

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 11, 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 – Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Skip Duffin, John Young, Kurt Clarke

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the May 28, 2024, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
  - 1) Clarke reported that he picked up the new Fire Chief vehicle today and invited attendees to see it outside the building. It does not hold water, Clarke applied for a grant for a skid tank.
  - 2) There have been no recent medical or fire calls. The department will be in training this evening.
  - 3) Clarke asked for information on city water tank capacities. In the event of a fire and evacuation, residents turn on sprinklers reducing water for firefighting. The FD could use a half million gallons very quickly during a fire.
  - 4) Fuels Reduction Grant – the smaller equipment that was part of the grant award are due in soon. Regarding street signs, there will be 178 locates needed during installation that begins in July.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – according to the cash statement there is \$380,000 in accounts. The most significant expenses during this period include Baker Sanitary at approximately \$5700 for tank pumps and portable toilets; Gaslin accounting at \$3300. On the appropriations side, sewer personnel services are over budget at -41.5%, while water materials and services are getting close to reaching the budget
- b. . There is a proposed resolution to correct the sewer & water budget. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve payment of the bills. All Councilors approved.
- c. Resolution 430-24, Transfer of Budget Appropriations in the Sewer Fund – the resolution was read aloud. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt to approve the resolution to transfer funds to sewer Personnel Services and water Materials & Services. All Councilors approved.
- d. Address Assignment, 09S3729CA, TL 401, Needham – review of the current address numbers in the area were considered and it was determined that the lot address number should be 670 Ajax St. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the house number selected. All Councilors approved.
- e. Refund Requests:
  - 1) Grounds Rental, Steffenson, \$200 Cleaning Deposit – The Grounds were left cleaned at the end of the event.
  - 2) Flea Market, Miller, \$30 Tables not Received – it was determined that Miller cancelled his tables at the start of the market. According to policy, no refunds are permitted within two weeks of the market start.

MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Demaris motioned to approve a refund for Steffenson but denied Miller's request. All Councilors approved.

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- e. Library/Museum, Unseal Roof Replacement Bids – two bids were reviewed, one from Hughes, Inc. the other from Landmark Contracting Services (three options quoted). Councilors asked for more information before they voted to award the bid. The questions were; the timing of installation and warranty from both contractors and materials used by Hughes, Inc. The topic is tabled until the next meeting.
- f. Regarding the main line extensions on Bourne Avenue, the City Attorney is working on a contract between the city and the property owners. The attorney felt it was a good deal for the city; other cities do these same types of deals. The topic is tabled until the contract is completed. Councilor Brandt asked for an update on the parts required for the installation. The parts were lower in cost than first reported and the city has setters on the shelf, in stock.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Councilor Smith – the Goldrush RV park will donate funds to pay for food at the FD training tonight.
- b. Councilor Brandt – the councilor inquired about the request status to reduce the speed limit coming into town. ODOT does the speed studies on a first come, first served basis. Sumpter was quite far down the list when it was requested. The latest update from ODOT puts the study being completed in July. Mayor Wise suggested that a flashing sign coming into town may help to warn drivers to slow down.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. John Young – brought up the condition of the Grounds electrical systems: missing and broken outlets. The sage rat issue continues with holes throughout the Grounds. They create a liability for the city due to safety. Does the county still do vector control? What is the liability for city to use traps & pesticides? Various topics of discussion about how to deal with the infestation including trapping, shooting, etc.
- b. John Young – can city trash containers and delineators be used for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July market? The SVCV are still working on having a Renaissance Fair during the 4<sup>th</sup>. They are working with the Transient Lodging Tax agency to secure funds. Young requested to use the northside of the museum parking lot for the belly dancers. Young and/or a crew will clean up the area in preparation for entertainers there, if approved. The council requested insurance for dancers and troubadours. Young will have details put together in time for the next council meeting. MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the use of trash containers and delineators by the SVCV for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. All Councilors approved. MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Smith motioned “on contingency” of receiving insurance proof from Ren Faire entertainers/vendors, to allow for the events Young wants to hold on the museum property. All Councilors approved.
- c. Kurt Clarke – Clarke saw a paper: “can council meetings be moved to 7:00pm”? The councilors were not aware of the paper. He stated that 7:00pm works for him so he put his name on it.
- d. Jon Patterson – Patterson presented a check from SVATVA for \$4000 toward offsetting costs of city dust abatement during Flea Markets. The funds came from PNW Trailfest participants, sponsors and business owners. The councilors thanked Patterson.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:47 PM

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

Approved by the City Council this 25th day of June 2024.

Approved: 

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