

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 08, 2025

CALL TO ORDER- 4:01pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

VISITORS

Skip Duffin, Matt Armstrong, Gail Armstrong, John Young, Kurt Clarke

APPROVED MINUTES

MSP: To accept the March 25, 2025 City Council Meeting minutes. **Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

MSP: To accept the April 01, 2025 Special Session minutes. **Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

REPORTS

Fire Department (FD)/Kurt Clarke. No incidents to report, been quiet. FD is looking into two grants, the staffing grant and the volunteer grant (for tools). FD is setting up fire hose for the bonfire for the Jeep event at the Gold Post Grocery this coming weekend.

Cemetery Project: Matt Armstrong reporting for Terry Valentine advised the council that May 16th will mostly likely be the volunteer clean up at the cemetery. The city previously stated they would host a BBQ for the volunteers, however J. Young (Volunteers) offered to host on the city's behalf. Matt Armstrong is finalizing the grant for the cemetery project.

NEW BUSINESS

Gaslin Accounting/Bills: Provided Council with March bills to be paid for the month. **MSP: Pay the bills as presented. Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

Rob Gaslin advised that the budget is coming up, need to get advertising out for budget committee. Up to 10 budget members. Budget meeting set with Gaslin on 05/05/25 and 06/02/25.

Event Ground Ordinance/Resolution: The Ordinance needs to be posted and read per the City Charter. **MSP: To move forward with Ordinance 2025-1 and Resolution 437-25. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

Zoning: Permit for fencing at 108 Gazley Ln. **MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

Zoning: Permit for 615 N. Badger for a storage shed. **MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

Upper Water Tank Inspection: Upper blue tank is due for inspection. The council discussed the use of LiquiVision Technology. Levi advised that LiquiVision is a more cost-effective company to use and are in the area doing inspections. **MSP: To move forward with LiquiVision for upper blue tank inspection. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

Chlorine Sensor: Spoke with engineer and should be resolved with HECO. Tabled topic for now till further information is obtained.

Safe Drinking Water Application: City has applied for the loan if council decides to move forward. Archeological Study will be needed. Update that the loan is there if it is needed.

City Hall Water Damage Update: Mitigator and adjuster have inspected the damage. Majority of water damage is on the interior outside wall in the FD bay. Requested FD to move equipment for Busy Bee to treat the affected area. FD acknowledges the request and will move equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

ADA Curb: Spoke with engineer and the only curb that will be put in is where there is existing sidewalk. The council was advised to request knobs to be metal rather than plastic. **MSP: To request metal knobs for the curb. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Smith. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

Volunteer Park Playground: Special session was held April 1st, met with Matt Armstrong and voted to approve and move forward with submitting the grant. The City must match 20% which includes volunteer time, donations and such.

Tiny Home/RV inquiry on Lot 1001 Update: Still waiting for copy of RVIA certification. Once that is provided, we will move forward with the conditional use permit, along with a public hearing.

Contract renewal with Lawyer: Renewal of contract with lawyer. The final rate will be \$200/hr. which is an increase of \$25/hr. going forward. **MSP: To approve the new contract with the rate increase. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. Mayor Wise, Councilors Briscoe, Demaris, Smith voted to approve.**

NO COMMENT FROM COUNCILORS

Public Comment: John Young mentioned Beau Newhouse with his hit and miss engines for Memorial Market. Advised that Mr. Newhouse will be offered a spot for his showcase without charge and will reach out to him to confirm. John Young would like to move the LZ road, to make more room for vendors. John Young would like to volunteer hours to recover the event grounds grass, has ideas for pest control as well.

AJOURNMENT: 4:39 pm

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

Approved by the City Council this 22nd day of APRIL, 2025

Approved: Rich Wise

Attested: Lucina D. Ayala