

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm

- a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- b. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – Councilor Demaris, Councilor Brandt and Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise and Councilor Briscoe were absent.
- c. VISITORS – Skip Duffin, John Young, Kurt Clarke, Kimberly Ballard, Toni Thompson, Richard Summerfield, Jim Sheller, Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Veanna Stanton.

NOTE: This meeting is short two councilors and the City Recorder is on vacation. As a result, some agenda topics will be tabled until the September 26th council meeting: Fairview Alley plowing, OSFM and Water Tank grants.

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the August 22, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
 - (1) Fire restrictions have been lowered to campfires and chainsaw use. No ground fires or burn barrels allowed. Be careful.
 - (2) He also wants to check if ODF has sent the check for the highway fire? Council does not know.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – a few large expenses this month, the largest being Baker Sanitary for \$2774 for septic pumps; CIS annual insurance payment for \$38,000; grader repairs/maintenance with Coastline for \$6800; Ed Staub for dust abatement \$6053; ODOT sidewalk repair for \$6200; Gaslin invoice. Total expenses of \$73,000 for the month. There is currently \$81,000 in the bank and \$321K in LGIP. Appropriations Review: as it is still early in the fiscal year, the city is in good shape for each of the budget line items. Grant expenditures starting to come off, \$27,000 YTD. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith motioned to pay the bills and approve expenditures. All Councilors approved.
- b. Refunds - Fairgrounds cleaning deposit, overpayment of water bill and reduction of space length at the Flea Market. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith motioned to approve refunds to the Armstrongs, Bishops and Sinchicos. All Councilors approved.
- c. Lot Address Number – Sawmill Gulch Rd. Smith/Netland – numbers on the road are not consistent. The most logical number should be 583.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL COMMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. John Young – Labor Day Flea Market – vendors/visitors appreciated the green grass; however, the chronic Sage Rat infestation has gotten out of control. Several areas required fill during the market because some visitors tripped and/or fell; mitigation is required. John is requesting that the city grade

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the roads at the Grounds before Winter; they need TLC. Also requesting to re-seed the Grounds (vendors area). John commented about new proposed rule for the flea markets to require vendors to stay open until 1pm on Monday or risk their status as Homesteader; the majority of the vendors supported it.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:14 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 26th day of September 2023.

Approved: 

Attested: 