

CITY OF SUMPTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 9, 2024

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, Kurt Clarke, Laura Rolli.

APPROVE MINUTES

- a. MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the minutes upon revision noting that Councilor Demaris was not at the June 25, 2024, meeting. Remove her from 'Members in Attendance' list in the minutes. The mayor and three Councilors approved; Councilor Demaris abstained.
- b. Public Meeting Minutes, Budget Committee Recommendation - MSP: Councilor Smith/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the minutes upon revision noting that Councilor Demaris was not at the June 25, 2024, meeting. Remove her from 'Members in Attendance' list in the minutes. The mayor and three Councilors approved; Councilor Demaris abstained.

REPORTS

- a. Fire Chief Kurt Clarke
  - (1) The Chief asked about the FD budget line showing at 34%. Rob Gaslin stated it reverts to 0% as of July 1, 2024 (the 34% shows the status of the FD budget in June FY '23/'24 financial report). Gaslin further explained the significance of the FD budget status relative to the FY '23/'24 budget changing to FY '24/'25 budget.
  - (2) Several recent calls: fire, medical and life flight.
  - (3) A fire truck was given to the SVFD, including equipment. In addition, a fire station at the coast donated radios.
  - (4) Several locates were called in for street signs project.
  - (5) Fuels reduction activities have started on Cracker Street. They limbed up and cleared about 30 trees. The next location will be at Columbia and Bonanza Streets. Councilor Briscoe informed the Chief that the corner of Cracker and Granite streets was also requested for fuels reduction. Mayor Wise asked about the burn pile; Clark suggested parking the Tender there and continue to allow residents to dump debris, however it will not be burned until fire season is over. Wade Christianson stated that he would haul the ashes for disposal.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gaslin Report – budget numbers take into account changes from the last meeting. Appropriations review, we got close on personnel services for flea market, 5%, everything else came under. It was a rough month for expenditures. On the revenues side, the city received its first check in months for marijuana revenues; there was a donation from SVATV of \$4000 for dust abatement. Bills: CIS for \$42,000; dust abatement (Ed Staub) applied another discount putting the total at less than \$11,000. A check has been written for the original amount, it will be voided and a new check with the current amount will be generated. There were expenses for the fire grant. Currently, there is \$382,000 in the bank. Councilor Smith asked if there are other insurance carriers available to the city; Gaslin reported that CIS has the lowest rates, generally 10% to 15% lower. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Brandt motioned to approve the expenditures and pay the bills except for Ed Staub until a new check is cut. All Councilors approved.

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- b. Address Assignment, Sheep Creek Road, Rolli – per Councilor Demaris: to choose an appropriate number, we must account for the many lots that are plotted on this tax lot (at some future point it could be parceled and sold off; each lot address needs to fit logically and sequentially). It was suggested that since the TL is 200, make the address 200 Sheep Creek Road. MSP: Councilor Demaris/Councilor Smith motioned to approve assigning 200 Sheep Creek Road to 09S3728CD, TL 200. All Councilors approved.
- c. Acquisition of New Fire Chief Command Vehicle – 2003 F550 Ford that was used as a rescue vehicle by its former owner. SVFD will designate it as an attack truck. The plan is for it to be the first vehicle on scene of fires. Bowen Valley will loan SVFD a skid tank to use. The truck will be parked at the Fire Chief's residence and be available for fire response. The vehicle is in good shape and usable. All councilors expressed their satisfaction and approval with receiving the vehicle into the SVFD fleet.
- d. City Employee 2023/2024 Performance Evaluations – the mayor handed out forms
- e. to councilors for reference. An Executive Session should be scheduled to discuss/write the evaluations. The session is scheduled for next week, Monday, July 15 @ 9:30am.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

COUNCIL COMMENT

- a. Councilor Smith – feedback on the Renaissance Faire: some visitors expressed confusion about the focus of the event... was it a flea market or a ren faire?
- b. Mayor Wise – seven water customers with overdue account balances got door hangers. All but one customer paid some money toward their account balance.
- c. Mayor Wise – will attend the Mayors/Commissioners meeting. The topic is about the TLT and the mayor's intent is to explore how Sumpter can get a piece of the TLT pie.
- d. Mayor Wise – the museum roof work will start [hopefully] by the end of July.
- e. Councilor Briscoe – the lagoon pump is still not working. The city purchased pipe and hose for a suction line into the pump (they think the underground pipe may have a hole(s) and allows air into the system). The pipe costs are \$3000 to \$3500. If a new pump and motor are needed, we are looking at additional costs north of \$7000. ACI said if the motor can be rebuilt, it will be at a fraction of the cost to replace it. There is four or five feet of space left in the lagoon before it reaches critical capacity.
- f. Mayor Wise – city water system improvement project status: the pouring of the water tank concrete pad is progressing; the tank ring has been set according to Councilor Briscoe.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. John Young – all vendors had good feedback, very happy, even Nikki's. Ren Faire vendors want to come back next year. The Dredge reported to Young that they experienced a 15% to 20% increase in visitor traffic. Young feels the faire could grow over the next several years... "they all want to come back". He and a Boise Ren Faire organizer noted that the Grounds are a good location for future ren faires.
- b. Kurt Clarke – other fire departments keep giving SVFD equipment. It enriches the firefighting abilities of SVFD.
- c. Laura Rolli – maintenance of Sheep Creek Road: who do I talk to about that? Per multiple councilors, the road goes across private property until it reaches the FS. In the next year or so, the FS will be thinning forestlands north of the city and will need to improve the road for that work. The city doesn't have the finances or infrastructure to handle an undertaking of this magnitude.

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- d. John Young – he expressed interest in irrigating the Grounds with council blessing. He would like to keep the grass green. He is curious about the impact on the city’s water supply.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:43 PM

MSP: Councilor Brisco /Councilor Demaris to adjourn. All Councilors approved.

Approved by the City Council this 23rd day of July 2024.

Approved: *Lupe Wain*

Attested: *Matt Murray*