MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 30, 2019
6:30 p.m.

MAUPIN CITY PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING
206 BAKEOVEN ROAD
MAUPIN, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Lynn Ewing

COUNCIL PRESENT: Lynn Ewing, Tom Troutman, Susan Wright, Jon Helquist Suzanne Knapp, Mike Foreaker, Randy Bechtol

COUNCIL ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Judy Sumner, Tamara Wimmer, Ralph Wimmer, Alison Bechtol, Karen DuPuis, Kathie Richey, Brandon Mahon, Mark Seder

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) Approval of Minutes of July 24, 2019 Council Meetings; B) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; C) Payment of Invoices for September 2019. It was moved by Councilor Troutman, seconded by Councilor Wright, and passed unanimously on a 7 to 0 vote (Ayes: Foreaker, Knapp, Ewing, Wright, Troutman, Bechtol & Helquist; Nays: none); the Council approves consent agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION.

Tamara Wimmer requested the City of Maupin be involved, registered with SOLV in the Spring and Fall river cleanups.

Wasco County Sheriff Lane Magill reported, in October, the Wasco County Board of Commissioners approved a South County resident deputy. He submitted thanks to the people who supported this proposal.

REPORTS.

City Manager. Mayor Ewing announced Stan Suenaga has completed his work for the city, but will be available to assist with getting his replacement up to speed. Mr. Suenaga has everything under way for the City's new website. The website developer has asked for additional photos of the city (not the river), so anyone having photos can pass them on to the mayor.

Planning Commission. Recorder Patton reported, at the Commission meeting of October 8, a property owner presented a request to not include his parcel of land in the rezone consideration on the hillside in East Maupin. The Commission began review / study session on updates to the zoning ordinance text, including suggestions by former Planner Nick Kraemer. The next Commission meeting is November 12.

Chamber. Allison Bechtol announced Coordinator Kyle Suenaga's last day of work is November 8. The Chamber is currently working on its budget for next year.

Public Works. Mayor Ewing reported the crew is doing winterizing and are involved in the Civic Center finishes and landscape.

Mayor. Mayor Ewing congratulated the SWCHS Lady Volleyball team and the Redsides Football team for making it to the State Playoffs. He reported on an upcoming Business Tech Training on November 6 at Imperial Resort; recent meetings/conferences he attended consisting of the Infrastructure Summit convened by Regional Solutions and Business Oregon, the Oregon Broadband Telecommunications Conference, and meeting regarding the proposed school track facility; an upcoming Water Quality Study Open House by PGE to explain their data on the warmer water of the Deschutes River; the 2020 Census looking to recruit local employees; and the success of the City's Fall Cleanup along with volunteer help by two high school students.

Economic development. Councilor Foreaker reported the Technical Assistance grant application for a Housing Needs Analysis has been submitted and are now waiting for a response from DLCD.

Environmental/Recycle. Councilor Foreaker gave an update on the proposal by a local working group on the development of a regional recycling program covering Hood River, Wasco and Sherman Counties, which would be operated by Waste Connections. County Commissioner Steve Kramer will be attending our City Council meeting in November to give a presentation on the proposal, answer questions and request support for further analysis.

Legislative / LOC. Councilor Knapp presented a handout to explain some of the Legislative Bills that affect cities. She also presented information on an upcoming LOC Training on "Municipal Fundamentals for Government Officials".

Deschutes Rim Health Clinic Update. Councilor Knapp reported the new doctor has been getting around meeting people. She announced the days and hours the Clinic is open and the Clinic accepting new patients. As to the new building, she reported on the status of work on the USDA funding application.

Public Safety. Councilor Helquist stated the Clinic's new doctor is enjoyable, easy to work with. He reported the SWC Ambulance Service had to request Wamic Ambulance to respond to three medical calls over the last week and a half because of a shortage of EMTs. As to the Legion Hall, he reported on a safety issue at the Klothes Kloset; they need to clean it up, and they need to be affiliated with a non-profit organization. The next Legion Hall project is moving the bathrooms from the stage to the front of the building.

CIVIC CENTER UPDATES & INFO.

a. **Funding Updates**. Mayor Ewing recognized the need for about $300,000 to meet the capital campaign funding goal.

b. **Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment**. Mayor Ewing acknowledged the library shelving is due to arrive in December, and other furniture in January/February.

c. **Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening**. Mayor Ewing acknowledged Councilor Knapp is the lead on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 8. In an ask for councilor assistance, he reviewed assistance needed during, before and after the event. Councilor Knapp presented printed flyers for the ceremony.

d. **RFP for Art**. Mayor Ewing reported on the budget of funds, the various types of proposals received to include glass art, woodwork, metal and bronze sculptures, and on some artists working on securing additional funding to complete their proposed artwork.

e. **RFP for Development of city properties**. Mayor Ewing reported the City has one formal proposal that Council will discuss in executive session.

f. **Moving Plan**. Mayor Ewing announced this will be an internal plan, to be developed by staff to andwill be pending arrival of furnishings.

HYDRO FEASIBILITY STUDY. Mayor Ewing gave background on this project and funding by Bonneville Enviornmental Foundation. EngineerBrandon Mahon of Anderson, Perry and Associates presented and reviewed a written assessment on this study. Taking into consideration the spring flow, water right, anticipated kw of power generated, estimated capital structure cost of about $390,000, offset cost of current power bill by net metering, it is

determined it would take 80 years to pay back,so not feasible. It was moved by CouncilorKnapp, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously passed on a 7 to 0 vote with 1 abstain(Troutman); the Council authorizes Brandon Mahon of Anderson Perry & Associates LLC to share this report/findings withBonneville Environmental Foundation.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION. Mayor Ewing recognized Park Managers Howard and Janet Vejar are retiring with tomorrow being their last day. They have been employed 10 years, which is an accomplishment for park managers. They are moving to Tygh Valley. He will present them with a gift certificate to Molly Bs diner in Tygh Valley.

COMMUNICATIONS.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING. Council Rules continuation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660 (2)(a) TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE/CITY MANAGER. Mayor Ewing called Council into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. for the purpose to consider the employment of a city manager, He reconvened the regular meeting at 8:41 p.m.

ACTION SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

NEXT MEETING. Wednesday, November 20, 2019 – Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – Regular Meeting

ADJOURN. Mayor Ewing adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: _____
Lynn Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder