

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 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-** Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Carol Krieske, Mike & Kellie Baker, Vern Hollopeter, Geoff Wells, Al Jones, Kurt Clarke, and Leanne Woolf.

2) **Approve Minutes**

a) **MSP: To accept the June 28, 2022 City Council meeting minutes with the change. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present approved.**

b) **MSP: To accept the July 8, 2022 minutes. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Demaris. All members present approved.**

REPORTS

3) **Fire Department-Kurt Clarke**

a) Al Jones passed the National EMS certification.

b) There have been a couple ground fires.

c) 4th of July trash pickup went well.

d) 4th of July yard sale was successful and \$1010 was raised.

e) Fire pits are okay but burn barrels are not.

4) **Public Works-Geoff Wells**

a) Water isn't coming into the city like it should be, there could be a leak or it is drawing air.

b) The redwood tank needs to go off line. It is losing approximately sixty gallons per minute.

c) To shut it down a valve will need to be taken off of it and installed on the big blue tank. If it gets shut off the city may not have to go on water restrictions.

d) HECO is looking to find someone to change the valve.

e) Councilor Wise checked with the city lawyer, Ms. Sully feels this in an emergency and we can do what we need to do to get it fixed.

f) Councilor Wise also contacted Nick Ducote regarding the CDBG funds being used to pay for the fix. He doesn't think the funds can be used, but he will do some more checking. ARPA funds may be able to be used for it.

NEW BUSINESS

5) **Pay Bills-Rob Gaslin**

a) Mr. Gaslin gave an overview of the bills to be paid.

b) **MSP: To pay the bills as presented and half of the Sisul Engineering bill. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Demaris. All members voted to approve.**

c) Councilor Wise asked Mr. Gaslin if the City should change banks. Mr. Gaslin suggested doing an RFP to see what other banks will offer the City. Councilor Wise said she would check into bank fees.

6) **Planning**

a) Michael Baker Garage Application

i) **MSP: To accept the Baker's application. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. Councilor Leuenberger declared a conflict and abstained. All other members present approved.**

b) Dale Empey Storage Shed Application

i) **MSP: To approve Mr. Empey's application. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Demaris. All members present approved.**

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- c) Bill Zunino Shed Application
 - i) **MSP: To approve Beau's shed application. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. Councilor Leuenberger declared a conflict and abstained. All other members present approved.**
- d) Greg Bliss Lean To Addition Application
 - i) **MSP: To approve Greg Bliss' application. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Leuenberger. All members present approved.**
- 7) **Measure 109-Public Hearing**
 - a) Councilor Leuenberger made suggested changes to the ordinance. He would like the ordinance to go into effect immediately upon approval.
 - b) The Public Hearing is scheduled for July 20, 2022 at 9:00AM.
- 8) **Zoning Ordinance Committee**
 - a) Councilor Wise reported there has been interest from a few citizens to be on the committee. She asked Councilor Demaris and Councilor Leuenberger to be on the committee. They both agreed to be part of the committee.
 - b) Councilor Demaris would also like to work on enforcement of the ordinances. She went through the steps to tow a vehicle parked in city streets.
 - c) Councilor Demaris will reach out to the citizens and set a meeting time.
- 9) **Irrigation Property**
 - a) A few years ago, the Council at the time talked about selling the irrigation property. Councilor Wise asked the rest of Council if they wanted to sell the property.
 - b) Councilor Briscoe stated it can be irrigated again and he suggests not selling the property.
 - c) It was the opinion of the Council not to sell.
 - d) Mr. Clarke wanted to have first right of refusal if it comes up for sale again. Councilor Wise said this Council couldn't commit to that.
- 10) **Property Values-Leanne Woolf**
 - a) **Ms. Woolf talked about property values and how the community, events and citizens effect Sumpter. She also spoke about how property taxes depend on property values to sustain Sumpter and its budget. Ms. Woolf discussed her previous public comment topics.**

OLD BUSINESS

- 11) **City Hall Audio/Video**
 - a) Davis Computer is not available to provide a bid until September.
 - b) The City of Baker rep hasn't called back.
 - c) Councilor Wise stated, at the advice from the company from Boise, all that is needed is a better camera.
 - d) Councilor Leuenberger would like to have it installed professionally along with a security system.
 - e) Councilor Demaris suggested putting down carpet runners to help with the echo.
 - f) **MSP: To purchase the Nexigo 360 camera. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. Councilor Leuenberger, no. All others voted to approve.**
 - g) Councilor Demaris will look into security options.
- 12) **Tree Trimming**
 - a) The willows at volunteer park need trimmed and there is a dead pine that needs to be cut down.
 - b) **MSP: To have Tony's Tree Trimming service trim the willows and cut the pine tree for a maximum of eighteen hundred dollars. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. Councilor Leuenberger, no. All other members voted to approve.**

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13) **Employee Handbook**

- a) Councilor Demaris reported a workshop needs to be set for the Council to work on the pay scale. She is asking the rest of Council to have an idea of what rates they would like to see on the pay scale.
- b) A workshop will be set after the public hearing on July 20, 2022 at 10:00am.

14) **Councilor Comment**

- a) Councilor Leuenberger responded to portions of Leanne Woolf's property value concerns.
- b) Councilor Wise reported that the Wright House has been inspected by Baker County. The determination that it isn't in that bad of a condition. There is some work that needs done on the outside. The permits have been applied for through Baker County.

15) **Public Comment**

- a) Rebecca Patterson requested Leanne Woolf check her facts.
- b) Kurt Clarke said wood chips are a fire hazard. He also asked if during a wildland fire, could water and ice be purchased at the gas station for the fire fighters? **MSP: To allow Kurt to go to the gas station to get appropriate water and ice for the fire fighters. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Briscoe. All members voted to approve.**
- c) Kurt Clarke requested the road by his house be dust abated.
- d) Al Jones suggested the City use ADT as a security system for City Hall.
- e) Leanne Woolf said there are unsupported accusations against her family and her.
- f) Jon Patterson said he is not an ordinance inspector just the electrical inspector. He gave his opinion of the Wright House.

16) **Adjournment-5:29PM**

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

Approved by the City Council this 26th day of July 2022.

Approved: 

Attested: 
ReNae Cameron, City Recorder