

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 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 – Toni Thompson, Lee Siegrist, Elaine Livran, John Livran, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Charles Scott, David Scott, Nancy Lukens, Kimberly Ballard, Kurt Clarke, Doris Luker, Al Jones.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
 - (1) The SVFD responded to fires along Highway 7 supporting the Forest Service and other fire agencies; 3 vehicles, 5 firefighters from Sumpter were deployed. One of the fire trucks experienced issues and required a new battery. The Sumpter Nugget Café donated food and beverages for the firefighters.
 - (2) There were three medical calls during the week. A donation was made to SVFD from one of the patients.
 - (3) Medical gases were needed and purchased from Norco instead of through the Baker City FD.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – Rob complimented Councilor Demaris for her diligence with check review, even though she is not a signer. Cash statement, last month: \$20K collections of sewer/water fees, \$1000 in business licenses, HB 3400 of \$11.4K from cannabis tax. Checks to pay: Core & Main, other supplies and OTEC. Cash balance of \$138K in checking, \$28K LGIP fund. Appropriations review: there is only one month of activity; annual budget is updated for next year and there is nothing out of the ordinary. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris motioned to pay the bills as presented. All Councilors approved.
- b. Lot Line Adjustment Application – 09S3729DA, Lots 102,103,106, Malsom – proposed adjustments will improve access to the lots. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe motioned to approve the lot line adjustment for Mr. Malsom. All Councilors approved.
- c. Zoning Permit – 512 S Mill St., D. Scott – to erect a fence on the southern property line between the applicant’s lot and the Traders Outpost. Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the permit application. All Councilors approved.
- d. Short Term Rental – 340 Mill St., C. Scott – a Short Term Rental (STR) in a former shed at this address. The lot contains a home and this separate, converted shed as an STR; equating to two dwellings on one lot. There is only one sewer/water service to the property; each dwelling must have its own service. The applicant is requesting a conditional use for the dwelling (which is not considered a conditional or permitted use), two dwellings on the lot is an ordinance violation. The city proposes to Mr. Scott that splitting the lot into two tax lots with separate S/W service to each lot. The city, Baker City Building Department and Mr. Scott will discuss his options further.

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- e. ADDITIONAL AGENDA TOPIC, 380 E. Granite St, L Siegrist/E Livran – Conditional Use permit application for a travel trailer under a snow roof. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the permit for a duration of one year. It will require renewal next year. All Councilors approved.
- f. Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department, Electrical Improvements – The fire bays are short of 110 outlets. The SVFD requests 3 additional 20 amp inside and one on the outside, north wall.
- g. ADDITIONAL AGENDA TOPIC, 364 Mill St., D Jones – ATVs run through the alley to Farnsworth's place. Mr. Jones wants to put up a "breakable" line across the alley and erect a 'Dead End' sign to prevent access. Mayor Wise stated he cannot put a breakable cord due to safety risk. Councilor Briscoe stated it must be fenced/gated. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe motioned to allow Mr. Jones to install fence/gate across the alley and put up a 'Dead End' sign on alley. All Councilors approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. City Water System Redwood Tank – M2 Construction is working on it; the tank has been disassembled and redwood lumber is for sale to city residents. Trail cameras were installed at the city shop for security. A price will be determined and posted. The ladder is salvaged and will be put on the museum.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. No Comments


PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Kurt Clarke – redwood boards question: boards are 3" X 6" X 20'.
- b. Toni Thompson – shared historic pictures.
- c. Jon Patterson – will restrooms be open for Flea Market? Showers open.
- d. Jennifer Lake – requested a letter sent to the owner of the lot next to hers to spray. Permission was given to mow grass on Austin/Bonanza.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:51 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 22th day of August 2023.

Approved: 

Attested: 