PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Carol Rager

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Ralph Wimmer, Kathie Richey, Allison Bechtol, Amber Anderson, Erwin Swetnam, Rick Eiesland

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 October 20, 2015 Special Meeting; B) Minutes of October 28, 2015 Regular Meeting; C) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; D) Payment of Invoices for October 2015; E) Public Works Operations Manager WWTP Report of November 17, 2015. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Knapp, and unanimously passed; the Council approves consent agenda with revisions to the Minutes of October 28.

REPORTS.

Chamber. A written report by Chamber Coordinator Amaral was presented telling of past and future meetings/events/business classes, Board election, and educational classes she attended in October. Mayor Kay reported having a productive meeting with the Chamber Board about business licensing.

New Library Fund Raising Committee. Allison Bechtol reported the letters to all South County residents & property owners has been mailed, kicking off the General Public Campaign portion of our "local match" needed for a New Library Grant.

Library. A written report by Librarian Stephenson was presented telling of the upcoming OMSI Science Fair program, working on weeding the book collection, and upcoming fund raising event and family craft night.

Recycling Advisory Committee. Kathie Richey presented a written report seeking commitment from council to have a clean co-mingle bin; completed tasks of signage, informational flyers and weather proof box for the flyers; the Recycle Committee is now working on the news article for publication in WamPinRock; and discussions with Wasco County Commissioner Kramer and City Park Maintenance Manager Vejar. As to request for Council direction, Mayor Kay acknowledged with the nature of the problem and extending beyond Maupin (Mel's Transfer Station in Tygh Valley closing and South County residents/businesses then dumping on Maupin), he asked Mrs. Richey to talk to Tri-County HW&R for help. Mayor Kay and Erwin Swetnam reported on conversations they have had pertaining to the issue and thoughts for future services. In discussion, Council agreed it is important to have a clean co-mingle bin. It was acknowledged, for risk and liability, the City cannot have people/employees digging in the bins to sort out garbage, and the Park Managers' "monitor" duty is to pick up garbage to keep the area clean and safe, and call The Dalles Disposal when the bins are getting full so pickup can be scheduled.

Planning Commission. Mayor Kay reported the Commission met with Council last week. The Commission is going to look at Marijuana Dispensaries & Retail Operations, Seasonal Housing Guidelines for Recreational Commercial Zoning, Re-zoning of Deschutes Avenue & Industrial Zone, and Vacation Rentals - Guidelines

Public Works. Councilor Carlsen reported the public works crew will continue to monitor the water system.

Mayor. Mayor Kay presented an agenda for the League of Oregon Cities Central Oregon – Region 6 Meeting to be held in Maupin on December 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Mayor Kay, Recorder Patton, or Kristie Marecek of LOC. He reported representatives from Q-Life will come to Council in December to explain the Oregon grant for broadband, and they will ask the City to be the fiscal agent of that grant.

Economic Development – Maupin. Councilor Bechtol reported on business classes scheduled in Maupin by the Small Business Development Center/Maupin Business Facilitator Rick Leibowitz. The November class, Increasing Your Bottom Line, was attended by 9 people. The December 10th class will be Marketing and Advertising Your Business.

Economic Development – South Wasco Alliance. Councilor Knapp reported the November 12th Webworks: Anywhere! Forum was well attended. She announced the availability of a petition sheet for people to sign in support of broadband, which will then be taken to Q-Life. She reported Senator Merkley's office is in contact with CenturyLink regarding their status/plans for broadband services. She reminded everyone of the South Wasco County Parks & Recreation survey, and the SWA meeting in Pine Grove tomorrow night.

Broadband Technology & Telecommunications. Councilor Ewing also reported on the November 12th Webworks: Anywhere! Forum, stating it was great and broadband would make a huge difference in Maupin. Mayor Kay reported having met with Wasco Electric Coop Manager Jeff Davis to look into partnering with them to use the power poles for broadband fiber optic cable.

Community Liaison. Councilor Helquist reported he will be attending the November 20 MCAAG meeting at the Legion Hall. Councilor Bechtol encouraged everyone, in light of a crime this morning in Maupin, to keep their vehicles and valuables locked.

Attorney. Attorney Sumner announced Q-Life is a QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency, which has worked with Bonneville Power Administration, and was formed by Wasco County governmental agencies.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A REQUEST BY THE DALLES DISPOSAL FOR A GARBAGE RATE INCREASE TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016. District Manager Erwin Swetnam presented/discussed the proposed rates (.76% increase). He further notified of DEQ passing a mandatory "tipping fee" ($.58 per ton) to landfills effective in April and July of 2016 (raising residential 1 can/week rate by $.03 beginning April 2016 and again beginning July 2016). Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and unanimously passed; the Council approves the proposed rate increase as presented to be effective January 1, 2016 and also approves the increase of prorated rates in April and July for the offset of $.58/ton DEQ tipping fee.

DISCUSS PRIORITIZING/ASSIGNING CITIZEN GENERATED TOWN HALL TOPICS. Mayor Kay presented/reviewed a list of the town hall topics with status of each, and of upcoming meetings scheduled with ODOT District Managers. Based on discussion of the trail maintenance (reason of asphalt breakage and repair or replacement with gravel) around Mountain Fir Community Park, it was suggested to look at project and funding in the next budget cycle.

NEW LIBRARY FUND RAISING PROJECT PROGRESS AND UPDATE. Mayor Kay presented a New Library Fund finance report indicating monies received and pledged and expended to date. We have currently secured over $90,000 in Leadership & Advance Gifts, toward our goal of $125,000.

AWARD OF ODOT SMALL CITY ALLOTMENT GRANT. Council was provided with a written notification by ODOT Region 4 Local Agency Program Liaison of the City's Street Repair Project (portions of Staats Ave., 6th Street, and Grant Ave.) being approved for inclusion in the 2016 Special City Allotment grant program. Mayor Kay announced this to be a $50,000 award.

OPEN AGENDA.

K-6 Fundraiser Request. Amber Anderson and Kathie Richey reported on the Fundraiser Program status and monies raised. They requested Council approve a holding area on the north side of the recycle bin (Park Managers back yard area) for the bags/collection of bottles/cans for the winter. Based on discussion, it was the consensus of Council not to approve.

COMMUNICATIONS. Councilor Bechtol reported he and Mayor Kay had a conference call with CIS Benefits Director Carolyn VanDyke, and he will have a plan to bring to Council after he meets with City staff.

NEXT MEETING. December 8, 2015 – Council Meeting/Worksession, 6:00 p.m.
December 16, 2015 – Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Frank Kay
Frank Kay, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder