

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 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 – Kimberly Ballard, Toni Thompson, Richard Summerfield, Marilyn Delashmutt, Steve Delashmutt, Jessica Delashmutt, Cindy Remington, Skip Duffin, John Young, Jennifer Lake.

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the June 27, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Assistant Fire Chief John Young
 - (1) The fire truck has returned and is in good working order with a full tank.
 - (2) The “no ground fires” sign has been put up at the fire department.
 - (3) John Young and Mike Manning attended training on fentanyl.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – cash statement is high since the OSFM grant funds have been received. They were transferred to the LGIP account. On the expenses side it was a light month; expenditures included the City Attorney fee (\$4.4K), porta potties and dumpsters for flea market (\$4.0K) and gravel for city projects (water service installation(s)). As of July 11, 2023, the total cash balance is \$405.9K. The supplemental budget increased expenses for sewer as much as possible, however actuals exceeded the budget. Lastly, Mayor Wise requested an analysis of profits/losses from the flea markets after the Labor Day weekend is over. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Briscoe motioned to approve the payment of bills (there is an unknown dust abatement bill for \$961; need to investigate it). All Councilors approved.
- b. Gaslin Annual Contract – Gaslin’s fees for fiscal year 2023/2024 is \$1750/month (10% over last year’s contract). Plus, \$1400 per year for audits and other services. \$75/hour for non-specific CPA and \$150/hour for CPA staff services. MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris to accept new fees as presented. All Councilors approved.
- c. Zoning Permit, 364 Mill St., Daryn Jones – no concerns expressed with the permit application. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe to approve the zoning permit as presented. All Councilors approved.
- d. Zoning Permit, 6 Iron Horse Loop, Jim Valentine – this residence was approved in '22 for a building, however this year Mr. Valentine is revising/increasing the square footage of the building. No concerns expressed with the permit application. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith to approve the zoning permit as presented. All Councilors approved.
- e. Zoning Permit, 561 N. Bonanza St., Steve Delashmutt – although some questions were asked, there are no concerns with this zoning permit application. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith to approve the zoning permit as presented. All Councilors approved.
- f. Zoning Permit, 825 Manila St., Kenneth Baker – no concerns expressed with the permit application. As the lot is located in the R zone, Mr. Baker cannot leave an RV parked under the snow roof year-round; this is a violation of the Zoning Ordinance. To leave it year-round the pole building must be enclosed

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- (garage). MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith to approve the zoning permit as presented. All Councilors approved.
- g. Conditional Use Permit, 200 S. Bonanza St., Jessie Acuna – the lot is in the R zone and has three RVs on it; this situation classifies it as an RV park. Therefore, two of the RVs must be removed. They can be brought back for short stays, i.e., a week or weekend vacation, but must be removed at the conclusion of the stay. In addition, the sewer ordinance specifies that if a RVs is on the lot and sewer is available, the lot owner must hook up to the city sewer. A letter will be sent informing Mr. Acuna of the requirements discussed. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe to accept his conditional use but Mr. Acuna does not have to do it until 2024 if he chooses. Councilor Demaris withdrew the motion following discussion relative to changes to the ordinance and the verbiage on the CU application. Per Councilor Smith, “This should be put on hold” until Mr. Acuna finalizes his information about plans for the lot. Worthy of note: the city attorney and council are revising the zoning ordinance starting with improvement of definitions, i.e., “seasonal”, container setbacks, etc. When ready, the Council will convene a workshop to discuss the changes; the public is welcome but cannot participate. In January 2024, the city will begin to charge for conditional uses; a once per year charge of \$285.00.
- h. Refund, Leatherman, \$200 Cleaning Deposit for the Grounds - MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt to approve the refund. All Councilors approved.
- i. Refund, Weston-Feldmeier Wedding, \$200 Cleaning Deposit for the Grounds - MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt to approve the refund. All Councilors approved.
- j. Refund, Lazy Moose Cabin, \$50 Business License – as businesses are not permitted in the R zone and considering upcoming changes to the zoning ordinance, business licenses are not required in the R zone at this time. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris to approve the refund. All Councilors approved.
- k. Terry Valentine, Stump Removal at City Cemetery – Mr. Valentine has volunteered his time and equipment to remove stumps from the new section of the cemetery (not the section inside the fence). He requests that the city pay for the costs of the fuel. Discussion continued about residents’ interest in getting the new section opened and operating as a cemetery. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe to approve giving Mr. Valentine a stipend of \$400.00 for fuel costs. All Councilors approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Zoning Permit, 855 Park St., Higinbotham – at the June 27, 2023, city council meeting, this permit was approved contingent upon approval by Baker City/County building department. The department informed the Sumpter city recorder that there are outstanding issues with the property. As of July 11, 2023, those issues have not been addressed by the contractor; as soon as they are resolved, BCC Building Department will approve.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Councilor Smith – Oregon Excavating & Underground LLC wants to thank the city for cooperation and thank the SVFD and Library/Museum for everything they do. Therefore, OE&U presents a check for \$500.00 as a donation to the fire department and library/museum: \$250 going to each organization.
- b. Councilor Briscoe – the city public works department worked alongside Byron Hughes to clean out the McCully creek intake and sand filters. This work needed to be completed before construction of the new water infrastructure.
- c. Councilor Briscoe – as discussed at the February 28, 2023, city council meeting, there is needed maintenance and repair for the city grader. Councilor Briscoe is requesting approval from the council

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to move forward at a cost upwards of \$8000.00. After discussion of the uncertainty of cost, the councilors requested a quote in writing for the service.

- d. Mayor Wise – the ODOT Small City Allotment Road grant application for 2024 is in process, hopefully it will be submitted by the end of this week.
- e. Mayor Wise – in the near future, the council meeting procedures will change. Going forward, the meetings will start with a roll call of councilors in attendance. Plus, all motions will be followed by a roll call vote.

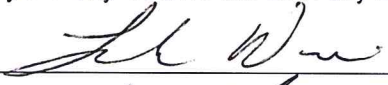
PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Richard Summerfield – he asked about the timing of the city water main repair because the installation of his sewer/water is delayed. The contractor for his project is the same as the city's and the contractor wants to do both jobs together while in Sumpter. Councilor Briscoe let Mr. Summerfield know that he spoke with the contractor, however no time frame for the work has been established.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:58 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 25th day of July 2023.

Approved: 

Attested: 

