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December 8, 2015
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PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Carol Rager

Visitors Present: Karen DuPuis, Kathie Richey, Ralph Wimmer, Nolan Young (Q-Life)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kay at 6:00 p.m. Roll was taken by Mayor Kay. Mayor Kay led council and audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

2016 Meeting Calendar. Mayor Kay passed out a proposed calendar of Council Meetings for 2016. Discussion ensued about dates with agreement on third Tuesday and fourth Wednesday, except for November & December. Also, it was suggested that both meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. A decision on start time will be made at the December 16th Council Meeting.

League of Oregon Cities Small Cities Support Network Meeting. Mayor Kay also invited Council and citizens to the Region 6 Small Cities Support Network Meeting, convened by the League of Oregon Cities, on Thursday, December 17th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the City Park Community Building. Lunch will be served, costing \$5.00 per person. RSVP to City Hall by December 15th.

City Surveillance Cameras. Mayor Kay shared a draft set of guidelines for authority to view City surveillance camera images. The guidelines essentially limit viewing to Mayor Kay, Ron Peper (City IT Contractor), and appropriate law enforcement officials.

PERS. An article from The Oregonian was also shared that said PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) charges will be going up substantially in the next three bienniums. The impact on Maupin's City Budget will be about \$15,000 - \$20,000 per biennium (2017, 2019, 2021), or about \$10,000 more each year. Firm figures will be announced next year.

Q-Life Intergovernmental Agreement. Nolan Young reviewed an intergovernmental agreement between Q-Life and the City of Maupin that will enable us to go forward with developing ultra high speed fiber optic broadband services to Maupin. Maupin will be the "fiscal agent" that receives state & federal grant funds (potentially \$800,000) and then contract with Q-Life to plan, develop, and construct the system. Maupin would ultimately own it. There is

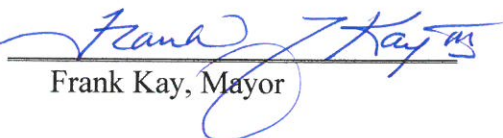
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virtually no risk for the City in this venture, in that only the granted funds would be spent. The City may have to engage some early bridge-funding (a loan) that will be secured by the State of Oregon Grant awarded to this program this year, but not funded until 2017. This will allow us to begin work now, and hopefully be completed soon (before 2017). Q-Life would provide all management and expertise. They are an experienced "middle-mile" fiber optic/internet provider (Hood River & The Dalles) and are very capable of doing this project. Also, the City of Maupin (DeOra Patton, our City Recorder) are experienced in being the fiscal agent for grants. The consensus of Councilors present was to go forward with this project, and scheduled a formal vote for our regular December 16th Council Meeting.

DISCUSS EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE. Employee Health Care benefit plans were discussed. Beginning January 1, 2018, our current plan will no longer exist, thereby forcing the City and our employees to choose another option. Councilor Bechtol and Mayor Kay have been meeting with City Staff to discuss this transition. A transition plan was proposed by Councilor Bechtol and Mayor Kay: Calendar Year 2016 is already in place, with the City paying the full premium for employee/spouse/family for our six eligible employees; Calendar Year 2017 would continue our same/current plan with the six employees co-sharing in the premium cost between \$50 - \$100 per month; Calendar Year 2018 would have a new health plan that may involve employees cost-sharing in a similar \$50 - \$100 per month co-share. The Council and Staff will be discussing these issues during the next 18 months to finalize the transition.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Frank Kay, Mayor

SIGNED: 
Frank Kay, Mayor