PRESIDING: Mayor Karen DuPuis

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Kathie Richey, Cristie Amaral, Dennis Ross, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Rick Eiesland, Rod Woodside, Tom Troutman, Patrick Kollodge

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 November 19, 2014; B) Acknowledge Payment of Invoices for November 2014; C) Acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Report of December 17, 2014;
It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Kay, and approved unanimously; the Council approves consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS:

CHAMBER. Chamber Coordinator Amaral presented a written report telling of new Board members, of the stolen "Welcome to Maupin" sign, and of upcoming meetings and events. She announced the Chamber will be moving its visitor center to a building on Deschutes Avenue.

LIBRARY. Mayor DuPuis read a written report by Librarian Stephenson acknowledging she is continuing to organize the books and movies in the library; they had a very successful gathering for the Professional Story Teller event; and plans to purchase a large number of children's books with the remaining Ready to Read grant funds for the summer reading program.

NEW LIBRARY FUND RAISING COMMITTEE. Cristie Amaral announced plans to hold a wine tasting event as fund raising for the new library. Councilor Kay reported on monetary contribution and gift by Imperial Stock Ranch and Rivermark Community Credit Union, and recognized the Committee's plan for future public events.

MAYOR. Mayor DuPuis presented, for future Council consideration on bidding, copies of a recent gas purchase invoice from Carson Oil and this week's pricing from Hattenhauer Distributor. She read a report from Public Works Operations Assistant Ramirez acknowledging a collection system license obtained by Utility Worker Shields, work accomplished for the past month, and completion of the State annual water use report.

Mayor DuPuis and Public Works Operations Assistant Ramirez gave a presentation with regard to selecting an applicant for the Utility Worker position. Based on recognition of the City's general standard, it was the consensus of Council to have Councilors Kay, Ewing, and Helquist on the interview committee and to conduct the interviews after the first of the year. It was further the consensus of Council to continue to take applications up to the time of interviews.

ATTORNEY REPORT. Attorney Sumner recognized the efforts in creating a new Nuisance Abatement Ordinance and he has added Section 1.085 as discussed in last month's council hearing.

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, this is continuation of public hearing from November 19, 2015 and prior dates.

Councilor Knapp acknowledged the need to correct some numbering in the document, which was caused by word software conversion. She recognized this ordinance does not address tents and tent camping, and Attorney Sumner and Committee Chairman Wimmer acknowledged the City's Zoning Ordinance addresses this issue.

PUBLIC INPUT. Kathie Richey requested specifically including invasive weed species, goat head, and puncture vine to Section 1.070 #16 and address public and private lands. Recognition was given of the Committee having discussed and finding it hard to name everything, and that the ordinance does cover the growth of puncture vine or other noxious weeds interfering with abutting public or private property.

On consensus of Council, Mayor DuPuis closed the public portion of the hearing.

It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Mayor DuPuis, and unanimously approved; the Council adopts this ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES IN THE CITY OF MAUPIN, REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTEN ORDINANCES, SAVINGS CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" with correction to some numbering and deletion of "1.095 Abatement—Immediate situations" from table of contents. Assigned Ordinance No. 297.

It was recognized the Council needs to work on appointment of a Nuisance Abatement Officer, and consensus of Council to put discussion on the January 28, 2015 agenda.

CANVASS ABSTRACT AND DECLARE RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION FOR THE POSITIONS OF MAYOR AND THREE COUNCILORS TO THE CITY OF MAUPIN

Council was provided with a certified copy of the official abstract from the Wasco County Clerk. The votes cast for the position of Mayor were: Karen DuPuis – 101; Frank Kay – 132; and Write-in – 2. The votes cast for the three positions of Councilors were: Carol Rager – 166; Joe Ringo – 65; Scott Anderson – 74; Randy Bechtol – 167; Lynn Ewing - 168; and Write-in – 7.

It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Ringo, and unanimously approved; the Council approves the official abstract of the November 4, 2014 Election as presented and determines the Mayor Elect to be Frank Kay and the Councilor Elects to be Carol Rager, Randy Bechtol, and Lynn Ewing.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO TWO PLANNING COMMISSION POSITIONS

Based on review of three applications received, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Kay, and unanimously approved; the Council appoints Patrick Kollodge and Susan Wright to Planning Commission positions for the terms of offices January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION TO DECLARE PROPERTY ITEMS SURPLUS AND DISPOSITION

Based on a status report by Public Works Operations Assistant Ramirez, it was the consensus of Council to continue this matter until items are identified and determined ready to surplus. It was recommended Fire Chief Tom Troutman look at the fire apparatus, and the Maupin Lion's Club be contacted as the owner of the Christmas Street Light decorations. Councilor Rager again recommended the City invites local organizations to come look through items of surplus. Based on inquiry from the November 19 council meeting, Recorder Patton acknowledged the City's 2014-2015 budget of $4500 to clean up the reservoir area.

OPEN AGENDA

Service Recognition. Councilor Ewing thanked Mayor Karen DuPuis and Councilor Joe Ringo for their time served with the City.

Civic Center (New Library coupled with New City Hall). On request again by audience member Kathie Richey for clarification, Councilors Ewing and Kay explained the Council's October 22 decision to begin planning of a new city hall.

City Log Home Building. Councilor Rager acknowledged the City needs to discuss what to do with the log home building upon notification tonight that the Chamber will no longer be renting it.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Council was provided a fiscal year financial report through November 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. Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting

ADJOURN. Mayor DuPuis adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Frank J Kay MS
Frank Kay, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder