

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – 4:08pm

- a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- b. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – Mayor Wise, Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Brandt and Councilor Smith
- c. VISITORS – Thomas, Skip Duffin, Ryan Shanks, John Young, and others who did not sign in.

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the November 12, 2024, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. All Councilors approved.
- b. MSP: To accept the November 7, 2024, Flea Market Workshop minutes as presented. Councilor Smith/Councilor Briscoe. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. John Young - all fire vehicles were chained up and stored at the city shop. Medical training will begin after the first of the year.
- a. Deputy Sheriff Gabe Maldonado, Baker County Sheriff's Department – his role at the Sheriff's department is a liaison working with communities in Baker County. Deputy Maldonado provided the councilors with the department's jurisdictional limits and guidelines when it comes to law enforcement in the county. In short, their jurisdiction includes enforcement of state and county laws in the county. Ordinances, enacted by the will of the people of each city, are not the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's department; therefore, enforcement of city ordinance(s) is the burden of individual cities. Additionally, with ordinance enforcement there is the burden of citational adjudication. Deputy Maldonado stated Sumpter's 'no enforcement' dilemma is not unique in the county. It's a widespread issue that is not easily solved.
 - (1) The Sheriff's department will respond to the commission of a crime and confrontations in Sumpter.
 - (2) They also make traffic stops for state motor vehicle code violations on the state and county roads.
 - (3) Referencing Sumpter's recent right of way violation(s): these situations are not their jurisdiction.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – Rob Gaslin was absent for the meeting; Mayor Wise highlighted the major bills for payment: M2 Construction \$43,000 for mainline repair from November 2023. Annual John Deere Grader payment at \$15,000. Appropriations review; budgets are still within acceptable limits. Rob will be here for the January report. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe motioned to accept the expenses as noted and pay the bills. All Councilor's approved.
- b. Resolution 435-24, Fair Housing – the resolution was read aloud. There were no questions or comments. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve and accept the resolution as written. All Councilor's approved.
- c. Snowmobiling at the Grounds
 - a) Parking Lot Plowing – it was suggested to plow the Grounds parking lot throughout the Winter. This should minimize sod damage and provide parking for vehicles and snowmobile trailers throughout winter. The snowmobile racing organizers paid \$350 for plowing and \$1 for Grounds rental last year. Councilor Briscoe brought up that the cost of plowing could be shared so that the snowmobile racing club doesn't have to bear the cost. Perhaps the SVBMSC could pitch in some funds. Mike Bogart will address it with the club. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris

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motioned to plow the Grounds lot throughout the Winter and keep the fees the same as last Winter. All Councilor's approved.

- d. Snowmobile Racing, Jake Bork – Jake is projecting the races to be scheduled for MLK weekend and a weekend in mid-February or Poker Run weekend. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to approve snowmobile racing at the Grounds on dates stated in 2025. All Councilor's approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 434-24, Limited Liability on City Property – tabled during the last council meeting for further research of the source ORS (ORS 105.668 enacted in 2011). It was noted that it does not include ATVs. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve and accept the resolution as written. All Councilor's approved.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Mayor Wise
- a. Christmas Bazaar at the museum – the mayor has the SVCV letter. Mike Bogart provided the certificate of Insurance. The state (ODOT) issued a permit for the parade.
 - b. County Commissioner Witham has asked for a Sumpter resident to volunteer for the parks board. A portion of the tailings above the reservoir are county land.
 - c. For the next phase of the water project (the transmission line for McCully Forks), the Forest Service is still requiring the city to do an archeological study. The cost is estimated at \$15,000.
 - d. The wastewater project is moving on, construction could begin next year.
 - e. There will be only one council meeting in January. The 4th Tuesday meeting is cancelled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. John Young – the volunteers have both heaters going at the church allowing it to be usable.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:11 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 14th day of January 2025.

Approved: 

Attested: 