

CITY OF SUMPTER
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2022 4:00pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm**
 - a) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - b) **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** –Councilor Wise, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Demaris and Councilor Leuenberger. Mayor Lucas, absent.
 - c) **VISITORS-** Skip Duffin, Rebecca Patterson, Vern Hollopeter, Theresa Leuenberger, Kurt Clarke, John Young, Sherrif Ash and Deputy Maldonado.
- 2) **Approve Minutes**
 - a) **MSP: To accept the updated minutes of December 14, 2021. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Leuenberger. All members present voted to approve.**
- 3) **Fire Department- Kurt Clarke**
 - a) Thank the volunteers.
 - b) Some fire hydrants have been shoveled out.
 - c) The new 911 call out system is working well.
- 4) **Baker County Sheriff-Nuisance Ordinance**
 - a) Deputy Maldonado went over his rolls in the community and county. Complaint forms can be found on the Baker County website, printed and turned into Sumpter City Hall or to the Baker County Sheriff's office. He then went over the steps that will be taken after the Sheriff's office receives a complaint.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5) **Pay Bills-Rob Gaslin**
 - a) Mr. Gaslin gave an overview of the bills to be paid.
 - b) Discussion about the Stage Stop gas charge made by Mayor Lucas was discussed. Mr. Gaslin's suggestion was to follow the same process for any employee or council member on city business, file a mileage report requesting reimbursement. Then during the bill pay process, let the Council decide on reimbursement. Councilor Leuenberger suggested paying the Stage Stop bill and having the mayor reimburse the city the thirty-nine dollars and submit for mileage reimbursement. The rest of the Council agreed.
 - c) **MSP: To pay the bills for this month. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. All members present approved.**
- 6) **Grants**
 - a) Wastewater-Nick Decote has indicated he is willing to write a grant application for Sumpter's wastewater project. An agreement will have to be signed by both parties before he will continue. Councilor Leuenberger asked if he is willing to take a percentage or if he wants paid up front. Council instructed the recorder to reach out and ask that question to Mr. Decote.
 - b) City Hall Audio/Video-Due to the new House Bill 2560 (requiring governing body of public body, to extend reasonably possible, to make all meetings accessible remotely through technological means and provide opportunity for members of general public to remotely submit oral and written testimony). The council discussed funding for such a project.
- 7) **UV Station**
 - a) The UV station froze and needs to be fixed. The station treats water for one fulltime resident in town. Discussion of reducing the water bill took place. **The subject was tabled for more information of repair timeline.**


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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8) **Cell Tower**
a) **Tabled for the Mayor to be part of the discussion.**
- 9) **Councilor Demaris**
a) Employee Evaluations-Councilor Demaris asked the rest of council if they have all turned in their employee evaluations. Councilor Leuenberger indicated he has not turned his in.
b) Planning-Councilor Demaris asked Councilor Leuenberger if he has contacted Holly and where things stand with city planning going to Baker County. He will be reaching out to talk to Holly.
- 10) **Flea Market**
a) Fees-Councilor Wise asked if the Council will be raising fees this year or leaving them that same as last year. Councilor Demaris asked if trash and porta potty prices are going up. Council asked the recorder to look into that.
- 11) **Public Comment**
a) Theresa Leuenberger asked if July flea market vendors have been contacted to let them know there will be no July 4th market.
b) Kurt Clarke received a one-hundred-dollar donation from Jon Wolfe that needs to go to someone in need.
c) John Young would like to renew the Wright House lease between the SVCV and the City. He also asked if he could lease out the property during the 4th of July Flea Market.
d) Jennifer Lake asked if SVCV is providing a quarterly report like the Museum association is.
e) Rebecca Patterson asked if the firetruck has been fixed.
f) A discussion was had regarding the funding of the Fire Department. John Young reported the proceeds from the Hub and flea markets went into the Volunteers' account and that there is no Fire Department fund. Whenever the Fire Department needs something, the chief (Kurt Clarke) asks John Young and John then decides whether to give the money from the Volunteers funds. He usually agrees to provide the funding. It came out in the discussion that the septic tank at the Hub, that was installed without permits and was never hooked up, was paid for with City funds. (The complete discussion can be heard about the funding of the Volunteers and Fire Department needs beginning at approximately 1 hr. 07 min. of the audio tape of the meeting.) (Section f information was added at the request of Councilor Leuenberger.)
- 12) **Adjournment-5:16PM**
a) **MSP: To adjourn the meeting. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Leuenberger. All members voted to adjourn.**

Approved by the City Council this 25th day of January 2022.

Approved: 

Attested: 
ReNae Cameron, City Recorder

**CITY OF SUMPTER
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JANUARY 25, 2022, 4:00pm**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm
 - a) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - b) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE –Mayor Lucas, Councilor Wise, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Demaris and Councilor Leuenberger.
 - c) VISITORS- Joe Hitz (Sisul Engineering), Nick Ducote (Ducote Consulting), Jon Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, and Sherry Brandt.
- 2) APPROVE MINUTES
 - a) MSP: To accept the January 11, 2022 minutes, extended version with corrections made regarding the fire department. Councilor Wise/Councilor Leuenberger, all members present voted to approve.
- 3) REPORTS
 - a) Water Grants- Mr. Ducote
 - i) Mr. Ducote gave an overview of final design and grant funding. Business Oregon will be reviewing the grant for the design phase of the water project.
 - ii) Hopefully within two months of approval the project will start.
 - b) Wastewater Project-
 - i) Mr. Hitz gave details regarding the sewer project and the easement needed. Mr. Ducote suggested confirming the easement sooner than later.
 - c) The Council discussed both of the water and waste water projects.
 - d) Public Works-Tim Jacobson
 - i) Inflow at McCulley Fork has frozen up and no water was coming to town. This emergency caused Tim to call Cary Clarke to open the road to the intake.
 - ii) The water intake is up and running again.
 - iii) There is a leak in the transmission line from the intake to the highway and that will need to be fixed.
 - e) Planning
 - i) Tracy Wilson-MSP: To approve the Wilson application. Councilor Wise/Councilor Demaris. All present passed unanimously.
- 4) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Sewer Block Grant VS. 50/50 Grant
 - i) The Council discussed both options for the sewer project.
 - ii) The city's indebtedness was talked about.
 - iii) Councilor Briscoe was tasked to contact the city lawyer regarding indebtedness.
 - iv) MSP: To move forward with the block grant utilizing Sisul Engineering and Mr. Ducote. Councilor Wise/Councilor Briscoe. All members passed unanimously.
 - v) MSP: To pay Nick Ducote two thousand dollars to commence with the application process and any other fees will be deferred pending receipt of the grant. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Wise. All members passed unanimously.
- 5) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Flea Market Fees
 - i) Vendor fees, porta potties and dumpsters were talked about.
 - ii) Discussion about dust abatement, and 4th of July downtown vendor fees took place.

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- iii) MSP: To raise vendor fees by twenty-five dollars per flea market and do away with the COVID fee. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Briscoe. Councilor Wise, no, all other members, yes votes. Motion passed.
- b) Cell Tower
 - i) Council talked about the cost of negotiations. The Mayor will be reaching out to Mr. Cook. Tabled until a conference can be scheduled.
- c) UV Station
 - i) An estimate was presented to the Council to update the present UV station. The system is working temporarily right now. The Council discussed the building that the UV station is in. Councilor Wise will be contacting HECO Engineering regarding the UV station and possible UV treatment for the city. Tabled for more information.
- 6) Councilor Business
 - a) Councilor Demaris- SVCV has funds in the amount of one thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars and eighty-three cents that is earmarked for the SVFD.
 - b) Councilor Briscoe-It was nine thousand seven hundred dollars for the grader to be fixed. There was no charge to the city, Coastline covered this cost.
 - c) Councilor Wise-Workshop for ARPA money needs scheduled. Workshop scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 4:00pm.
 - d) Councilor Wise-Sumpter has been asked to participate in a survey regarding the Fresh Air Grant. Councilor Wise will be putting together a draft of the survey answers.
 - e) Councilor Wise- LOC has asked the City for support of increasing pot money revenue to ten percent. LOC would like a letter from Sumpter giving support. The Mayor will be sending this letter.
 - f) Mayor Lucas-Is starting a "Coffee with The Mayor" program. Call the mayor or the City to make an appointment.
- 7) PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a) Sherry Brandt-Discussed the Sumpter RV park google address. She would like to put a sign on city property to prevent RV's from going up Market Street. She presented a possible sign design.
 - b) Jon Patterson-Suggested better handicap access to City Hall.
 - c) Jon Patterson-Suggested stairs be added to access the museum/library roof.
 - d) Jon Patterson-Suggested getting rid of the good old boy club.
 - e) Jon Patterson-The ATV association is working on helping Sumpter with dust abatement and other things.
- 8) ADJOURNMENT-6:36PM
 - a) MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Wise. All members present voted to adjourn.

Approved by the City Council this 8th day of February 2022.

Approved: 

Attested: 

ReNae Cameron, City Recorder

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FEBRUARY 8, 2022 4:00pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm**
 - a) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - b) **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** –Councilor Wise, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Demaris and Councilor Leuenberger. Mayor Lucas, absent.
 - c) **VISITORS-** Rebecca Patterson, Vern Hollopeter, Theresa Leuenberger, Skip Duffin, Kurt Clarke, Sara Haynes, and Andi Walsh.
- 2) **Approve Minutes**
 - a) **MSP: To accept the January 25, 2022 minutes. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present passed unanimously.**
- 3) **Oregon Health Authority-Sara Haynes & Andi Walsh**
 - a) Baker County received a grant for behavioral health. Ms. Walsh provided information regarding a housing survey for health needs in Baker County. A survey will be going out county wide. Discussion about how to get this out to the community took place. To be a part of the Task Force, pick up a request form at City Hall or the Library.
- 4) **Fire Department- Kurt Clarke**
 - a) He thanked the crew.
 - b) There were no call outs.
 - c) Training is going well.
 - d) The fire truck that needs the pump fixed is ready anytime the Council is ready to send it out for repair. The volunteers can figure out how to get it delivered to Richland for repair.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5) **Pay Bills-Rob Gaslin**
 - a) Mr. Gaslin gave an overview of the bills to be paid.
 - b) **MSP: To pay the bills. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present passed unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6) **UV Information**
 - a) Councilor Wise relayed information she received from HECO about a city UV treatment system. Even if the city puts in a city-wide UV treatment system, the water will still need to be chlorinated.
 - b) The UV station outside of town only serves one house. Discussion about the main waterline coming to town and waterline easement was discussed.
 - c) Councilor Leuenberger will be looking into the tax maps and easement for Mr. Waymire's property.
 - d) Councilor Wise will be checking with HECO about the city main water line replacement.
- 7) **Sumpter RV Porta Potties**
 - a) The Council discussed the purchase and maintenance of the porta potties. It was determined porta potties are not something the City wants to own.

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8) **City Hall Audio/Video**

- a) Discussion about state mandated requirements regarding virtual council meetings ensued.
- b) It was suggested the city get consultation from a few companies to determine what will be needed for virtual meetings.
- c) Councilor Leuenberger suggested combining with security grant money and do it all at once.
- d) Councilor Wise pointed out that a determination for the security grant has not been made.
- e) It was brought up that this is something that does not need to be put out for bid, since the cost will most likely be less than ten thousand dollars.
- f) Councilor Wise will be making calls to get more information.

9) **COUNCILOR COMMENT**

- a) Councilor Briscoe suggested putting out an RFP for better ADA access to City Hall.
- b) Councilor Wise asked if the council wanted to replace the outdated Statutes books. Councilor Leuenberger pointed out that all this information is online for free. No books will be ordered.
- c) Councilor Briscoe reported on the OSHA ladder and Whistle Stop RV Sewer stub out complaints. There were no findings of wrongdoing on the part of Sumpter. Everything has been taken care of and the case should be closed in the next few days.
- d) Councilor Wise brought up the Sumpter RV parks request to put up a sign directing customers not to use Market Street. She wanted to note that the council directed the RV park to contact the state. Also, that Mr. Patterson requested that if the city is going to allow the Sumpter RV park to put up signs, he would like to put up signs for his RV park as well. Councilor Wise wanted to make it clear that the council has not given any permission for signs to be put up.
- e) Councilor Leuenberger spoke with Holly Kerns and Baker County would like to continue working on Sumpter's Planning department moving to Baker County.
- f) Councilor Leuenberger brought up the cell tower. Councilor Wise said the Mayor hasn't received any information yet.
- g) Councilor Leuenberger wanted to know who devised the form to get on the council agenda. Councilor Wise said it came from OMAR and that the city attorney will be working on guidelines for the council and visitors to follow during council meetings, to make them more professional. The recorder provided the form. Councilor Leuenberger felt it should be left up to the Council and not just the Mayor to decide what is put on the agenda. He suggested having the form filled out and the item being placed on the agenda, and if it is abused it can be changed.
- h) Councilor Leuenberger wanted to know where the three-minute limit came from, for public comment. He didn't think it was voted on to make it three minutes. **MSP: To limit public comment at the end of the meetings to three minutes. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. Councilor Leuenberger, voted no. All others present voted yes. Motion passed.**
- i) Councilor Briscoe went over the expectations of public comment. He also discussed how workshops should be handled. He said this information came from LOC and parliamentary procedures.

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10) **Public Comment**

- a) Theresa Leuenberger asked why Councilor Leuenberger is being left out of the decisions.

11) **Council Discussion**

- a) Councilor Leuenberger asked again about the form to get on the agenda.
b) Councilor Demaris and Councilor Wise said it came about at the suggestion of the city attorney.
c) Councilor Wise said after the city attorney puts it in writing, all the questions will be answered.
d) Councilor Leuenberger stated until then, the council can't make decisions and she (the Recorder) can't without appropriate procedures.
e) Councilor Demaris took classes on parliamentary procedure and would like to know why Sumpter can't function more professionally.
f) Councilor Leuenberger said we can, except you guys (the rest of council), implement these regulations, or she does (the recorder), without putting it to a vote of the governing body of this town which represents all those people (visitors).
g) Councilor Demaris questioned the use of parliamentary procedures.
h) Councilor Leuenberger said the rest of council better understand Roberts Rules totally if parliamentary procedures are going to be used. Also, that so much gets done without a vote.

12) **Adjournment-4:54PM**

- a) **MSP: To adjourn the meeting. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Demaris. All members present voted to adjourn.**

Approved by the City Council this 22nd day of February 2022.

Approved: _____

Attested: _____

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FEBRUARY 22, 2022 4:00pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm**
 - a) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - b) **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** –Councilor Wise, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Demaris and Councilor Leuenberger. Mayor Lucas, absent.
 - c) **VISITORS**- Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, and Vern Hollopeter.
- 2) **Approve Minutes**
 - a) **MSP: To accept the February 8, 2022 minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present passed unanimously.**
- 3) **Public Works-Tim Jacobson**
 - a) Mr. Jacobson reported the water coming in to town is low. The city may be on restriction pretty early this summer.
 - b) Councilor Leuenberger said he contacted the mayor of John Day and they have a pumper truck that the city can borrow to use at the filter beds. Councilor Leuenberger said he would be contacting Baker City as well.
- 4) **Planning Application**
 - a) Jeff Long- **MSP: To let Jeff Long build his house. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Demaris. All members present passed unanimously.**
 - b) Jeff Rice- **MSP: To pass Jeff Rice’s application for an addition. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 5) **Whistle Stop RV Water/Sewer Fees**
 - a) Councilor Wise asked if Mr. Patterson was going to put in a sewer dump and water spigot. Mr. Patterson said he will be putting in a sewer dump station and water spigot. Councilor Wise asked Mr. Patterson if he was going to put limitations on how much water the campers can be filled. Mr. Patterson indicated he was going to let the camper’s use what they needed.
 - b) Councilor Wise asked for discussion.
 - c) Councilor Leuenberger declared a potential conflict. Councilor Leuenberger said that Jon and Rebecca are friends, he has worked for them in the past and that he isn’t representing them right now.
 - d) The council discussed fees and billing based on Sumpter’s fees.
 - e) **MSP: To charge Jon Patterson, Base Rate, fifteen dollars; Dump Station, twenty-two dollars; Land /Improvement fee, ten dollars; and monthly fee for annual interceptor tank pumping, totaling one hundred seventy-two dollars per month for sewer. Also; Two Residential rates for six months of the year, ninety-three dollars and One Residential rate for the other six months of the year, forty-six fifty. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Demaris. Councilor Briscoe, no. All other members present voted to pass.**
- 6) **Advertising for the Flea Market**
 - a) **MSP: That we don’t do it. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Briscoe. All members present voted unanimously.**
- 7) **American Rescue Plan Funds**
 - a) **Tabled- Councilor Leuenberger is waiting for a call back from the well driller.**

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8) **Councilor Comment**

- a) Councilor Leuenberger suggested the city look at hiring the grant writer that is retiring from John Day.
- b) Councilor Leuenberger suggested the city bolster the funds to pay for drilling a well.
- c) Councilor Leuenberger suggested the city apply for the Leo Adler Foundation grant.
- d) Councilor Demaris asked Councilor Leuenberger if he looked into the easement on the Waymire property. He is waiting for map location. Councilor Demaris provided him with easement information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9) **Employee Handbook Workshop**

- a) Workshop set for March 11, 2022 at 3:00PM.

10) **Vacate application approval**

- a) **MSP: To approve the Class 1 Vacate Application. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Briscoe. All members present passed unanimously.**

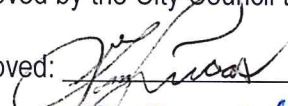
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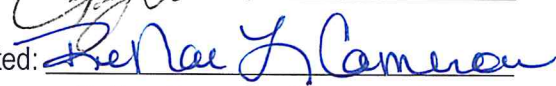
- 11) Jon Patterson-Discussed his dissatisfaction with some of the council members.

12) **Adjournment-6:03PM**

- a) **MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Demaris. All members present voted to adjourn.**

Approved by the City Council this 8th day of March 2022.

Approved:  _____

Attested:  _____

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- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm
 - a) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - b) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE –Mayor Lucas, Councilor Wise, Councilor Briscoe, Councilor Demaris and Councilor Leuenberger.
 - c) VISITORS- Michael Ballard, Kimberly Ballard, Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Toni Thompson, Nicholas Decote, Vern Hollopeter and Kurt Clarke.
- 2) Approve Minutes
 - a) MSP: To approve the February 22, 2022, minutes as presented. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Wise. Councilor Leuenberger, no, all other members present, yes, motion passed.

REPORTS

- 3) Block Grant-Nick Decote
 - a) Mr. Decote gave an overview of the next steps for the water grant. The city attorney needs to draft a letter for Business Oregon showing Sumpter went through the proper steps to procure HECO Engineering.
 - b) Until the contract comes from Business Oregon there is an interim period for the process to continue with HECO and Grant Administrator.
 - c) This is a one hundred percent federal funded grant.
 - d) Mr. Decote is still waiting to hear from Mr. Hitz regarding the wastewater project. The hopes are to be able to apply for the wastewater grant during the April, 2022 grant cycle.
- 4) Fire Department- Kurt Clarke
 - a) He thanked the volunteers to include John Young and Jim Sheller.
 - b) No calls in the last month.
 - c) There are trainings coming up.
 - d) A type six brush truck may be given to Sumpter.
 - e) Discussion about fixing the other pump truck took place. Councilor Leuenberger asked if the volunteers are going to pay for the pump truck to be fixed. Chief Clark said he asks the volunteers for smaller items, but this is the City of Sumpter’s truck, and the city should be responsible for maintenance. The mayor agreed.
- 5) Baker County Week Department-Jeff Pettingill
 - a) Mr. Pettingill is applying for a grant for weed control. He is asking Sumpter to participate and donate in-kind hours toward the grant application. MSP: Contingent on the city lawyer looking at the agreement, we participate, three-hundred-dollar in-kind donation with the weed department. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Wise. All members present approved.
- 6) Pay Bills-
 - a) Mr. Gaslin gave accounting information and gave a brief overview of the bills.
 - b) The water bonded debt annual payment is due this month.
 - c) MSP: To pay bills as presented. Councilor Wise/Councilor Demaris. All members passed unanimously.
- 7) Planning-
 - a) Salzmann partition application. Tabled, for date of survey and check on Mr. Myers licensing and under who’s authority it was completed.

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8) Water/Sewer Contractor Application

- a) Alan Hess would like to be a city approved excavator. Tabled, pending information of residential contractor working on city property.
- b) Lucas Variance- Mr. Lucas is requesting the setback for his property on Cracker St. be changed from fifteen feet to seven feet. MSP: To proceed with public hearing, posted with notifications. Councilor Wise/Councilor Demaris. Mayor abstained; all others voted to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

9) Phone Bill

- a) Councilor Demaris investigated updating the Century Link internet speed. MSP: To move forward and upgrade the modem and speed. Councilor Wise/Councilor Briscoe. All members voted to approve.

10) Nuisance Ordinance

- a) Councilor Demaris asked if the Council can give Chief Clarke permission to turn in buildings for fire danger. Chief Clarke said he could turn in property for fire hazards.
- b) Discussion about reporting nuisances took place.
- c) It is up to citizens in town to report a nuisance, not the city council.

11) Box R Lab CCR

- a) MSP: To ask Box R labs to do the CCR for this year for two hundred dollars. Councilor Wise/Councilor Demaris. All members present voted to approve.

12) American Rescue Plan Funds-Possible City Well

- a) The well driller has not gotten back with Councilor Leuenberger.
- b) Some of the ARPA funds could be used for locating meters in town.
- c) Funds need to be appropriated before they can be spent.
- d) A handrail needs placed at the water intake at McCulley.

13) Meter Locations

- a) The city is going to have to locate all of the meters in town as part of the water project. Tim Jacobson would like to get a metal detector to find the copper fitting on the water meter. He also would like to purchase fiberglass rods to place at each meter for ease of location. Feathers can be used if the meter is located in a driveway.

14) Budget Committee

- a) Budget Committee meetings need set.

15) Easement on Waymire Property

- a) Councilor Leuenberger looked over the easement and it doesn't specify where the water line crosses the property. Contact needs to be made with Mr. Waymire for more information.

16) City Hall Audio/Video

- a) Tabled for more information

17) Community Connections Agreement

- a) This is a Water/Sewer financial assistance program.
- b) The agreement was TABLED for city lawyer to look over.

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18) Councilor Wise

- a) At the recommendation of the city lawyer, Councilor Wise reminded the Council that they are public officials, and everything said and done is being recorded and is on camera.


19) Public Comment

- a) Jon Patterson- Would like to renegotiate Whistle Stop RV Park's water/sewer bill.
- b) Jon Patterson-Would like to know what kind of incentive, tax abatement and resources are available to new business owners.

20) Adjournment

- a) MSP: To adjourn the meeting. Councilor Demaris/Councilor Wise. All members present voted to adjourn. 5:44PM

Approved by the City Council this 22th day of March, 2022.

Approved: 

Attested: 

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 - b) **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** –Councilor Wise, Councilor Briscoe, and Councilor Leuenberger. Mayor Lucas and Councilor Demaris, absent.
 - c) **VISITORS-** Laramie Shanks, Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Vern Hollopeter, Jackie Epler, Richard Epler, LeAnne Wolfe, Debbie Bliss, and Mike Bogart.
- 2) **Approve Minutes**
 - a) **MSP: To accept the March 8, 2022 minutes as presented. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Leuenberger. All members present passed unanimously.**
- 3) **Public Works-Tim Jacobson**
 - a) Mr. Jacobson reported McCulley looks good and the screens are clean.
 - b) Water meter setters are on back order, they are taking between four to six months to come in. An order was placed in September and that order still hasn't made it to the city. There may be a possibility of only being able to do four water hookups in town this summer. The guys really worked at it and was able to find a meter for the Whistle Stop RV Park.
 - c) Mr. Jacobson requested the Council consider hiring Lee German to assist with finding the water meters.
 - d) Mr. Jacobson requested compensation for becoming Crossflow Connection Certified.
- 4) **Planning Application**
 - a) **Kyllo/Zunino- MSP: To accept the application. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Leuenberger. All members present passed unanimously.**
 - b) **Salzmann- MSP: To approve the Salzmann partition. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Leuenberger. All members passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 5) **Whistle Stop RV Water/Sewer Fees**
 - a) **Tabled for more information and Council attendance.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6) **Water/sewer Contractor Application**
 - a) Alan Hess- Mr. Hess would like to be able to dig water and sewer connections in Sumpter. **MSP: To approve Mr. Hess as a city approved contractor.**
- 7) **Community Connections Agreement**
 - a) The agreement was sent to the city Lawyer. The recommendation was not to participate in this program. The Council will not be participating in this program. The information will be sent in the delinquent notices.
- 8) **City Hall Audio/Video**
 - a) The Council looked over five options for audio/video for City Hall. The Council discussed the options.
 - b) Councilor Wise said a company from Boise came to City Hall and the representative relayed that City Hall is such a small job. The representative suggested the city purchase and install its own equipment.
 - c) Councilor Leuenberger asked about monitors. Then suggested to purchase everything together instead of piecemealing it together. **Tabled for pricing on monitors.**

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9) **Council Comment**

- a) Councilor Briscoe reported the sewer easement is done, and needs to be voted on. **MSP: To approve the easement. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Leuenberger. All members present approved.**
- b) Councilor Leuenberger reported that Eastern Oregon Rentals has a vacuum pump truck for rent. Rent is four hundred sixty dollars per day or sixteen hundred thirty-three dollars per week.
- c) Councilor Leuenberger said he called the well driller again and the well driller is not interested in drilling for Sumpter. Councilor Wise will check on a well driller.
- d) Councilor Briscoe stated there is a possibility for the fire department to get a grant for a well. This well can be used for fire suppression. Discussion ensued. A generator for power could be part of the package in case the power goes out. Councilor Briscoe will be following up with Chief Clarke.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 10) Mike Bogart suggested the Council purchase the audio/video equipment as a whole and have it installed by a professional.
- 11) Laramie Shanks reported the shuttle to Baker City is going to be running again. It is five dollars to ride.

Adjournment-4:40PM

- a) **MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Leuenberger/Councilor Briscoe. All members present voted to adjourn.**

Approved by the City Council this 12th day of April 2022.

Approved: _____

Attested: _____

ReNae Cameron, City Recorder

CITY OF SUMPTER
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 29, 2022 4:00pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm**
 - a) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - b) **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** –Mayor Lucas, Councilor Wise, Councilor Briscoe, and Councilor Demaris. Councilor Leuenberger, absent.
 - c) **VISITORS-** Rebecca Patterson, Jon Patterson, Kimberly Ballard and Mike Ballard.
Todd Blakley-Zoom.
- 2) **Public Notice-Lucas Variance**
 - a) The Public Notice was read aloud.
- 3) **Greg Lucas** said he is here to answer questions.
 - a) Councilor Demaris asked where the front door will be. It will be facing Granite Street.
 - b) Mr. Lucas' interpretation of the ordinance is that each side lot has a fifteen-foot setback each way because it is on a corner lot. He would like to get a variance for a seven-foot setback on the Cracker Street side of the lot.
 - c) Mrs. Patterson provided information from the ordinance. If it is a garage, it requires a five-foot setback.
 - d) Mr. Lucas said he is planning on doing a single car garage under the house.
 - e) Discussion about a garage and fifteen-foot setback took place.
 - f) A discussion about a culvert on Granite Street ensued.
 - g) Councilor Wise read an email from Carol Krieske; Carol Krieske was not in favor of approving the variance.
 - h) Todd Blakley asked for clarification, if the variance was needed and asked if the Council needs to move forward with the variance. The answer was, yes, because a corner lot requires a fifteen-foot setback.
 - i) Councilor Demaris asked about the decision setting precedents for other subpar corner lots.
 - j) Mr. Lucas was asked what type of building and size this is going to be. Mr. Lucas said about a five hundred square foot building with a garage underneath it for storage.


A decision will be made at the regular council meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Adjournment-4:28PM

- k) **MSP: To adjourn. Councilor Briscoe/Councilor Wise. All members present voted to adjourn.**

Approved by the City Council this 12th day of April 2022.

Approved: 

Attested: 
ReNae Cameron, City Recorder