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January 19, 2016
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PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frank Kay, Lynn Ewing, Denis Carlsen, Carol Rager,
Jon Helquist, Randy Bechtol, Suzanne Knapp

COUNCIL ABSENT: none

Visitors Present: Karen DuPuis, Dennis Ross, Ralph Wimmer, Keith Mobley, County Commissioner Steve Kramer

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.

Mayor Kay passed out the City Council Meeting Calendar for 2016. All council meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Kay acknowledged the City of Maupin's Notice of Supplemental Budget & Hearing and clarified that the Supplemental Budget hearings/adoption for next week involve authorizing the City's receipt of unanticipated grant funds (for the fiber optic project and special library programs) and their appropriate expenditure. They are not increases in taxes, emergency expenditures, or other negative-impact items, just that we did not anticipate receiving these funds in the 2015-2016 budget year when we crafted the budget last spring. In situations like this, we are required by the State to go through a "Supplemental Budget Process".

CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCLUSION OF THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF MAUPIN WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROPOSED SOUTH WASCO PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT. County

Commissioner Steve Kramer and Volunteer Keith Mobley presented a draft Resolution approving the inclusion of the City of Maupin within the boundaries of the proposed South Wasco Park & Recreation District. This new, non-taxing district would be similar to our rural fire districts, water districts, etc. It would function not unlike the North Wasco County Park & Recreation District, just not taxing. The City of Maupin is in the middle of this district (which approximates the boundaries of the South Wasco County School District). The cities of Antelope and Shaniko have already approved becoming part of this new district. Wasco County would be the administering agency for the formation. A recent survey of South Wasco residents indicated a 91% approval rating for creating such a district. Benefits include region-wide planning, coordinating, and grant seeking for both tourist-related recreation and resident-targeted programs (such as day camps, playgrounds, sports leagues, etc.). A large geographical area (about 500 square miles and some 3000+ people) would be stronger than various unrelated,

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unofficial community groups or citizens. This project was identified as a major effort of the South Wasco Alliance, a relatively new organization that is focusing on economic & community development in our area. The City of Maupin is a key component of the SWA. The new SWCP&R District would not own or manage the City of Maupin parks. The City could also opt-out of the district at anytime, and that condition was put into the resolution. It was moved by Councilor Ewing and seconded by Councilor Helquist to adopt this resolution as amended. Passed 7-0.

DISCUSS PROPOSED PARK USAGE FEES TO BE PRESENTED TO PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 27. Councilor Rager presented a revised draft of a Resolution establishing the usage of and fees for the City's RV Park, effective February 1, 2016. The fees were last adjusted in July 2014. In addition to inflationary/incremental adjustments, we created new "seasonal rate" categories (peak season, standard season, and off-season) that reflect our high-medium-low demand months. Also, provisions were made to "reward frequent flyers" who stay at the RV Park for long periods in Spring & Fall (20% discount for 15-30 days, and 35% discount for 31+days). Of course, seniors and military/veterans also receive a discount, too. The advance reservation policy was also changed so that we would not forego significant revenue if someone cancels a reservation at the last minute. This resolution and the changes were discussed in detail in preparation for next week's public hearing and adoption.

Also discussed was doing some up-grades and repairs to the City Park bathrooms and Community Building, which our Public Works Department are doing this winter/spring. Also discussed was the closing-off of the Mountain Fir Community Park (Baseball/Skateboard Park) for overnight RV and other camping.

NEXT MEETING. January 27, 2016

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Frank Kay, Mayor

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Frank Kay, Mayor