



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Frank Kay

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The City of Maupin Budget Committee and City Staff have been diligently working on next year's City operations and associated costs. The Budget Committee is made up of the six City Councilors, Mayor, and six citizens. Special thanks to Dale Madden, Tammy Wimmer, Dennis Ross, Virginia Fuller & Tom Troutman for their service.

The Budget Committee has recommended for adoption by the Council at the June 24th Council Meeting a 2015-2016 annual budget that is balanced, responsible, and does not require an increase in Water/Sewer rates for the coming year. Highlights include: Total City Staff Costs (including the Public Works Director Legal Settlement) will be less than last year and will implement significant staff/job reassignments.

Our City Staff Team and I have been meeting, discussing, and planning how to achieve this, and we feel that we have a solid plan in place to operate more efficiently. The Council will be involved in finalizing these needed changes in June.

New Southern Wasco County Library Project Update

The City of Maupin is the owner and managing agent for the Southern Wasco County Library located in Maupin. The library operating expenses come through the Library Service District Taxes of Wasco County (funding operations in The Dalles, Dufur & Maupin). The capital cost of Library construction must come from other sources.

Currently, Maupin's library is 817 square feet in size- the smallest in the State of Oregon. We have over 700 members which is one of the top proportions of library users per population in the state! The current library building is about a half-century old and is energy inefficient and not easily or cheaply expandable.

Our community has an excellent and compelling case for a new state-of-the-art library in our small rural town. Major library grant funders (such as the Carnegie Foundation or Mellon Foundation) specifically target smaller rural communities for funding new libraries because a modern, technology- enabled library connects the community and its citizens to the world. For example, modern libraries can facilitate "distance learning" so rural citizens do not have to relocate to take college classes.

In order to "qualify" for a \$1 Million grant from a major funder, our community has to demonstrate need and local support. We have a strong "need case" and we are in the process of

demonstrating “support”. Support is measured by a local funding match of 10%-15% of the library construction cost. For us, that figure of “local match” is \$100,000 to \$150,000.

We are in the process of raising those funds now. We have been in the “quiet phase” of securing Leadership Gifts from local residents and businesses, and we have secured about \$30,000 so far. On May 3, 2015, we “kicked-off” our Major Gifts portion of the campaign with a SoWa Library Business Challenge by Rivermark Community Credit Union. Rivermark put up \$7,500 and “challenged” other South Wasco County businesses to join in with the goal of raising about \$40,000-\$50,000. We raised approximately \$30,000 that day with contributions from about 20 business & individuals. We are in the process now of following up on the remaining 40-50 businesses in South Wasco County. We hope to meet the Major Gifts goal of \$50,000 soon.

At the completion of this portion of the local match campaign, we should have about \$70,000-\$80,000. In June/July 2015, we will launch a broad-based public appeal for donors/gifts in the \$50 to \$1,000 range to secure the remaining \$20,000-\$40,000 needed for our \$100,000-\$150,000 grant match.

All contributions to the New Southern Wasco County Library are state & federal charitable deductions. Donors will be recognized in/on the new library building. It is our goal to have approximately 600 donors which represents about one-third of the households in South Wasco County.

The City of Maupin is the financial entity responsible for the funds and ultimate construction of the project. The City has established a “dedicated fund” for these contributions and grants, and we can only spend the funds on the library project. We have also engaged the premier library grant writer in the Northwest (Lynn Craig) who has successfully gotten grants for dozens of libraries in Washington, Oregon & Idaho. We have also engaged an experienced library architect, Mark Seder of Seder Architecture + Urban Design. Conceptual drawings are available at our Library & City Hall.

It is important to note that this fundraising effort is by far-and-away the largest, most ambitious ever in our South Wasco region. We are well on our way to success, having raised over \$70,000 so far. With your support, we can reach our local match goal to get the \$1 Million plus grant. Thank you.

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<p>“We are a safe, progressive community that cares for all our citizens and visitors while protecting our natural resources and maintaining our rural heritage.”</p>	<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2) Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>	<p>Executive Sessions ORS192.640</p>