

**CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
April 11, 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** –Skip Duffin, John Young, Al Jones, Jennifer Lake, Kurt Clarke, Rob Gaslin.

APPROVE MINUTES

- a) **MSP: Councilor Brandt/Demaris to accept the March 28, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. All Councilors approved.**

REPORTS

- a) **Fire Chief Kurt Clarke**
 - i) **The Fire Chief expressed thanks to all volunteer fire fighters, City Council and John Young.**
 - ii) **Ten SVFD went to wildfire recertification class; training is continuing.**
 - iii) **There is required testing of re-built pumps coming up soon, testing costs \$300. Fire hose testing is needed as well.**

NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Gaslin Accounting Report – Appropriations review: plenty of money in the general fund for the rest of the year. The Flea Market and roads are okay; however, water may need some adjustments by end of year and sewer is over extended. Bills: Baker Sanitary is a large expense this year (interceptor tank pumping), other significant expenses include OTEC, Gaslin Accounting, Paige Sully legal advice and Stage Stop. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Brandt motioned to approve paying the bills as presented. All Councilors approved.**
- b) **Resolution 418-23 Redwood Water Tank – the resolution was read aloud. Councilor Smith stated that the person who removes the tank should be qualified and provide a Certificate of Insurance. This should be added to the resolution. A Notice of Sealed Bid Sale will be advertised. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Smith motioned to approve resolution 418-23 with additions for qualified/insured contractor for tank removal. All Councilors approved.**
- c) **Resolution 417-23 Road Graders – the resolution was read aloud. An advertisement will include timeframe for bids, removal, minimum bid, highest bidder bears the cost of removal, and the graders will be sold as a package deal. MSP Councilor Smith/Briscoe motioned to approve resolution 417-23 as written and proceed with sealed bid sale. All Councilors approved.**

OLD BUSINESS - none

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a) **Councilor Smith – Oregon Excavating: The Certificate of Insurance (COI) was received from the underground excavation contractor; however, the contract is not completed. There is plenty of time prior to June 1, 2023, to complete it.**
- b) **Councilor Briscoe – per Tim Jacobson, City of Joseph (Levi Tickner) has a truck with a 1000 gallon stainless steel tank that could be donated to the City of Sumpter. It could be used for a water tank or for sewer pumping. Since the SVFD water tender can't be used as a water truck, this truck could fill a need.**

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The Councilor expressed that it could be a “money pit” and should be evaluated for its overall state of repair.

- c) Mayor Wise – the Baker County Planning Department has approved the addition of a T-Mobile antenna(s) to the tower in Sumpter. The mayor is informing the council and will find out what T-Mobile will pay Sumpter for the service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Kurt Clarke – inquired about his market analysis refund.
b) John Young – a mobile COVID vaccination booster vehicle is coming to Sumpter May 20, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. The City Recorder will post it to the city website.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:30 PM

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

Approved by the City Council on this 25th day of April 2023.

Approved: 

Attested: 