

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm

- a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- b. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – Mayor Wise, Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Brandt and Councilor Smith
- c. VISITORS – John Young, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Richard Summerfield

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the September 24, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
 - (1) Trucks winterized.
 - (2) Two EMS calls.
 - (3) Still large threat for wildfires due to amount of pine needles accumulating on the ground. Small campfires are allowed.
 - (4) There was a house fire: total loss, no injuries. They found the turtle later. Thanks to all fire agencies who assisted in extinguishing the fire.
 - (5) The spaghetti feed is October 29th, 4:30 to 7:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – cash statement highlights: Paige Sully, Gaslin, Core & Main and Baker Sanitary are the largest expenses; total cash is up to \$530K. Appropriations review: the most significant situation is in Water materials & services. Report is attached. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to pay the bills for the month. All Councilors approved.
- b. Lot Line Adjustment, Briscoe – Sherry Briscoe is the applicant. There is no change in the square footage. There was no further questions or discussion. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to approve Sherry Briscoe's lot line adjustment. Councilor Briscoe abstained; all other Councilors approved.
- c. Sumpter Cemetery, Donation of Equipment – Dave Simonson agreed to donate equipment for one to two months. Mr. Simonson requested an exchange of plots for the equipment. The stumps will be cleaned and burned. Terry Valentine has spoken with someone who has experience setting up a cemetery. The tentative plan is to have a portion of the cemetery cleared and ready for use. There are ten acres of clearing to happen. The topic is tabled following additional information gathering. Councilor Demaris wants the city attorney to draw up an agreement for the equipment for plots exchange.
- d. AGENDA ADDITION: speed signs, they will begin the work on October 10th. Keep your eyes out for the changes.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Councilor Smith – Thanks to the FD for a great job on the fire this week.
- b. Councilor Demaris – when will streets signs go up? Per Chief Clarke, soon.

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- c. Mayor Wise – museum roof done, under budget. The new tank has a small leak, and the contractor will be coming back to repair it. The existing tank needs repairing. The wastewater project grant was submitted for design and bids for construction in 2025. Water grant for 2025 will put a priority on getting the meters in first. Community center grant: waiting to see if it is funded. 2025 could have several grant funds showing up. In January grants will come available for working on the parks. Relative to TLT, we are looking at getting funds to upgrade the shower building. Short term rentals: Councilor Demaris has been working with others on STR rules and is getting close to finalizing them.
- d. Councilor Briscoe – the new tank is up and full, but as of today is still not online; due to leak that needs fixing.
- e. Councilor Demaris – Debbie is in charge of the Christmas Bazaar at the museum. They will need council approval. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to move forward with the Christmas Bazaar in the museum. All Councilors approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Kurt Clarke – the winners of the chili cook-off donated their winnings to the fire department (\$100). Kurt is going to add it to the FD petty cash in the city recorder's desk. The cash assists the FD when they need cash; they will keep and provide receipts for accounting purposes.
- b. John Young – the episcopal church is available for community events. The volunteers are doing their annual meeting there and will open it for an "open house". Will the vendors at the Christmas Bazaar be required to have proof of insurance? The past practice was that COIs were not required. Mayor Wise will check and report back.
- c. Jon Patterson – sewer line on his property: when is it going to be moved? Per Mayor Wise, it is on the schedule to be done. There was additional discussion relative to right of ways with Councilor Briscoe.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:06 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 22th day of October 2024.

Approved: 

Attested: 