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MAUPIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frank Kay, Lynn Ewing, Carol Rager,
Jon Helquist, Suzanne Knapp

COUNCIL ABSENT: Randy Bechtol, Denis Carlsen

Visitors Present: Karen DuPuis, Ralph Wimmer

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kay at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Kay recorded the attendance and led council and audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Fiber Optic Update
Recycling Center Financial Operations/Recap
Distribution of City 2014-2015 Audit
Systems Development Charges Discussion

2016 COUNCIL RETREAT AGENDA was discussed. A draft proposal of topics was presented. Following discussion by Council, it was determined that the following topics would be discussed in detail.

- Library/City Hall Options & Plans
- Infrastructure Assessment, Upgrades, Plans including water meters & metered water billing (Joy to prepare some data, and perhaps be available to discuss).
- Budget Priorities for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 (including health insurance, PERS, water & sewer rates, ODOT street project, and possible City RV Park upgrades).
- Nuisance Abatement Officer options/update

Q-LIFE/FIBER OPTIC PROJECT is moving along rapidly. The final grant funding paperwork was completed to receive the funds. It was motioned by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Rager, and passed unanimously; the City agrees to accept the two grants (\$28,504 and \$410,000) and sign contracts.

KAISER PARK and the associated plans, grant request, and process going forward was discussed. It was agreed that Mayor Kay & Councilor Rager were to put together a strategy to move the project forward with a local fundraising component, slightly revised plans, re-submission of State Parks funding request in 2017, and securing more definitive cost estimates.

RECRUITMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION & BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEMBERS was discussed. Multiple appeals for “volunteers” to step forward and serve has not produced full membership. The Planning Commission still has one vacancy of the five seats, and

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the Budget Committee has only 3 of 7 seats filled. Mayor Kay asked each councilmember to identify one or two people for us to actively recruit them to serve.


THE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CITY COUNCIL & STAFF event was discussed. It was agreed to schedule the clean-up the Thursday before our Annual Spring Clean-up Saturday (April 23rd). The Council and Staff would clean up Highway 197 from the north Maupin sign to downtown. We'll coordinate with ODOT and also encourage residents to clean-up their yards & streets. City Staff & Council would do the road-side clean-up between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21st, including a lunch.

A RE-CAP CHART OF CITY RECYCLING REVENUES & EXPENSES for the past several years was distributed. The data indicated that annual revenues were basically "flat" at \$10,000 per year, but expenses have risen dramatically in the past year due to depressed recycling redemption rates, increased hauling expenses & fees, and a suspected increase in our Recycling Center use by South County residents following closure of the recycling site in Tygh Valley. Efforts are being made to get the County to help pay some of Maupin's Recycling Center costs that are now solely borne by Maupin residents and fees.

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES were discussed to deal with two unintended/unanticipated situations in Maupin that are unfolding. The Council was in agreement that SDCs were meant to assign/recoup infrastructure costs associated with "new/expanded/additional" development in Maupin, not "replacement" construction. For example, SDCs were meant for "additional new house/business/building" not as a cost to replace an existing building of similar size/use that was torn down, burned down, etc. In other words, SDCs were to address "additional, not necessarily new, different demand on our infrastructure." Unfortunately, our SDC Ordinance & guidelines uses the terms "new development" and "new construction" interchangeably, thus resulting in confusion/uncertainty when to apply SDCs. The Council agreed to adopt new interpretive language to address this issue. In the meantime, the Council agreed to suspend collection of those SDCs in question, pending formal resolution, legal advice, etc. The Council also agreed to revisit the language in our SDCs that are based on "footprint" vs square footage and the 30% threshold for remodeling. The Council's intent was to not have SDCs be a substantial inhibitor of development/building/re-development/growth, but instead to apply to those projects that added to demands on infrastructure rather than replacement of demand.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Frank Kay, Mayor

SIGNED: 
Frank Kay, Mayor