PRESIDING: Mayor Karen DuPuis

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frank Kay, Lynn Ewing, Joe Ringo, Carol Rager, Suzanne Knapp, Jon Helquist

COUNCIL ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Katherine Richey, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Randy Bechtol, Allison Bechtol, Keelia Carver, Lyn Craig, Dawna North, Rob Miles, Mark Seder, Larry Rocha, Gary Schoenecker, Steve Kramer

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Mayor DuPuis at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL. Roll call of Council and staff was conducted by Recorder Patton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Mayor DuPuis led the council and audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2014; B) Acknowledge Payment of Invoices for September 2014; C) Acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Report of October 14, 2014;
It was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Ewing, and approved unanimously; the Council approves consent agenda with an amendment to the minutes under Fire Department Report.

REPORTS:

CHAMBER. Chamber Coordinator Amaral reported the Chamber meeting has been moved to tomorrow night.

LIBRARY. Librarian Stephenson reported on their continuation to reorganize the library, new displays for the month, restart of children's reading programs, and a professional story teller coming in December. Permission was granted on the following: (1) It was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Mayor DuPuis, and approved unanimously; the Council approves Librarian Stephenson's plan for Halloween night to have an outdoor campfire set up in a fire grill pit container; and (2) It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Ewing, and approved unanimously; the Council grants permission for the interior walls to be painted by volunteers and authorizes purchase of paint at the estimated cost of $50 - $75.

NEW LIBRARY FUND RAISING COMMITTEE. Allison Bechtol reported they will mail out a fund raising solicitation letter to South Wasco County residents in November, and they have asked Lyn Craig to write a grant application to Cycle Oregon requesting $7500 in the form of a challenging grant. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Mayor DuPuis, and approved unanimously; the City sponsors this Cycle Oregon grant application.

PUBLIC WORKS. Mayor DuPuis read a written report from the Public Works personnel recognizing certified water and wastewater operators who are assisting the City, and acknowledging some winterization work completed during the past month and future work plans for continued weatherization and clean up of vegetation overgrowth, leaves, and debris in drainage ditches and City Park.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/BUILDINGS. Based on inquiry by Committee Chair Ringo, a discussion was held on winterization of the legion hall.

PARK. Council was provided with the City Park 2014 Season Revenues from January 1 through September 30. Committee Chair Rager reported on a recent Kaiser Park committee meeting with Architect Mike Faha. Mr. Faha will send the City a contract proposal for services to get the project through the grant process. They hope to have some drawings to unveil at the next council meeting. Mik'Ael Kurtz will be the chairperson for fundraising. Tenneson Engineering will be out Thursday to survey the property. They would like to make the alley behind Kaiser Park one-way from 6th to 5th Street, and put up a public restroom sign on Deschutes Avenue.

COMMUNITY LIAISON. Committee Chair Helquist presented copies of a Daily Dispatch Classified Announcement entitled, "Best practices for crude oil rail transportation emergency response operations". He further presented copies of an article from the March 2014 League of Oregon Cities Local Focus magazine entitled, "City Bonds & The Ballot". He acknowledged new windows installed at the Legion Hall as a SWC School Senior project, and the next Senior project being talked about is raising money for the gutters and exterior doors. He on meeting with the new director at Canyon Rim Manor today.

FIRE. Fireman Helquist reported a meeting is scheduled for Monday night, and outdoor burning permits are now being issued.

ATTORNEY. Attorney Sumner reported on attending Oregon Attorney Association seminars at the League of Oregon Cities Conference last month. He obtained USDA information on rural development grants and loans that are available for energy issues, housing issues, utilities, and engineering assistance.

PRESENTATION BY BUSINESS FACILITATOR JEFF NICOL

Councilor Kay introduced Jeff Nicol and reported on the contract services to be provided by Mr. Nicol for the City.

Mr. Nicol presented and reviewed a report on progress and plans. He presented handouts of draft work products to include a Maupin Business Siting Guide, a Maupin Targeted Business Opportunities, and Shop Maupin/Shop Local Program. He reported he is at the point of validation and awareness. Out of the scope of contract, Mr. Nicol acknowledged he has worked with six Maupin businesses via the Small Business Development Center, and acknowledged the 2015 priorities of the Regional Solutions Advisory Team (N. Central Region) of #1 attainable housing and #2 broadband.

Councilor Kay recognized Mike Foreaker, Randy Bechtol, Joe Ringo, and Christie Amaral are additional members of the Maupin Economic Development Task Force.

STATUS REPORT FROM NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR RALPH WIMMER

For the record, Council continued the public hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance Establishing Rules and Procedures for the Abatement of Nuisances in the City of Maupin to this date to allow the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance Committee to meet and come back to council tonight with a written report.

Committee Chair Wimmer recognized having presented Council with a cover letter of October 17 from the Nuisance Ordinance Committee and a revised (12 page) draft ordinance. Council was also presented with a copy of Wasco County's Code Compliance Flowchart. The Committee asks Council and Attorney Sumner to review the revised draft. Attorney Sumner will do a redline copy of the committee's proposed changes and send an electronic copy to the City. On inquiry of a fee schedule, it was acknowledged the ordinance takes the approach to have the nuisance abated and costs reimbursed.

Mayor DuPuis reopened the public hearing and called for public input. There being no input submitted, Mayor DuPuis announced the hearing will be continued to the November 19 Council meeting.

CONSIDER CIVIC CENTER (NEW LIBRARY COUPLED WITH NEW CITY HALL)

Mayor DuPuis acknowledged Architect Mark Seder and Grant Writer Lyn Craig being in attendance. She reported the city hall committee went through the current library; retired Building Inspector Mike Ward looked at the library building today and reported the building is a sound structure; and Contractor Basil Beeler and Architect Mark Seder have looked at the library building and have presented Council with floor plan, notes, and remodel cost estimate.

Mark Seder reported on availability of energy grants. He presented and reviewed options analysis and preliminary cost planning for city hall component options, those being Option A: new library with interim city hall in remodeled existing library and Option B: new library & city hall including common spaces, forming Civic Center.

Discussion included financing, slightly reducing size of new city hall, common spaces, phases, borrowing, and current budget. Rob Miles, Keelia Carver, Mike Foreaker, and Gary Schoenecker spoke in favor of building a new city hall. It was recognized a new city hall is leverage for obtaining matching funds for the library.

Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Ewing, and approved on a 5 – 2 (DuPuis & Helquist) vote; the Council moves to commit to do a combined project of building a new city hall with new library including common spaces, forming Civic Center with financing to be determined.

It was confirmed the next step is for Mark Seder to come up with more concrete design and budget of Civic Center, as per discussion and working with the city hall committee.

OPEN AGENDA

Mayor DuPuis, presented the following issues for Council to think about: #1) Bulk water sale agreements. She reported BLM, today, wanted to get some water from the City and there is no intergovernmental agreement to allow them to get water without fee. She also understands there is a farmer getting water for free. #2) What to do for Ed Conner's retirement.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mayor DuPuis acknowledged Thank You letters received from Tygh School Community Center for the $1,000 contribution for fiscal year 2014-15 and from United Way for donating 2 free nights at the City Park.

Council was provided a fiscal year financial report through September 30, 2014. Council was also provided with the Bank Statements of City accounts with Columbia State Bank, Rivermark Community Credit Union, and Office of the State Treasurer Local Government Investment Pool.

NEXT MEETING. Wednesday, November 19, 2014 – Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Rager requested the November 19 agenda include discussing future staffing plans, and Councilor Ringo requested the agenda include discussing a Laundromat for City Park.

ADJOURN. Mayor DuPuis adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Karen DuPuis
Karen DuPuis, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder