

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 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 – Skip Duffin, John Young, Kurt Clarke, Terry Valentine, Kathy Valentine

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the October 22, 2024, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. Councilor Brandt abstained; all other Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. John Young
 - (1) All fire vehicles were moved to the shop and prepared for Winter storage.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – appropriations review: 66% left in the budget, administration is on track, fire is ahead and parks way ahead. Flea market and roads (100%) are seasonal and are on track. Water bonded debt, there is a \$42,000 payment coming in February 2025. Water Materials and Services are ahead of where they should be and sewer personnel as well. Cash Statement: there is \$56,000 in the checking account and \$252,000 in LGIP. Expenses are fairly ordinary with the exception of the vacuum truck which cost \$3100. Discussion commenced about interrupter tank pump outs. The question remains unanswered if the city sewer fee is enough to cover the increased expenses. Councilor Briscoe suggested a workshop should be scheduled to determine if that is the case. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve payment of the bills. All Councilors approved.
- b. Resolution 434-24, Limiting Liability on City Property – the City Attorney is recommending that the city pass this resolution that limits Sumpter's liability for certain personal injury issues that could occur on city property. The resolution was read aloud. Councilor Smith "asked what is the limit of the liability"? The limit of the liability was not found in the ORS cited. The topic was tabled until Councilor Smith does additional research on the topic.
- c. City Utilities Invoicing – from a previous meeting & workshop, the council was discussing the differences between the utility ordinances and actual administrative practices, i.e., due date, delinquency, interest charges, etc. Going forward, customers will receive an invoice instead of the current statement. Interest will be added after 30 days, and each invoice will have a due date.
- d. Zoning Permit, 572 Cracker St, Schroeder – adding a shop to the property. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe motioned to approve the zoning permit at 572 Cracker St. All Councilors approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Flea Market Management Workshop – councilors met with Travel Baker County who can assist managing the markets. There were several ideas for improvements. The mayor will meet with the County and dive into the details of how they can assist. This will be followed by another workshop. The mayor disparaged the rumors that the city wants to get rid of the flea markets... the council does not want to cancel the markets!

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- b. Cemetery Project, Progress Report – the cemetery committee reported on progress made on expanding and re-opening the cemetery. They also showed the council possible layouts for developing one half acre of the site. See attached documents.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Mayor Wise – the new water tank is up and should be ready to go; the generator is installed and on line. There is no second council meeting during November and December.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. John Young – turkeys!
- b. Kurt Clarke – do we know how many people are buried in the cemetery? The museum may have records. Next Spring we should do a community clean up.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:45 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 10th day of December 2024.

Approved: 

Attested: 