

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Linda Wise, Councilors Charlie Briscoe, Marsha Demaris, Sherry Brandt, and Darold Smith.

VISITORS

Skip Duffin, John Young, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Matt Armstrong

APPROVE MINUTES

MSP: To accept the January 14, 2025 Workshop minutes. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.

MSP: To accept the February 11, 2025 City Council Meeting minutes. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.

MSP: To accept the February 12, 2025 Workshop minutes. Councilor Brandt Councilor Demaris. Councilor Smith noted that this is an OPRD grant based project. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.

MSP: To accept the February 19, 2025 Workshop minutes. Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.

MSP: To accept the February 19, 2025 Special Session minutes. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.

REPORTS

Fire Department (FD)/John Young. Has been quiet/only one call. Mayor Wise advised that OTEC made a \$1500 donation to the FD.

NEW BUSINESS

Gaslin Accounting/Bills: Provided Council with February bills to be paid for the month, to include grant payments. MSP: Pay the bills as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve. Mr. Gaslin went over the appropriations list. Councilor Demaris asked about audit; Mayor Wise advised it is still in process.

SVRR President Loretta Henry as asked to meet with Mayor Wise on 3/18/25 to discuss 2025 schedule & their 50th anniversary in June, 2026, and involving the community. They are inquiring about utilizing the fire hydrant near the Sumpter station for water when they run the steam engine this year. John Young advised hose with nozzle has been left at hydrant in past. More updates will be provided.

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Address Assignment, Lot 2900: Review of the address assignment map, previous Zoning application, and Council discussion, it was recommended that Lot 2900 be assigned address 840 Cracker Street. **MSP: Assign Lot 2900 address 840 Cracker Street. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

Volunteer Park Grant Update: Matt Armstrong made a presentation in regards to obtaining the play structures, type of surface and the pricing which at this time is estimated at \$151,781. Council discussed options for the playground surface. It was discussed that this is a reimbursement grant. It was suggested we revisit the structures and surface we would like to possibly lower price; and, other additional grant funding. Mr. Armstrong will look into other options. He further advised Council that the deadline for under \$100k grant is April 9 and over \$100 is April 30. A Workshop was scheduled for March 24, 2025 to continue discussion.

Cemetery Project/Grant: Mr. Armstrong advised that the \$8000 grant request is due end of April. The plan for this grant is to replace the perimeter fence. Other plans are volunteer and donations for grading the proposed site and cleaning up the existing area. As voted last year, the City will pay equipment fuel. The Fire Dept would sponsor BBQ for the volunteers for the existing cemetery area clean up.

Resilience Hub Grant: All the paperwork submitted. City awarded a \$25k grant submitted by Baker Co Emergency Management Awarded grant is for a generator, transfer switch, and connection to propane for the Community Center.

Cross Connection Training Recertification: Tim Jacobson is required to take 6-hour recert course. Cost is \$200. **MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

OLD BUSINESS

ADA Curb - Concerns, such as, safety – trip hazard, who is liable for plow damage, if they will be putting in a pad and grade up to it. Tabled until return call received.

COUNCILOR COMMENT

Mayor Wise: Wastewater Design Grant paperwork has been submitted. This is a \$515K full grant.

Councilor Smith: No Comment

Councilor Demaris: No Comment

Councilor Briscoe: No Comment

Councilor Brandt: No Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Patterson – concerned about where postings are placed & not on website. Postings same placings as always; website will be update when there is city staff available.

John Young – Lila Young will donate \$150 for new sign at the City Grounds.

John Young – Would like to utilize the Community Center the weekend of April 11 for the Lock & Loaded Jeep Club breakfast. **MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Brandt. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

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ADJOURNMENT: 4:43 pm

MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Brandt, Briscoe Demaris, Smith voted to adjourn the meeting.

Approved by the City Council this 25th day of MARCH, 2025.

Approved: 

Attested: 