

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – 4:07pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Wise, Charlie Briscoe, Marsha Demaris, Sheri Brandt, and Darold Smith.

VISITORS

Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Kurt Clarke

APPROVE MINUTES

No minutes were approved.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Wise reported that she and the other Councilors were sworn in by Mr. Armstrong on January 2, 2025.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – KURT CLARKE

No medical or fire calls. He suggested that everyone put together a bug out bag for emergencies. Emergency plans are fluid in the Sumpter area, there isn't a concrete plan. Discussion regarding water and pressure took place.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PAY BILLS – ROB GASLIN

Mr. Gaslin reported there is nothing exciting to report and the bills are usual. The Council didn't have any questions.

**MSP: To pay the bills for this month. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Passed unanimously.**

Mr. Gaslin gave the appropriations review.

NEW COUNCIL POSITIONS

Mayor Wise asked the Council if there are any changes in assignments for the Council. Council discussion took place. Councilor Briscoe will remain President of Council.

Bank account signers will remain, Councilor Wise, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Brandt and Mr. Gaslin.

Councilor Smith will become Public Works liaison.

**MSP: To make Darold Smith the Public Works department liaison. Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Demaris. All members unanimously approved.**

**MSP: To give Darold authority to approve spending up to twenty-five hundred dollars without Council approval. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Brandt. All members approved unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 436-24

LOC Free Legal Advice Program.

Mayor Wise read the resolution.

**MSP: To approve Resolution 436-24. Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. All members approved unanimously.**

ADA STREET CURBS

The State of Oregon is putting street curbs in Oregon cities. It has been approved to put curbs in at the intersection of Mill St and Austin St. Mayor Wise talked to a representative and tried to explain this isn't appropriate for Sumpter due to there only being one sidewalk and the other three curbs would go to nowhere. This is a forty-thousand-dollar project that the state will be paying. Discussion ensued.

**MSP: To reject this. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Smith. All members rejected unanimously.**

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GRANT COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT

Tabled for more information. Councilor Brandt will have more information later.

ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY

This is a requirement to continue with the water community development block grant project. This is not included in the CDBG funding. The cost is sixteen thousand dollars. Mayor Wise is looking into funding. The survey will be good for years to come. Discussion took place.

WASTE WATER GRANT

Sumpter is in the design phase of the wastewater community development block grant project. Discussion about signing grant and disbursement paperwork took place.

**MSP: To have Mayor Wise maintain status of reviewing and signing all grants. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Briscoe. All members approved unanimously.**

**MSP: Grant disbursement signers will be Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe and Councilor Brandt. Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe. All members approved unanimously.**

ELKHORN CREST RUNNERS

The runners have requested to come back this year and stay at the grounds.

**MSP: To approve the Elkhorn Crest Runners request. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. All members approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

FLEA MARKET

Mayor Wise met with Christopher Hobson, flea market coordinator, he is very enthused and would like to have daytime entertainment at the pavilion. He is also working on a fee schedule, there may be a ten percent increase. He is handling all of the applications and processing. This takes all of the work off of city hall. Once he has all of the information, a workshop will be held to go over everything. He would like Sumpter to participate in the Miners Jubilee. The Council discussed.

COUNCILOR COMMENT

Mayor Wise would like everyone to know that the new District Ranger is Jeremy Aujero and there is an open house coming up in Baker City.

Councilor Smith requested that people in the area not pull sleds behind ATV's. A citizen was plowing snow and almost hit a sled being towed.

Mayor Wise will be out of town, to the Capital for LOC Days. January 26-29. The rest of the Council is signed up for an LOC training in Baker City on January 31.

Councilor Brisco inquired about the second meeting in January. Most of the Council will be out of the area, so there will be no second meeting in January.

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Council discussed lot 13 in the Iron Horse subdivision water/sewer hookup.

**MSP:** To have owner of lot 13 in the Iron Horse subdivision pay full cost of hookup with the exception if they can substantiate a claim of the cost of the hookup was paid thirty years prior. The Council would renegotiate within a six-month window, water and sewer. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Briscoe. All members agreed to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Patterson talked about the snowmobile races and got clarification regarding this meeting and councilor swearing in and assignments.

Jon Patterson discussed removing trees from the city streets.

Chief Clarke said trees should be limbed up to twenty feet and street signs will go up when the snow is gone.


ADJOURNMENT

**MSP:** To adjourn. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. All members voted to adjourn.

5:08pm

Approved by the City Council this 11th day of February, 2025.

Approved:



Attested:

