

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
July 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm

- a. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- b. **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Mayor Wise, Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe, and Councilor Smith.
Councilor Brandt - absent
- c. **VISITORS** –Skip Duffin, Al Jones, Kurt Clarke, Jennifer Lake, Toni Thompson, Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson.

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. **MSP: To accept the July 11, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. All Councilors approved.**

REPORTS

- (1) No reports

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Conditional Use Permit, 380 Granite St., Livran/Siegrist – applicants are requesting to park an RV on the subject lot for temporary living space. Council scheduled a hearing (per Zoning Ordinance) for August 8, 2023 @ 3:30pm. According to ordinance, the hearing notice must be posted 10 days prior and notice letters sent to neighbors within 250' of the conditional use location. The public is invited.**
- b. **Sink Hole, 196 N. Columbia St, C. Scott – a section of Mr. Scott's driveway (covered by asphalt) is sinking within proximity of the sewer line. The City Public Works Department will dig a test hole to assess the situation.**
- c. **Employee Training**
 - a) **Drinking Water Distribution Basics in Baker City – a one day course for Public Works Department. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve sending both Tim Jacobson and Geoff Wells to the training session. All Councilors approved.**
 - b) **Municipal Fundamentals in Vale, LOC – a half day course for the City Recorder. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe motioned to approve sending Matt Armstrong to the training session. All Councilors approved.**
- d. **AGENDA ADDITION: Department of Land Conservation & Development Grant – The biannual Grant Young Memorial Planning and Assistance Grant was again offered to Sumpter. This year the grant is for \$2000.00, and the funds can be used to assist with planning programs. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to apply for the \$2000.00 grant to be used for planning purposes. All Councilors approved.**
- e. **AGENDA ADDITION: Mayor Wise – New Directions NW (Sharing Pantry) had funds available to assist with a food pantry for Sumpter. The organization purchased/donated a bear proof cabinet and is donating a \$250 gift card toward stocking the pantry with canned and dry goods. The city is requesting someone to donate time to build a platform/cover for the cabinet. The pantry will be located outside of the museum along the north wall.**
- f. **Dust Abatement, Labor Day – Ed Staub Co. quoted \$1.00 per linear foot for a one coat application of dust abatement on the streets for which the city is liable. Staub's total bill will be approximately the same cost as having Public Works to apply water throughout the 4-day event. MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Smith motioned to approve Ed Staub Co. for a one coat application prior to the Labor Day Flea Market. All Councilors approved.**

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OLD BUSINESS

- a) Contingent Zoning Permit, 855 Park St., Higinbotham – the Baker City Building Department informed Sumpter that all open building permits have been resolved. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to remove the zoning permit contingency and proceed with full approval of the permit application. All Councilors approved.
- b) Road Grader Repairs – an estimate was provided for grader repairs. Item charges are broken out by service and by repair. It is approximately \$5600.00. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to approve proceeding with the grader repairs. All Councilors approved.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Councilor Demaris – work is continuing on revision(s) for the Zoning Ordinance. Sumpter is working with Baker City coordinating efforts to assure compliance with permitting.
- b. Councilor Smith – Purple Knapweed is showing up around the city. If left unchecked, it can prevent growth of other vegetation. Herbicide was available at no cost through Baker County. The previous year, the chemical did not work very well. Mayor Wise will contact the county weed control to get their schedule.
- c. Mayor Wise – City Recorder needs to meet with the Fire Chief to line out the work plan for the OSFM Defensible Space grant. Tentatively, we need to work on signage this year: 1-signs at a good price at Snake River Correctional, 2-determine locations of signs throughout the city.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Jon Patterson – read a statement from a concerned vendor about the unsanitary condition of the porta potties and locked park restrooms during the 4th of July market.
- b. Jim Britton – of Cracker St. had a problem with a freezer in his garage. All food rotted and he is inquiring where he can dispose of it.
- c. Kurt Clarke – SVFD did garbage removal during 4th of July market; he asked if there were any complaints.
- d. Jennifer Lake – requested an update on the city water project/grant. Major Wise stated that there is a kickoff meeting this week with work to begin thereafter.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:38 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 9th day of August 2023.

Approved: 

Attested: 