/'22 fiscal audit, \$6100 to HECO for the water grant, \$8500 to Ne-Hi for FD overhead doors, \$9600 to Trailer World for the fire grant dump trailer. Water remediation at the museum was \$2100 but will be refunded by insurance. There is \$345K in bank accounts, \$159K for the water fund. Appropriations: Water Material Services is headed toward being overspent; Sewer Material Services are over budget. These are the only areas of concern. Dust abatement options (water truck) for the Flea Markets should be considered, depending on weather. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to approve and pay the bills. All Councilors approved.
- b. AGENDA ADDITION: OSFM Staffing Grant – Sumpter was awarded funds to pay firefighters to be available (in town), June through October. This will put firefighters on the payroll.
- c. Zoning Permit, 171 First St., Dahlquist – for the installation of a 40' x 40' pole barn. There are several buildings on the property already. Setbacks comply. The applicant needs to be aware of the easement. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe motioned to approve the permit and not to build on the easement. All Councilors approved.
- d. AGENDA ADDITION: Zoning Permit, 428 N Columbia St., Stewart – setbacks look good. No concerns. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the permit. All Councilors approved.
- e. ATV Tours in Sumpter – discussion on the impacts of tours on the city and residents. The operator will need to have tourist insurance listing the city as insured (on the COI). Other issues include having a planned route, notification of residents of issues/objections and dust abatement. The topic is tabled for more questions.
- f. Grounds Pest Control – quote discussed. The city public works operators have made a drag to run across the grounds. The concern with the issue is the impact on expenses of treating the Grounds per

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the quote (budget concerns). There are several other higher priority projects requiring expenditure. Another factor to consider is that the rest of the meadow will not be treated, and critters can wander back into the Grounds. The main concern for the issue is safety: people tripping on the Grounds; so, dragging and filling in the holes is the priority. The quote will be tabled for the time being.

- g. AGENDA ADDITION: Sewer and Water Refund, Payne – this is a request held over from last year. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the refund of \$242 to Susan Payne. All Councilors approved.
- h. Mainline Extensions, Open the Sealed Bids – four bids were submitted:
 - i) King Construction Services: ~\$69,000
 - ii) Tri-County Construction: ~\$130,000
 - iii) Hueckman Contracting: ~\$98,000
 - iv) Gyllenberg Construction: ~\$118,000

King Construction will be vetted first since they are the lowest bid.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. High Street Address Assignments – no motion made at the last council meeting. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the following: lot 903 will be 211 High St; lot 904 will be 199 High St; lot 905 will be 189 High St.; lot 900 will be 185 High St.; lot 902 will be 181 High St. All Councilors approved.
- b. Water Sales at Volunteer Park – price for the meter is \$299 and will require plumbing and electrical. Flow rate of the spigot is 4.2 sec/gal. A price is needed for the water. How long will it take to repay it. Can it be deferred to the next fiscal year. Off gridders should set up an account: price should be the same as with city residents. Table it for now while we set up the plan. Follow up in June and purchase in July.
- c. RL Zone Property, Keath Paulo – there was further discussion regarding Paulo's Zoning Permit in the RL zone. Mr. Paulo submitted an email with questions. The situation was discussed with legal, and it is determined that improving the road, tree removal (tree ownership is in question) and utilities are at the expense Paulo. Prior to any development of the property, he must construct the street first. It must extend 25 feet past the property corner post and must be 25 feet wide to accommodate the utilities.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Mayor Wise – regarding the mainline construction project, the city has a utility development fee that was proclaimed in Resolution 131 but was never instituted. Some of the city sewer and water hookup fees should go into a fund for development of the utilities. The council should schedule a workshop to plan for the use of the funds.
- b. Councilor Smith – he was informed that Baker County was reduced from an extreme fire risk. This could influence insurance costs. Per Fire Chief, Baker County is a high risk due to reclassification of risk categories.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Kurt Clarke – are the mainline extensions going to happen and land surveyed? Pins have been identified.
- b. Jon Patterson – he is against putting in the extension and is putting in a remonstrance. The costs should not be on the "taxpayers shoulders" especially with the city's current financial status.

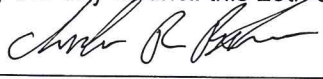
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- c. Jon Patterson – cutting down trees for the street signs; the grant should have included surveys. There will be big problems if trees removed from private properties. Per the Fire Chief, trees will be trimmed to remove fuels, but probably not tree removal.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:53 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 23th day of April 2024.

Approved: 

Attested: 