

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
June 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm

- a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- b. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE – Mayor Wise, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Brandt and Councilor Smith. Councilor Demaris was absent.
- c. VISITORS – Skip Duffin, John Young, Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Kurt Clarke

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: To accept the June 11, 2024, Council Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Brandt/Councilor Smith. All Councilors approved.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
 - (1) The fire danger level has changed to moderate. The city fire status sign will remain as is presently; burn permits are still required for campfires. The reader board entering town needs to be updated to show “no fireworks” allowed.
 - (2) The department worked on EMS recertification and has 45 minutes more training for completion.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 431- 24 Adopting FY '24/'25 Budget – the resolution was read aloud. MSP: Councilor Brandt/Smith to approve adoption of the budget resolution for FY '24/'25. All Councilors approved.
- b. Resolution 432-24 Impose & Categorize Taxes for FY '24/'25 – The resolution was read aloud. Councilor Smith pointed out that the city is not raising taxes. Mayor Wise stated it is the same rate as previous years. MSP: Councilor Smith/Briscoe motioned to pass the resolution. All Councilors approved.
- c. Resolution 433-24 Approval to Participate in the State Revenue Sharing Program - The resolution was read aloud. This revenue includes alcohol, marijuana, cigarette taxes. MSP: Councilor Smith/Brandt motioned to pass the resolution. All Councilors approved.
- d. Grounds Rental Refund, Dunn – cleaning deposit refund for the event. MSP: Councilor Smith/Brandt motioned to refund the Dunn’s \$200 cleaning deposit. All Councilors approved.
- e. Lot Line Adjustment, 09S3729CA, TL 402,500,600, Gazley – Councilor Brandt inquired about access from Bourne Road (Cracker Creek Road). MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Smith motioned to approve the lot line adjustment for Mr. Gazley. All Councilors approved.
- f. HECO Change Order, City Water Project – materials have slowed the project down, lines needed to be moved and waiting on supply issues, i.e. flowmeter, etc. The change will add 39 days to the project; rather than July 23rd, the project completion will be moved to August 31st. This adds costs, but contingency for delay was accounted for in the grant. The second document also addresses extension for M2’s time needed but does not add cost to the city due to the grant contingency. MSP: Councilor Smith/Briscoe motioned to accept the change orders as presented. All Councilors approved.
- g. Delinquent Utility Customers – customers with more than \$300 overdue accounts are sent letters notifying them their accounts are overdue and risk having their water shutoff. There are two accounts that are on payment plans, five accounts have not responded to recent letters. The city’s only remaining action is to shut off the customer’s water. The procedure is to hang a notice at the account’s location encouraging them to pay their balance or shut off water in 48 hours. It was affirmed that taking action on accounts over \$300 is a fair course of action for the city. It must be noted that the city is willing to work with overdue accounts, i.e. payment plans. MSP: Councilor Smith/Briscoe motioned to

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keep the overdue amount threshold at \$300 and maintain the 48 hours shutoff notice. All Councilors approved.

- h. Zoning Permit, Sawmill Gulch Road, Whistle Stop – documents sent to Baker City Building Department. MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Brandt motioned to approve the zoning permit for Whistle Stop RV Park. All Councilors approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Museum Roof Quote Follow Up – reference the hand out attached to these minutes. The bids vary on metal gauge, warranty, etc. The Hughes Inc. bid was lowest with the thinnest gauge metal and less favorable warranty. Councilor Briscoe reminded the council that Rob Gaslin (city accountant) reported the budget for the work is \$33,000; Landmark's quote is for \$36,000. The budget will require a revision to cover the difference if Landmark is awarded the job. Discussing funding, the city recorder reported there is approximately \$38,760 committed from various sources for the project. Further discussions focused on the merits of each quote; it was the overall opinion that Landmark's quote [although higher] was a better deal all around. MSP: Councilor Briscoe/Brandt motioned to accept Landmark's quote utilizing the 26 gauge metal. All Councilors approved.
- a. Renaissance Faire – John Young emphasized that this event is our traditional flea market, Ren Faire is an addition to it.
 - a. Rest rooms are ready to go.
 - b. FD is doing the trash pickup for a donation to their fund from the Volunteers.
 - c. The volunteers did get a sponsorship from Visit Baker to assist entertainers to get here.
 - d. Facebook posting – 7000 views so far. Lots of calls from vendors and postings around the region.
 - e. Entertainers coming include a town Cryer and belly dancers.
 - f. Archery competitors are interested but require a large area; possibly at Labor Day.
 - g. The volunteers are getting insurance.
 - h. Young requested the south side of the museum for an archery tournament. It is assumed the arrows are soft pointed and could not cause penetration wounds. Nonetheless, the council expressed concerns that non-lethal flying arrows could still injure spectators and expressed a need to contain the area (back and side drops) in some way to avoid such injuries. The vendor is insured.

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Councilor Briscoe – the wastewater pump at the city lagoon is out, public works had the pump repacked,
- b. but it still does not work; the problem could be the impeller. A repair contractor is coming up tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

ADJOURNMENT – 4:53 PM

- MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Briscoe /Councilor Smith
- . All Councilors approved.

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Approved by the City Council this 9th day of July 2024.

Approved: 

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