

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Brandt and Councilor Smith; Mayor Wise absent.
- III. VISITORS – Toni Thompson, Carol Krieske, Kimberly Ballard, Cindy Remington, Richard Summerfield, John Young, Gail Armstrong, Ron Fulwyler, Kurt Clarke

APPROVE MINUTES

- I. MSP: To accept the May 23, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- I. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
  - a) SVFD was awarded \$10,000 from the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant, Oregon Department of Forestry/USDA Forest Service. A private citizen will fund the \$10,000 and be re-imbursed by the grant.
  - b) The department will be purchasing 20 new wildfire shelters in cooperation with other department(s). The current shelters will be out of service.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Budget Committee, Budget Presentation – Sheri Wondra
  - a. Resolution No. 422-23 Impose & Categorize Taxes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to approve the resolution as written. Mayor Wise and Councilor Briscoe approved; Councilor Smith opposed.
  - b. Resolution No. 421-23 Approving Participation in the State Revenue Sharing Program - MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to approve the resolution as written. All Councilors approved.
  - c. Resolution No. 420-23 Adopting the Budget Fiscal 2023-2024 - MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Brandt motioned to approve the resolution as written. All councilors approved.
  - d. Resolution No. 423-23 Adopting the Supplemental Budget - MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to approve the resolution as written. All councilors approved.
- II. Gaslin Report – Appropriations: supplemental budget will address over expenditures in water fund and personnel services, sewer fund, etc. As a result of flea market, overextended by two dust abatements. Other top expenses of \$33,000 for tank pump outs, \$3162 for porta potties and \$1100 for dumpsters. LGIP balance is at \$250,000. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Demaris motioned to approve the payment of bills as presented. All councilors approved.
- III. Christensen – Water Bill – Van Christensen requested that his March and April water bills be waived because of the previous frozen pipe issue. According to Councilor Briscoe, water was made available to his property on March 1, 2023, but he did not want to pay a plumber to connect, therefore he must pay those months for the service. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to deny waiving charges in light of there being water available to his property. All councilors approved.
- IV. Flea Market Refunds – there were four requests for refunds from vendors for various reasons. Refunds totaled \$65.50. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Smith motioned to approve the refunds to the four vendors. All councilors approved.

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- V. Zoning Permit Application – 252 Granite St – The shed was placed prematurely without a permit. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to accept the application for the shed. All councilors approved.
- VI. Zoning Permit Application – 640 Park St - MSP: Councilor Brandt/Demaris to approve 20 X 30 pole barn on Martins property. All councilors approved.
- VII. Zoning Permit Application – 705 Granite Hill Rd – On site sewer system for 6 family RV sites. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Smith motioned to accept approving permit for Earl Rist. All councilors approved.
- VIII. Zoning Permit Application – Ron Fulwyler, on a bare lot - MSP: Councilor Brandt/Smith motioned to approve application for a garage for Ron Fulwyler. All councilors approved.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Mayor Demaris –Resolution 396-21 Fee Schedule, amended once. The cost of materials has gone up 15%, fuel increases, COLA, etc. She proposes increasing fees of labor, backhoe with operator, etc. Two scenarios were presented: 7% increase or 15% increase. MSP: Councilors Demaris/Brandt to make motion to amend Resolution 396-21 raising certain fees by 15% (except for Mr. Summerfield S/W hook up fee). All Councilors approved.
- b. Councilor Briscoe – in addition to the lawsuit mandated dust abatement for Flea Market weekend, Mill Street from Volunteer Park to High Street was added to the list.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Kurt Clarke – “Good job councilors, pay attention to Baker City’s council meeting tonight, there is a deal with the fire department. Don’t let it happen here.”

ADJOURNMENT – 4:50 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 27th day of June 2023.

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_

Attested:  \_\_\_\_\_