

**CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm

- a. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- b. **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Mayor Wise, Councilor Demaris, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Brandt. Councilor Smith was absent.
- c. **VISITORS** –Skip Duffin, Veanna Stanton, Toni Thompson, Kurt Clarke

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. **MSP: To accept the May 9, 2023, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. All Councilors approved.**
- b. **MSP: correct the typographical error on the May 2, 2023 Special Session minutes and accept. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris. All Councilors approved.**

REPORTS

- a. **Fire Chief Kurt Clarke**
 - (1) The Chief suggested deployment of the electronic reader board.
 - (2) Mayor Wise reported that the fire truck was not insured at the time of the shop incident.
- b. **Rob Gaslin, Gaslin Accounting – The May cash statement: expenditures for heating and interceptor tanks pumping are a significant impact. Currently, the city has \$279K cash on hand. Appropriations: there are continuing deeper over-expenditures in water, sewer, personnel, and material services; they will be corrected after supplemental budget discussion upon council approval. There were three unpaid bills which did not make it into the last council meeting. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Briscoe motioned to approve the payment of three bills as presented. All Councilors approved.**

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution 420-23 to Accept OSFM Fire Grant – the resolution was read in full and aloud. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Briscoe motioned to approve accepting the resolution for grant funds totaling \$124,300 for city infrastructure improvements to create and maintain defensible spaces for fire. All Councilors approved.**
- b. **American Tower, New Lease Agreement – the company has proposed to reduce payment for leased city land as well as other options. Rob Gaslin proposed the city negotiate the 99-year lease option (American Tower offered \$154K); he pointed out that as technology advances there is potential to lose the need for land leases for [cell towers] and the revenue from lease payments. The city could use that money now.**
- c. **Zoning Permit Application, 10 Mountain View Lane – installation of open sided woodshed on vacant lot. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Briscoe motion to accept Tim Jacobsen's zoning permit. All councilors approved.**
- d. **Zoning Permit Application, 640 Park St – this permit application was dropped from the agenda as additional details need to be worked out.**

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENT

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- a. Councilor Demaris – she contacted the city attorney (Paige Sully) regarding the draft application for Short Term Rentals. Paige is reviewing it and making it simpler. She will follow that with reviewing the draft ordinance to be presented to the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Kurt Clarke – UTV congestion could result in difficulty during an emergency call. The increased traffic from the rally and races may impede firefighters parking and responding in a timely manner. The council suggested roping off the area around the fire department bay doors. The Sheriff's Department will be enforcing violations on Mill St.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:23 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 13th day of June 2023.

Approved: 

Attested: 