PRESIDING: Mayor Lynn Ewing

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Tom Troutman

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Cristie Amaral, Judy Sumner, Karen DuPuis, Allison Bechtol, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Christine Wolfe, Ron Walp, Virginia Fuller, Sharon DeHart, Adam Stapleton, Sara Morelli, Emily Black

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.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA. Mayor Ewing moved the After-Action Eclipse discussion to Agenda Item No. 6.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Minutes of July 26 Meeting; B) Amended Minutes of June 20, 2017 Meeting; C) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; D) Payment of Invoices for July 2017. The Minutes were pulled at the request of Councilor Knapp. It was moved by Councilor Bechtol, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council approves the remainder of consent agenda as presented.

Discussion of Minutes: Councilor Knapp presented a change/deletion in the minutes of July 26. As to the minutes of June 20, Councilors affirmed the decision was to ban vacation rentals in all zones. It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously passed; the Council approves the Minutes of July 26 with proposed deletion and Amended Minutes of June 20.

REPORTS.

Chamber. Chamber Coordinator Amaral presented and summarized a written report telling of events.

Mayor. Mayor Ewing gave an update on the fiber optic project. He spoke on the Small Cities Network meeting to be in Maupin on September 21.

Library. A written report by Librarian Stephenson was presented giving a final report on the summer reading program, and informing of the Library District booth at the Wasco County Fair and donation of oak book shelves from Wasco County.

Public Works. Mayor Ewing reported on work completed during the month by the Public Works Staff.

Parks & Recreation. Councilor Bechtol reported on meeting with Park Manager Janet Vejar. She reported everything is going well this summer in the City Park. She picked up some propane BBQs that she is renting out to campers and water spray misters. He complimented Janet in trying to boost revenues.

Capital Projects/Economic Development/Intergovernmental Relations. Councilor Ross reported, relative to economic development, on having a short discussion with Frank Kay on some ideas and people to contact. Relative to the Library, he reported on conversation he had with people in Wyden's and Merkley's offices concerning requirement for an elevator. He reported on retirement of the LOC Director.

Citizen Engagement. Councilor Helquist thanked all volunteers who helped during the eclipse event. He reported the Church Youth Group sold out on their T-shirts, hats, and cupcakes. He reported the eclipse travelers he spoke to had positive things to say about Maupin and the people that were here.

AFTER-ACTION DISCUSSION – ECLIPSE – WHAT WORKED AND WHAT DID NOT. Mayor Ewing read an email commending the City on its signage and clean restrooms. He thanked all the volunteers and acknowledged many of the volunteer services provided. Reports were submitted by SWC Ambulance Secretary Virginia Fuller, Sharon DeHart of Deschutes Rim Clinic, and Sara Morelli; all positive to the AMR Emergency Medical Personnel and to tourists interacted with. Attorney Sumner reported positive feedback from all the cities he represents and Jefferson County, and that the outcome of preparedness made for smooth operations. Allison Bechtol submitted some negative impacts to businesses, people canceling their trips in the community, because of the media.

CONSIDER MOSQUITO CONTROL. Mayor Ewing reported on the school calling him before the weekend about the mosquito problem and Merle Keys of Wasco County Pest Control having come here early Thursday morning to spray. He told of the applications necessary to be effective, and scheduled spraying for the next two weeks unless Council elects otherwise. He recommended, with the West Nile Virus and other mosquito born illnesses in close-by counties, the City re-think mosquito control for Maupin next year. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Bechtol, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council approves killing all the mosquitos in Maupin – proceed forward to spray the next two weeks.

CONSIDER CHARITABLE DONATION – COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP. Recognition and discussion was held on the Youth Group's volunteerism in the community, and on their application to the City for a charitable contribution. It was motioned by Councilor Bechtol, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and unanimously passed; the Council donates $1,500.00 to the Maupin Community Church Youth Group.

CONSIDER SPRING PROTECTION LAND SWAP AND GRANT. Mayor Ewing presented a picture and map of the City and Troutman properties and explained the proposed land swap/purchase – trading about 2-acres Troutman property for about 1-acre City property plus $20,000. He reported on the proposed grant application for springs protection and scope of work. He acknowledged the City has been negotiating with the Troutman family for 40 – 50 years, that the City has an appraisal from a few years ago, and of the State's recent inspection identifying need to do a Master Plan and fencing of spring area. It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Ross, and unanimously passed; the City proceeds with the land swap/purchase and grants so the City can own the property that the City springs are on and fence, secure it.

LEGION HALL UPDATE AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT(S). Mayor Ewing acknowledged it is known the Legion Hall needs some repair. The Town & Country Players approached him with their plans to get a local contractor to shore up where the support structure is weak. The Church Group is replacing all the doors. The Legion asks for the City to buy paint for the exterior of the building, and the T&CP will get a local contractor to paint it. The T&CP also ask the City to form a committee to look at what improvements are needed, to prioritize them, and look at ways to raise funds to do those improvements. Based on input and volunteerism, it is proposed the Committee consists of the following persons:

T&CP - Dennis Beechler and Karaletta Carrithers
Community – Sara Morelli and Sharon DeHart
City/Legion – Dennis Ross and Jon Helquist

It was moved by Councilor Ross, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council forms the Committee and appoints those people as proposed.

It was moved by Councilor Bechtol, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council approves purchasing the paint at the best price can get.

CIVIC CENTER UPDATE. Mayor Ewing reported on Architect Mark Seder designing a building that is single floor, 6000 square feet, and designing it with footings, support so that in the future it can be expanded to go up. On inquiry, Mayor Ewing gave a status report on grant writer.

REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – WATER/SEWER BILLING AND SHUT-OFF POLICY. Mayor Ewing and Recorder Patton identified some needs for reviewing and updating the 1996 water and sewer ordinances and policies. Councilor Knapp volunteered to be on the Committee with Recorder Patton and Utility Clerk Wolfe.

CONSIDER RFP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES. A draft RFP for Engineering Services and Planning Services was provided to Council. Mayor Ewing and Attorney Sumner recognized the purpose to have a Contract Engineering Firm of Record for projects, and summarized the RFP. It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Knapp, and unanimously passed; the Council accepts this RFP for Engineering and Planning Services to be edited by Attorney Sumner with final approval from Councilors Bechtol and Ross and publish for bids.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilor Helquist and Tamara Wimmer recognized contributions to the community by Janice Steele.

NEXT MEETING. September 19, 2017 – Employee Handbook and City Manager
September 27, 2017 – Regular meeting

ADJOURN. Mayor Ewing adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: _____
Lynn Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder