PRESIDING: Mayor Lynn Ewing

COUNCIL PRESENT: Lynn Ewing, Carol Rager, Tom Troutman
Suzanne Knapp, Jon Helquist,

COUNCIL ABSENT: Dennis Ross, Randy Bechtol

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Jim Holycross, Sharon DeHart, Mike Westby, Susan Wright, Judy Sumner, Ralph Wimmer, Karen DuPuis, Stan Suenaga, Kyle Suenaga, Mia Sheppard, Christine Wolfe

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.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Minutes of August 22, 2018 Council Meeting; B) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; C) Payment of Invoices for August 2018. It was moved by Councilor Knapp, seconded by Councilor Troutman, and unanimously passed; the Council approves Consent Agenda with addition to the Minutes to spell out BOLI – "Bureau of Labor & Industries" and define what the poster is.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION. Ralph Wimmer asked if the City is doing a SOLV cleanup on the Deschutes River this Saturday. Mayor Ewing reported he could not find anyone to take on the organization of this event. Chamber Coordinator Sheppard reported BLM did a cleanup a couple of weeks ago with rafting companies participating, and the Deschutes River Alliance also did a cleanup.

REPORTS.

Chamber. Coordinator Mia Sheppard reported on upcoming events, fund raisers, and meetings in October. She announced the number of viewers to the Travel Oregon's video on living with fires.

Library. Librarian McPhearson reported on book sales/donations of $153.00 at the Groundbreaking Ceremony; September 15 – October 15 is National Hispanic Month; she has completed the Oregon Ready to Read grant application for next year's Summer Reading Program; plans to re-start Saturday Movie Night and re-open the Library on Saturdays beginning October 6; and she and Mayor Ewing will be interviewing people for Library Assistant.

Public Works. Councilor Troutman reported personnel has been working on sewer issues, pumping system in east Maupin. Mayor Ewing reported personnel is working with Anderson Perry & Associates, and he reported on a fund raiser the Carver family did for the Mountain Fir Park Playground.

Mayor. Mayor Ewing paraphrased his written report informing of upcoming conferences he will be attending representing the interests of Maupin; status on the DLCD Economic Analysis & Buildable Lands Inventory project and appointing Dennis Ross, Denis Carlsen and Susan Wright to the advisory committee for this project; Fiber Construction schedule; volunteer work by Ralph & Tammy Wimmer removing all usable materials out of the Chamberlin house and taking it to the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store in The Dalles. Mayor Ewing presented Ralph & Tammy Wimmer with a gift certificate for dinner at the Imperial and letter of thanks in their providing a huge benefit to the City and to the environment. He further informed of South Wasco School Homecoming events planned this week; time and date of Candidates Forum being moderated by County Commissioner Scott Hege; upcoming CIS workshops to be held in Maupin for city employees and open to councilors and planning commissioners and other cities on the topics of "Drug Free Workplace" and "Diversity in the Workplace"; Maupin Fall Cleanup Day on October 27; and plan for him and Librarian McPhearson to interview applicants for the Library Assistant position.

Public Safety. Councilor Helquist reported he is still noticing butted cigarettes all around town. With the start of school and getting dark earlier, he recommended reminding people to drive slowly and suggested getting the speed sign board from the Sheriff's office. He suggested, in noticing a number of political and other signs in City rights-of-way, providing information to those people on the right-of-way area for awareness.

Economic Development. Councilor Knapp reported on operation expansion by Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, taking over the Transportation System in The Dalles called "Link".

Governance. Councilor Knapp reported she and Councilor Helquist went to Shaniko and Dufur council meetings, and she also went to Antelope council meeting. A lot of their issues is water. She declared it is not legal anymore to put the salary range on job announcements.

Legion Hall. Councilor Helquist reported the Legion Hall is partially painted; completion will depend on weather and the painter's time. Councilor Ross was going to talk to the Legion Auxiliary to find out their operation with the Klothes Kloset. On inquiry of response from Legion Headquarters regarding ownership/sale of building, Councilor Rager requested Councilor Helquist pursue the matter.

REPORT ON HEALTH CLINIC – SHARON DEHART. Sharon reported on the Health District's option tax levy ballot measure for the November election, the purpose of the tax levy being for operations, and plan to put out information in a bulk mailing. They are looking into creating a student health care center for the South Wasco County schools and conducting an online survey for input. She made announcement of their upcoming annual campaign fundraiser event.

CIVIC CENTER UPDATES & INFO.

a. **Funding Updates**. Mike Wilson presented and reviewed an updated pie chart and information on funding proposals under review, proposals under development and proposals planned. Mayor Ewing reported on the meeting with Wasco County Commissioners.
b. **Construction/Planning Updates**. Mayor Ewing reported on the award of funding from the State of Oregon Brownfield Program for the cost of testing and abatement of asbestos from the Chamberlin house. He acknowledged costs between Griffin Construction and possible local contractor to remove the house. He presented a construction schedule by Griffin. He reported on need to contract with a concrete testing firm. It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Troutman, and unanimously passed; the Council gives the Mayor approval to hire Cougar Excavation, if still interested, to remove the house at a cost between Waste Connection and Cougar Excavation of $7,000. It was moved by Councilor Knapp, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council authorizes Mayor Ewing to solicit bids for concrete inspection work from three bidders and select the lowest bid not to exceed $10,000 to include 6 to 8 or 10 trips for inspection.
c. **Groundbreaking Updates**. Mayor Ewing reported there were 96 people at the Groundbreaking and over $5,000 received in donations.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR WATER & SEWER SERVICES LINE EASESMENT BY JAMES BRAUN. Mayor Ewing announced this matter to be tabled due to the document not being submitted yet. He briefly explained the request to install water and sewer service lines across the sewer plant property to a proposed dwelling site. He reported the City's engineer will look at the easement site on October 4 to determine if any impact on future expansion of the sewer plant.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT OFFICER UPDATE. Mayor Ewing acknowledged receipt of an application for the position and of this applicant being highly recommended by other entities. On introduction, applicant Stan Suenaga submitted his background employment experience, he is a resident of Maupin and desires to be involved in community. The options for employee or contractor were discussed. The nuisance abatement procedure was also acknowledged in that the process is still written complaint driven, then handed over to the NAO for investigation and mitigation. Complainant will not be revealed unless abatement goes to hearing process. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Helquist, seconded by Councilor Troutman, and

unanimously passed; the Council offers the position to Stan Suenaga not to exceed 50 hours per month at $25/hour.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE & RECYCLE PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE. Mayor Ewing announced the Committee meets quarterly. Kathy Richey resigned from the Committee and he has not had anyone ask to fill the vacancy. Councilor Knapp volunteered to be on the Committee.

CONSIDER DRAFT CITY OF MAUPIN TITLE VI PLAN. Attorney Sumner reported this Title VI Plan is an antidiscrimination policy that meets requirements of law for meeting transportation grants. In the absence of a couple of councilors, it was the consensus of Council to accept Attorney Sumner's proposal to postpone consideration to the October meeting.

In acknowledgement by Recorder Patton of the Council also having scheduled the Consideration of Council Rules of Order at the October meeting, Councilor Knapp submitted a number of candidates have suggested that Council not do until have new Council in place.

COMMUNICATIONS. Mayor Ewing announced he was asked by a citizen about some letters received and not read to the Council. Those letters pertained to an employee's evaluation, they are confidential, and it is not appropriate to read into the record of Council meeting.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING. Consider Draft Title VI Plan for City of Maupin. Consider request for Water & Sewer Services Line Easement by James Braun pending submission of document. Consider date for Christmas dinner and a date as suggested by Michael Wilson for a winter (February) event for new library. It was consensus to set November 28 and December 19 for regular council meetings.

NEXT MEETING. Wednesday, October 24, 2018

ADJOURN. Mayor Ewing adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: _____
Lynn Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder