PRESIDING: Mayor Karen DuPuis

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Frank Kay

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Dennis Ross, Joseph Ramirez, Mel Barlow, Dawna North, Mark Seder, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Katherine Richey, Bob Austin, Lane Magill, Rod Woodside

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 October 24, 2014; B) Acknowledge Payment of Invoices for October 2014; C) Acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Report of November 18, 2014. It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Rager, and approved unanimously; the Council approves consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS:

CHAMBER. Chamber Coordinator Amaral presented a written report telling of the new mural on the Deschutes Anglers building being completed, and of upcoming meetings and events.

LIBRARY. A written report by Librarian Stephenson was presented acknowledging the library has been busy; Friday morning story time continues to grow; and the Library is sponsoring the performance of Professional Story Teller Christopher Leebrick on December 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maupin Grade School.

MAYOR. Mayor DuPuis reported on written notification by ODOT that the City's application to the 2015 Special City Allotment Program for paving portions of 6th Street, Grant Avenue, and Staats Avenue was not selected for the grant funding.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/BUILDINGS. Committee Chair Ringo presented a handout on legal expenses paid out for the fiscal years of 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 year-to-date. He acknowledged the average dollar amount having doubled over the years and feels the City needs to focus more of its spending on infrastructure needs.

PARK. Committee Chair Rager reported on having draft sketches for Kaiser Park and the plan is to have final and full proposal with project cost estimates ready in the next couple of months. She also plans to start looking at City Park fees in January.

FIRE. Jon Helquist reported on an emergency call out to the Grade School for an incident with the boiler.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES IN THE CITY OF MAUPIN

For the record, the public hearing was continued to tonight for Council to be provided with a copy of the draft ordinance redlined with the committee's proposed changes. Based on a page-by-page review, it was the consensus of Council to defer the ordinance over to Attorney Sumner to make changes from tonight's review and Committee Chair Ralph Wimmer send Attorney Sumner information for Section 1.085 Unenumerated Nuisances, and continue the public hearing to the December 17 Council meeting.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL BY MEL BARLOW FOR AN INCREASE IN GARBAGE SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

An October 22, 2014 letter of request by Mel Barlow and rate schedule was provided to Council. Mr. Barlow spoke on his request for a 1.6% rate increase ($.35/month more for once-a-week collection). He further requested to change the time for rate increase request to council under the franchise agreement from November to October. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Knapp, and unanimously approved; the Council accepts the garbage service fees as proposed by Mel Barlow and move the rate increase request time from November to October.

RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH SEDER ARCHITECTURE + URBAN DESIGN

Council was provided with a copy of the executed November 4, 2014 "Maupin Civic Center Next Step, Complete the Design Phase" Agreement subject to ratification of Council of dollar amounts. Architect Mark Seder paraphrased steps taken to date and gave an overview of proposal for next steps. Based on review, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously approved; the Council ratifies this Contract Agreement with Mark Seder as presented.

DISCUSS FUTURE CITY OF MAUPIN STAFFING

Councilor Rager explained the need to get a public works employee hired by February. The staffing situation was recognized in that one employee will be retired, another will be having

surgery, and the City has not filled one of the utility worker positions. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Ringo, and unanimously approved; the Council hires a new Utility Worker with the job announcement to be posted for applications until December 10 or until the position is filled.

DISCUSS LAUNDROMAT IN CITY PARK

Mayor DuPuis reported, at the last Council meeting, it was acknowledged there was interest in an individual building a Laundromat in the City Park and giving the City a percent of intake, and in investigation of City policy, a private business cannot operate in the City Park.

Councilor Ringo reported on the condition of repair, maintenance, and operation of the Maupin Laundromat from conversation he had with the owner. He announced with the City Park having security and personnel, the idea and encouragement was to put a City operated Laundromat in the City Park and the interested individual would help get the facility up and running.

Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Ewing, and unanimously approved; the Council moves to have Mayor DuPuis contact Chamber Coordinator Cristie Amaral and Chamber Board President Allison Bechtol to have conversation with O'Neal to see what can be done with existing Laundromat. Assistance may be putting them in touch with Business Facilitator Jeff Nicol.

CONSIDER DECLARING PROPERTY ITEMS SURPLUS AND DISPOSITION

Mayor DuPuis read a written proposal by Public Works Operations Assistant Ramirez to hold an auction on the unusable and excess material stored at the upper water reservoir yard for the clean up project and requesting a team of council members to decide the quantity and type of materials for auction lots. Discussion included the process, getting inventory and value, and doing more investigation with former mayors, Mike Miles, and Bob Iverson before surplus because the concrete blocks belong to Mountain Fir Park and there was a senior project to build a storage facility, and looking at giving first option to local organizations such as the Garden Club or Schools that might be able to use some of the material for projects.

Based on discussion, it was the consensus of Council to table declaring property items surplus and disposition to the December 17 Council meeting, and Councilor Ewing will meet with a city employee at the reservoir yard at 10 a.m. on Monday to review the items for description and pictures.

OPEN AGENDA

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Conner's retirement party. Based on discussion, it was the consensus of Council to hold a potluck dinner at the Legion Hall on

December 13, 2014 with the public invited and authorize the expenditure of $2000.00 for food and gift.

Council meeting scheduling. Councilor Rager proposed purchasing a desk calendar to have at monthly council meetings for Council to schedule and review meeting dates for annual and special matters. She also suggested Council look at going digital for electronic council packets and other material. Recognition was given to some cities purchasing laptop computers for each council member, and some requirements applicable to public record search requests.

Civic Center (New Library coupled with New City Hall) Audience member Kathie Richey questioned if the Council should have had a public hearing at its last meeting when it made a decision to build a new city hall with the library. She declared she has not seen a need for a new city hall. Councilor Ewing acknowledged the current city hall will be demolished for the new library, and he explained the Council committed to looking at the building of a new city hall for planning purposes; and when the planning is done and if the cost to construct a new building is extreme, the Council can still say no, and the Council can hold a public hearing before it spends a dime on new construction. Further discussions recognized many public meetings having been held over a period of years, the Council has heard public testimony for and against, and of the City budgeting funds for a city hall & council chambers since 2001.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Council was provided a fiscal year financial report through October 31, 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, December 17, 2014 – Regular Council Meeting

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