

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – 4:01pm

- a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- b. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – Mayor Wise, Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe, and Councilor Smith. Councilor Brandt was absent.
- c. VISITORS – Skip Duffin, Nancy Lukens, John Young, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Joe Romano, Judy Romano, Cindy Remington, Jenny Long, Kurt Clarke

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the October 8, 2024, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. All Councilors who were present approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
  - (1) Fire season officially ended this past midnight. There is still potential for fires, be vigilant with fires.
  - (2) The spaghetti feed is on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- b. City Records Report is attached.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Volunteer Park, Sled Hill, Patterson – Mr. Patterson and the Merchants want to have more activities for children during the Christmas weekend and would like to construct a sledding hill at volunteer park/Granite St. The Mayor stated that she checked with the city insurance company who approved closing a street for sledding; they have other cities who do it as well. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe motioned to approve a sledding hill at Volunteer Park/Granite Street. All Councilors who were present approved.
- b. Storage Shelters on Private Property, Young – Mr. Young is purchasing two temporary portable storage shelters for his property that are composed of a steel frame and vinyl cover. He stated that the building department suggested bringing it to council for discussion. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Briscoe motioned to approve the temporary shelters on Mr. Young's property. All Councilors who were present approved.
- c. Land Use Compatibility Statement – Eastern Oregon Distributors, LLC (Sumpter Nugget Dispensary), applied for a wholesale license in March with the OLCC. For the time being, the business will be based in the Nugget Café when it temporarily shuts down for the Winter and will continue working with OLCC to finalize their permanent plan for the business. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve the Land Use Compatibility Statement. All Councilors who were present approved.
- d. Holiday City Council Meeting Schedule – due to the timing of the holidays and council meetings, there will be one City Council meeting per month for the rest of the year (November & December). These will fall on the second Tuesday of the month.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. The city's new water tank was leaking due to a loose bolt and was fixed.
- b. Councilor workshop:
  - The City Recorder informed the city that he is retiring in January but will be available to the city for part time work.

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- The city council is looking for alternative ways to run the flea markets and requested anyone interested can submit proposals. There will be an open workshop to bring proposals, possibly November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The city has discussed on several occasions the condition of Volunteer Park. Specifically, the play equipment; it is old and somewhat unsafe. Two pieces have been repaired or removed from the park.
- Sewer and water ordinances: the procedures and bills need to align with the ordinances. Council will work with the recorder to correct the situation.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Councilor Demaris – Ordinance confusion: Councilor Demaris stated that the owners of the home that burnt down in the CR zone were told they cannot rebuild their home. That statement is incorrect, they can rebuild.
- b. Mayor Wise – the sewer line at Mr. Patterson’s property at the corner of Cracker Creek Road and Granite Hill Highway will be moved/replaced in June 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. John Young – prior to the SVCV meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the old Episcopal Church (Volunteer Hall), the volunteers will have an Open House for residents of Sumpter. It is open from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, all are welcome to come.
- b. Jon Patterson – regarding Volunteer Park improvements, Mr. Patterson is suggesting installation of inground sprinklers. He spoke with the building department who told him volunteers can install them. He has started another volunteer group in town, 20 people. He asked if the city would mow the park weekly if they are installed? The snowmobile club would donate money if it were mowed. The park is mowed currently.
- c. Joe Romano – Mr. Romano asked what the management problems were with the flea markets. The council explained that it was not a management problem per se, it is relative to employees working the holidays and increased workload leading up to each flea market.
- d. Jon Patterson – he would like the merchants to take over the Christmas events in December. They are planning to put up Christmas lights around town. The council asked him to coordinate with the SVCV who also put up lights.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:35 PM

MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. All Councilors approved.

Approved by the City Council this 12th day of November 2024.

Approved: 

Attested: 