PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frank Kay, Carol Rager, Suzanne Knapp, Jon Helquist, Randy Bechtol, Denis Carlsen

COUNCIL ABSENT: Lynn Ewing

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Karen DuPuis, Patrick Kollodge, Kathy Kelsay, Stan Kelsay, Susan Wright, Allison Bechtol, Rod Woodside

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kay at 6:30 p.m. Roll call of Council and staff was conducted by Recorder Patton. Mayor Kay led council and audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CORRECTION OR ADDITIONS. None.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Minutes of September 23, 2015 Regular Meeting; B) Minutes of October 12, 2015 Town Hall Meeting; C) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; D) Payment of Invoices for September 2015; E) Public Works Operations Manager WWTP Report of October 1, 2015. It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously passed; the Council approves consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS.

New Library Fund Raising Committee. Allison Bechtol and Mayor Kay reported on additional contributions received from the online Crowdfunding program and $7,500 from an individual.

Library. A written report by Librarian Stephenson was presented telling of library statistics for the year, library events, tour of new libraries in eastern Oregon, and attendance to a fundraising workshop.

Recycling Advisory Committee. Tamara Wimmer reported on the following: Problems still continue with co-mingled; additional recycling signage to be installed; the After School Program bottle/can fundraiser is closed so the After School Program will no longer pick up bottles/cans from the Recycle Depot, but people can dispose of bottles/cans in the recycle bins; Wasco County Commissioner Steve Kramer is trying to find two more gated places for recycle depots in south county; and she and Kathie Richey are going to put an article about recycling in the WamPinRock.

Fire. Randy Bechtol and Rod Woodside reported on progress of equipping the Spartum fire truck.

Public Works. Mayor Kay announced a note will be included in the Mayor's November newsletter regarding new water testing regulations.

Mayor. Mayor Kay reported on the following: There were 21 people in attendance to the Council's Town Hall meeting and some good dialogue; Plan to replace the City Hall sign with a Library Fundraiser Progress sign; and OMSI coming out on December 12 to put on a science fair program to our community.

Parks. Councilor Rager acknowledged some concerns/requests were raised at the Town Hall meeting.

Economic Development – Maupin. Councilor Bechtol acknowledged the hiring of a Business Facilitator, Rick Lebowitz of Columbia Gorge Community College. He reported Mr. Lebowitz has been in Maupin a couple of times meeting with people, and there are plans to hold some college classes in Maupin (information will be published in Chamber and City newsletters and WamPinRock).

Economic Development – South Wasco Alliance. Councilor Knapp reported on meeting Rick Lebowitz, and status of SWA with broadband internet. She announced the next SWA meeting will be in Pine Grove on November 19.

Community Liaison. Councilor Helquist reported on the following: The Maupin Lions Club no longer active and another organization doing the food boxes this year; the MCAAG decision to change their meetings to bimonthly, quarterly or as needed – before Council Town Hall meetings; Fire Department Halloween events; and burn barrel burning opening November 1, but brush burning still banned.

WASCO COUNTY CLERK LISA GAMBEE, INTRODUCTION. Following introduction by Mayor Kay, Lisa Gambee recognized the services provided in the Wasco County Clerk's Office to include elections and voter registration and deed recordings. She told of the new Motor Voter Program effective January 1 wherein any one getting a DMV driver's license or ID will be automatically registered to vote unless give notification to opt out. As a member of the South Wasco Alliance, she reported on organizations and state agencies forming a work group to consider how to best maintain recreational facilities in South Wasco County and they are launching a community survey to get opinions and see if there is interest in forming a Parks & Recreation District in South Wasco County. This District would not be a taxing district, but would allow for grant funding.

FINALIZE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & AGENDA WITH THE MAUPIN PLANNING COMMISSION AND MAUPIN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NOVEMBER 10TH & NOVEMBER 17TH). Based on presentation by Mayor Kay, the following meetings were scheduled:

Tuesday, November 10th, 6:00 p.m., at City Park Community Bldg – Joint meeting of all Councilors & Planning Commissioners with the following items to be discussed:

1. Marijuana Dispensaries & Retail Ops
2. Vacation Rentals – guidelines
3. Seasonal Housing Guidelines
4. Re-zoning of Deschutes Avenue between 6th Street & Burnham Ave (*Mixed Use Residential & Commercial*)
5. Re-zoning in Industrial Zone (*Heavy to Light*)

Tuesday, November 17th, 4:00 p.m, at Chamber Office – City Council Reps & Maupin Area Chamber of Commerce Board (Frank Kay, Jon Helquist, Randy Bechtol, Karen DuPuis and MACC Board) with the following items to be discussed:

1. Business Licenses
2. MACC Contract with City
3. Plans for the future
4. Funding for the future

DISCUSS WEBWORKS: ANYWHERE! FORUM. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015, 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M. AT MAUPIN AMERICAN LEGION HALL (snacks & beverages). Mayor Kay presented a flyer on the scheduled Forum and acknowledged the sponsors, speakers and hosts. He reported on the Legislature funding program for broadband in rural areas. He and Lisa Gambee invited and encouraged everyone/businesses to attend the forum and share information, speak out about the opportunities/benefits that high speed broadband service can do.

OPEN AGENDA.

Consider declaring surplus and disposal of non-working office equipment. Recorder Patton reported having the following non-working office equipment: 2 HP printers, 1 dot matrix printer, 1 IBM computer (hard drive removed), 1 fax machine, 3 calculators, 1 keyboard, 1 phone set, and 1 Sharp copier. She suggested contacting the school for disposal of computer products and The Dalles Transfer Station for the copier. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and unanimously passed; the Council declares the aforementioned non-working office equipment surplus and authorizes disposal.

COMMUNICATIONS. Recorder Patton presented a Fiscal Year 2015-2016 financial report as

of September 30, 2015.

NEXT MEETING. November 10, 2015 – Joint Council/Planning Commission Mtg, 6:00 p.m.
November 18, 2015 – Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Frank Kay
Frank Kay, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder