

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2022, 4:00pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm**
  - a) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  - b) **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** –Councilor Wise, Councilor Demaris, Councilor Leuenberger, and Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Lucas, absent.
  - c) **VISITORS-** Kimberly Ballard, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Vern Hollopeter, Kurt Clarke, John Young, Leanne Woolf, Albert Jones, Sherry Brandt, Mike Merritt and Kim Merritt.
- 2) **Approve Minutes**
  - a) Councilor Leuenberger said, “It seems to me the discussion with Mr. Young is a little light on the factual information, and who said what. And the same with number eleven, I hate to short Jon Patterson, he was mentioned also.” The Recorder pointed out that public comment is to address the Council and not to comment in general. Councilor Wise asked Councilor Leuenberger what he specifically wanted added to the minutes. He couldn’t say exactly what, he just wanted more, however he did want assurance that the emails from Dawn Kitzmiller would be part of the minutes. The Recorder read from the minutes (5 F) pointing out that the assurance was in the minutes themselves. Councilor Wise requested that Councilor Leuenberger, in the future, submit changes before the council meeting. Councilor Leuenberger said the minutes are a joke.
  - b) **MSP: To accept the June 26, 2022, City Council meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. Councilor Leuenberger, no. All other members present approved.**
  - c) **MSP: To accept the August 3, 2022, Special Session minutes. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Leuenberger. All members present approved.**

## REPORTS

- 3) **Fire Department-Kurt Clarke**
  - a) Sumpter is under extreme fire conditions. No mowing or weed eating dry grass is permitted. To include electric equipment.
  - b) Training is going well.
  - c) During a previous meeting the pump repair information was incorrect. The volunteer fire department members were not at fault for the pump needing repaired.
  - d) The grounds should be watered a little before the Labor Day flea market.
  - e) A letter could be sent out to owners of property with tall grass and ask them to mow it to reduce the fire hazard.
- 4) **Public Works-Tim Jacobson**
  - a) The non-chlorinated fire hydrant has been shut off in the street. It causes problems with the pump at the filter beds to have water drawn from this hydrant.
  - b) Once the parts to take the Redwood tank offline comes in, the work will be done.
  - c) Mr. Brooks, Warrenton Construction, looked at what it is going to take to get the Redwood Tank offline. No excavation or vault will be needed. All of the work can be done inside the water building. This will save the City a lot of money not having to dig and move power to complete the job. Mr. Brooks will be providing the City with a new estimate.
  - d) Levi Tickner is responsible for figuring out how to save time and money on the Redwood Tank project.

## NEW BUSINESS

- 5) **Pay Bills-Rob Gaslin**
  - a) Mr. Gaslin gave an overview of the bills to be paid. Grant and cannabis money came in this month.
  - b) **MSP: To pay the bills as presented. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Leuenberger. All members voted to approve.**
  - c) **MSP: To continue with Rob Gaslin as the City accountant. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Briscoe. All members present approved.**

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- 6) **Audit Report-Jordan Zwygart**
- a) Mr. Zwygart presented the 2019-2020 audit.
  - b) Councilor Leuenberger asked Mr. Zwygart if there was any clean up that needed done. Mr. Zwygart indicated that this was for 2020 and there could be no cleanup.
  - c) Councilor Leuenberger asked if the City needed to do a resolution to move funds from one account to another. Mr. Zwygart said yes. Councilor Leuenberger asked if we did, and Mr. Zwygart said no.
  - d) **MSP: To have Mr. Zwygart do the 2021 audit with the fee of ten thousand dollars. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present approved.**
- 7) **Planning**
- a) Michael and Kimberly Ballard, Shed addition-TABLED
  - b) Mike and Kim Merritt, House
    - i) Council discussed the commercial zoning of this property.
    - ii) **MSP: To approve the Merritt's house application. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present approved.**
  - c) Matt Armstrong, Shop
    - i) **MSP: To approve Matt Armstrong's shop application. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present approved.**
  - d) Jim Valentine, Shop
    - i) **MSP: To approve Jim Valentine's application. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Leuenberger. All members present approved.**
  - e) Patricia Downum, House
    - i) The trailer under the snow roof will be removed once the house is built.
    - ii) **MSP: To approve Downum's house application. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Briscoe. Councilor Demaris, no. All other members voted to approve.**
  - f) Charles and DeeAnn Smith, House
    - i) It is going to be built on the foundation of the old house, so the footprint isn't going to change.
    - ii) **MSP: To approve the Smith's house application. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present approved.**
  - g) Heidi Epler, Shed
    - i) **MSP: To approve Epler's shed application. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Leuenberger. All members present approved.**
- 8) **Resolution 414-22, General Election Ballot Measure 109**
- a) **To approve Resolution 414-22, a resolution referring to the voters of Sumpter proposing a ban on psilocybin products. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Leuenberger. All members present approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 9) **Redwood Tank-Tabled for new bid from Warrenton Construction.**
- 10) **Employee Handbook**
- a) Councilor Leuenberger pointed out discretion was spelled wrong on page 9, b.
  - b) Councilor Leuenberger would like the word, shall, be changed to, may, on page 10, Training, third line down.
  - c) **MSP: To approve Resolution 415-22 with the two mentioned corrections. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present approved.**
- 11) **Employee Certification Stipend**
- a) **MSP: To pay the mentioned stipends to Tim and ReNae, retroactive to when they got their certifications. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present approved.**



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12) **Councilor Comment**

- a) Councilor Wise asked the Council if they would consider reimbursing Al Jones and Mike Manning for the EMS responder certifications they just earned. **MSP: To reimburse the responders for their training up to three hundred dollars. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. All members present approved.**
- b) Councilor Briscoe said Greg Lucas (Mayor) is back in town and hasn't come in or checked in with City Hall. He has missed twelve meetings and workshops. **MSP: To have Greg Lucas removed as Mayor and have City signing rights removed and move Linda Wise in as acting Mayor. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. All members present approved.**

13) **Public Comment**

- a) Kimberly Ballard asked Councilor Leuenberger if his word was good regarding her property. She indicated that during the last meeting he stated if a lot line adjustment was completed the shed addition would be approved. Councilor Wise will listen to the recording to find out what Councilor Leuenberger actually said.
- b) John Young stated nothing reported at the last meeting was fabricated.

14) **Adjournment-5:23PM**

- a) **MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. All members present voted to adjourn.**

Approved by the City Council this 23rd day of August 2022.

Approved: 

Attested:   
ReNae Cameron, City Recorder