

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 9, 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, John Young, Al Jones, Jennifer Lake, Kurt Clarke

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the April 25, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
  - (1) The department continues taking calls, training, and equipment preparedness activities.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Sealed Bid Sale, Graders – Three bids were received and unsealed. The winning bid was \$4050.00 from Vince Richard.
- b. Gaslin Report – Rob Gaslin was absent, but provided a listing of bills to be paid which were read aloud by Mayor Wise. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve paying bills as listed in the report. All Councilors approved.
- c. Amend Resolution #396-21; Non-Sufficient Funds Fee – there was discussion about what are typical charges at other institutions. It's important to cover the city's administrative costs. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve amending Resolution #396-21 to include a non-sufficient funds fee of \$35.00. All councilors approved.
- d. Zoning Permit Application, 245 SE Climax St. – extending roof over the porch and building a garage on a corner lot; meeting the ordinance requirement for 40 feet from corner and 5 feet from the property lines. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe motioned to approve Wes Christensen's garage and porch roof permit. All Councilors approved.
- e. Fire Grant Award, Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department – the city fire department applied for an Oregon State Fire Marshal Office, Wildland Fire Grant and was awarded the full amount of funds requested. Funds will purchase equipment to reduce fire fuels and create defensible spaces, new city street signs and reflective house number signs within the city.
- f. Emergency Resolution 419-23, City Water Main & HWY 410 Bridge Repair – a water main break on the ODOT bridge this past winter damaged the bridge. This emergency resolution will allow us to repair the water main and bridge in the next month or so. The main will be repaired/installed, by boring under the creek. The resolution was read aloud in its entirety. Due to specific specifications outlined by ODOT, they will be repairing the bridge at the city's cost. Wheatland Insurance has been notified and will file a claim for the city. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to approve Resolution 419-23. All Councilors approved.
- g. Employee Evaluations & COLA – Thursday prior was a meeting for employee evaluations. It was recommended to give a 7% COLA to all employees. The COLA will go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Briscoe motioned to approve COLA increase for all employees. All Councilors approved.

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- a) City Recorder has come in and done a superior job, starting at a minimum wage. It is recommended to raise his pay by \$3.00. MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve \$3.00 increase per hour for the City Recorder. All Councilors approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. American Tower – the company, who leases land from Sumpter, is requesting a reduction of lease payments under the story that the major mobile phone providers were threatening to pull out of their lease with American Tower. The company followed up and submitted a new contract proposal for the city to consider. The issue will be tabled until the next meeting when Rob Gaslin.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Councilor Briscoe – SREC – regarding the water main repair is proposing a thicker pipe without a sleeve that is crush proof.
- b. Mayor Wise – letters were sent out to delinquent utility customers. One customer is very far behind and was sent a letter from the City Attorney and has not responded. The attorney has instructed the city to move forward with a small claims court suit. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt to approve proceeding with a small claims court suit for unpaid utility bills.
- c. Councilor Demaris – conditional use letter... any responses? There have been inquiries, but no payments for the permit. The City Attorney will send letters to individuals in violation of ordinances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Al Jones – suggest putting addresses of permits on city council meeting agendas.
- b. Jennifer Lake – can wooden street signs be saved for artistic uses? Is there a name for the bridge? Can it be named after a citizen?
- c. Kurt Clarke – is there insurance for the historical truck? No response from the agent as of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:40 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 23rd day of May 2023.

Approved: 

Attested: 