PRESIDING: Mayor Lynn Ewing

COUNCIL PRESENT: Lynn Ewing, Carol Rager, Dennis Ross, Suzanne Knapp, Tom Troutman, Jon Helquist, Randy Bechtol

COUNCIL ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Cristie Amaral, Mark Seder, Susie Miles, Karen DuPuis, Ralph & Tamara Wimmer, Donna Henderson, Rich Sutliff, Allison Bechtol

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ewing at 6:30 p.m. Roll call of Council and staff was conducted by Recorder Patton. Mayor Ewing led council and audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS. Added 15a – Approval of Waiver of Remonstrance and Deferred Development Agreement with Tim Thornton.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Minutes of February 21, 2017 Meeting; B) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; C) Payment of Invoices for February 2017. It was moved by Councilor Troutman, seconded by Councilor Ross, and unanimously passed; the Council approves consent agenda as presented.

OPEN AGENDA. none

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES. Mayor Ewing introduced Wastewater Plant Operator James Ledbetter and Utility Billing Clerk Christine Wolfe.

REPORTS.

Wasco County Sheriff Lane Magill reported on State & County preparedness planning for the August 21st Eclipse, and anticipated numbers of tourists in several neighboring areas.

Chamber. Chamber Coordinator Amaral presented and reviewed a written report telling of events, meetings, and SBDC Business Education Classes.

Planning Commission. Recorder Patton reported the Commission is still working on the rezoning of areas in town, and has drafted amended zoning text for defining and regulating Bed & Breakfast and banning Wholehouse vacation rentals in the city to go to public hearing in May.

Mayor. Mayor Ewing reported on an X-Dog Run Event on August 21st, status of fiber optic project, plans of LSN and GorgeNet service personnel to meet directly with customers in Maupin in April, meeting with Chamber President Allison Bechtol and Lee Weinstein regarding public relations-promoting Maupin and upcoming broadband availability, construction beginning on two new homes in RiverCrest Village and RiverDrifter starting site preparation for construction of its new building site in front of Oregon Log Homes, a lot of calls to city hall this month regarding building permits and fees as well as questions regarding some of the homes and properties for sale in town, meeting with David Skakel of Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycle and plans for the upcoming April 15 Hazardous Waste Event in Maupin, Maupin's Annual Spring Clean-Up Day on April 22nd, meeting with Governor's Regional Solutions team and several interested agencies to discuss Maupin's projects and funding sources, and final information is in to Tenneson for the street project and should expect that to go out to bid shortly.

Parks & Recreation. Mayor Ewing announced desire to have some small amount of play equipment in the City Park.

Legislation/LOC. Councilor Knapp reported on recent meetings of the Deschutes River Managers, ODFW, MCEDD, and video attendance of the CIS Annual Conference.

Public Works. Councilor Troutman suggested putting pressure on ODFW for figures in regards to the fishing regulations. He presented and reviewed a written Public Works Report covering work for the period of 2/22/17 – 3/21/17.

Capital Projects /Economic Development / Intergovernmental Relations. Councilor Ross reported on Central Oregon Cities Organization (COCO) Day at the Capital and intergovernmental/legislator relations and issues, and broadband and zoning going to be a role/base in economic development.

Citizen Engagement. Councilor Helquist presented a list of citizen concerns from 4 years ago and reported most of the concerns have been taken care of.

Attorney. Attorney Sumner reported he will be attending the Oregon Cities Attorney meeting, and Dufur is arranging a meeting on idea of getting someone to do nuisance abatement for multiple cities. In follow up to last month's disclosure of having engagement of services with Matt Kemper, he reported Matt has now engaged services with another attorney, and it is up to Council if want other attorney representation for the City on any matter between the City and Mr. Kemper. In the matter of proposal to have Maupin ordinances codified, it was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Ross, and unanimously approved; the Council authorizes Attorney Sumner to get estimates from vendors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660(2)(h) TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL. At 7:45 p.m., Council retired from regular session to go into executive session, and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m.

CONSIDER CITY FACILITIES LOCATION – POSSIBLE ACQUISITION. Mayor Ewing announced the City is considering the buying of property. He explained cost comparison and defined the proposed property. It was moved by Councilor Ross, seconded by Councilor Troutman, and passed on a 5 to 1 (Helquist) vote, the Council authorizes the Mayor to arrange and enter into an earnest money agreement on the property to hold it for a month. Mayor Ewing announced an Open House meeting on the possibility of this property with information and pictures of this site will be held on Saturday, April 8, and then the information from that meeting will be taken to council on April 26 and make a decision regarding purchase of that property. On public inquiry, he acknowledged the owner's negotiated price of the property and real market value from a separate realtor, plus real market values of current city hall property and log home building site. It was moved by Council Ross, seconded by Councilor Rager, and passed on a 5 to 1 (Helquist) vote, the Council authorizes Mayor Ewing and Attorney Sumner to arrange to extend the option another month at $3,000 earnest money to hold the property for closing to be 30 days after next council meeting.

CONSIDER CITY HALL TREES – TRIMMING? REMOVAL? Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Knapp, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council approves pruning the sunburst locust tree and removal of pine tree to improve vision and safety.

BIKEWAY PLANS. Susie Miles reported the Bikeway will be voted on June 14 to become official. Mayor Ewing reported when official, there will be a designated area for parking of bikes on the city property across from City Park and place for a kiosk. Signage will direct bicyclers to the City Park for water and restrooms.

CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF LOG HOME CARPET. A proposal concerning the carpeting in the log home building by Donna Henderson was presented. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Knapp, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously passed; the Council approves replacing the carpet at a $2,500 maximum amount.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY RESOLUTION. Resolution No. 03222017 – "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MAUPIN CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING RESTORING RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY RIGHTS" was presented. Mayor Ewing summarized the purpose. It was moved by Councilor Ross, seconded by Councilor Rager, and passed unanimously; the Council adopts this Resolution.

CONSIDER Q-LIFE CONTINGENCY AGREEMENT. A First Amendment to the January 7, 2016 Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Maupin and QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency was reviewed. It was moved by Councilor Knapp, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council accepts this Amendment as modified by Council.

NOTICE OF TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE & RECYCLE STEERING COMMITTEE VACANCY. Mayor Ewing reported Kathie Richey has stepped down for reason of health and care of her mother.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR LEGION HALL USE FOR SUMMER PROGRAM. Tabled until Amber confirms if she is still looking to use.

APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF REMONSTRANCE AND DEFERRED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH TIM THORNTON. Following explanation by Attorney Sumner, it was moved by Councilor Ross, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously passed; the Council approves both agreements.

HAND OUT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND CITY CHARTER FOR REVIEW. Recorder instructed to email to all councilors.

COMMUNICATIONS. Recorder Patton reported she attended the CIS Conference in Salem.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING. Report on MCEDD Strategic Plan by Councilor Knapp.

NEXT MEETING. April 8, 2017 Open House; Regular Council Meeting April 26, 2017

ADJOURN. Mayor Ewing adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: _____
Lynn Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder