

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 28, 2023

**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** – Toni Thompson, Skip Duffin, Nancy Lukens, Jane Leatherman, John Young, Cindy Remington, Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Debbie Bliss, Greg Bliss, Sheriff Travis Ash, Ashley McClay, Al Jones, Ron Borello, Nikki Borello, Jenny Long, Mike Manning, Jennifer Lake, Lyle Olsen, Mike Davidson, and Kurt Clarke.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

- a) **MSP: To accept the February 14, 2023 Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith. All councilors approved.**

**REPORTS**

- a) **Fire Chief Kurt Clarke – a prepared statement was read aloud expressing a “disheartened” feeling about the volunteer status of the fire department within the city organization.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **GASLIN ACCOUNTING** – Mr. Gaslin reported that all bills have been paid and reviewed the full year’s budget report provided to the council. The general funds look “solid”. It is Notable that the Materials Services line item(s) are tight; with a good portion of the year left to complete. Mayor Wise advised that it is time to budget for Fiscal 2023/2024, Mr. Gaslin confirmed. The city will advertise a request for community volunteers to join the budget committee.
- b) **JON PATTERSON, LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT AND FUTURE LAND DEVELOPMENT** – Mr. Patterson is proposing lot line adjustments with Keith Christenson and Tom Strong. The adjustments would be advantageous for the landowners. Mr. Patterson’s second proposal is to subdivide his land off Sawmill Gulch Road. Lot sizes are currently not determined. Although the lots are out of FEMA flood zone, some of the lots will be built up. The lots will be put up for sale. At some future time, the existing RV park will be moved to accommodate the plan.
- c) **SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT UPDATE, SHERIFF ASH** – Sheriff Ash provided/presented a two-page document outlining 2022 statistics on staffing, corrections, dispatch, a new operations center, etc. The department started an incident dispatcher for some of the fires. If the Sumpter has a fire, the Sheriff’s Department can attach that dispatcher to the incident commander documenting all the actions taken during the fire. This will relieve the Fire Chief of excess paperwork.
- d) **MUSEUM FINANCIALS** – Ms. Thompson submitted a document summarizing operational activities, income sources, finances and listing of Board members. The board meets annually, however, is in constant contact on an ‘as needed’ basis. At present, the board does not have a Treasurer/Secretary.
- e) **REDWOOD TANK RESOLUTION** – the tank is offline; Paige Sully, City Attorney, has drafted a resolution to declare it salvageable. The resolution states the winner of sealed bids must dismantle it and “take all” pieces and remnants. The funds from its sale will help offset the costs of new construction.
- f) **ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION, ROBIN BROWN** – no issues were found with the application. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to approve Robin Brown’s building application. All Councilors approved.

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- g) **UNANNOUNCED UNSEALING OF BID(S) FOR THE CITY WATER PROJECT** – there is one bid from M2 Construction. The bid included required documents and a bid schedule. The bid will be sent to HECO Engineering for evaluation against construction plans. Total bid: \$2.66MM. The block grant is for \$2.50MM.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a) No old business.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

- a) **Councilor Smith** – working on a list of city properties improvements to submit for grants.  
b) **Councilor Briscoe** – requested setting up standard account with Coastline as approved for parts. **MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Smith set up an account with Coastline. All Councilors approved.** The grader needs service: oil change and a non-functioning tire sensor. An estimate for the sensor replacement is approximately \$4000. Councilor Demaris suggested putting the expense off until July (new fiscal year budget). Since the grader is still operating, the need for repair can be delayed but must be ready before the first snowfall in October 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a) **Kurt Clarke** – a question on fees for tie downs: cost of repairs to the community center by Hughes, Inc. was \$200 for structural screws per Baker County instructions.

**ADJOURNMENT – 5:06 PM**

**MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Demaris /Councilor Brandt. All Councilors approved.**

Approved by the City Council this 24th day of January 2023.

Approved: *Leah Wai*

Attested: *Matt Hummer* 3/14/23