PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Katherine Richey, Karen DuPuis, Jim Turner, Carolyn Turner, Roger Harwood, Rick Eiesland, Carol Beatty, Don Jacklin, Nancy Boggs, Diane Barber, Candy Barnett, Gene Barnett, Allison Bechtol, Cristie Amaral, Patrick Kollodge, Ray Richmond, Steve Kramer, John & Gwen Howey, Joy Ramirez, Joseph Ramirez, Tiffany Rager, Dawna North, Joe Ringo, Kathi Ringo, Tom Gantz, Karletta Carrithers, Rod Woodside, Kirk Shields, George Beebe, Mike Foreaker

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

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

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

AGENDA CORRECTION OR ADDITIONS. Revisions to the order of agenda items and an addition to consider a resolution making application for grant funds were announced.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2015; B) Approval of Council Worksession Minutes of February 7, 2015; C) Acknowledge Payment of Invoices for January 2015; D) Acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Report of February 25, 2015. It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and approved unanimously; the Council approves consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS.

Chamber. Coordinator Cristie Amaral presented a written report giving an update on the new visitor center, Welcome to Maupin sign, recent Sportman's Show event and upcoming Business After Hours meeting.

New Library Fund Raising Committee. Allison Bechtol gave an update on the total of donations and fund raising dollars received, and upcoming fund raising events in March and May.

Library. A written report by Librarian Stephenson was presented telling of some training she is taking, more information on the Chili Cook Off Fund Raiser, that she has started attending the Wasco County Library Services District Board meetings, and two vacancies coming up this summer on the Library District Board.

Public Works. Councilor Carlsen acknowledged he took a quick tour of the wastewater treatment facility, and there is an electrical control issue that needs to be addressed for safety and efficiency; the control unit is wearing down the grinding unit every couple of years, so need to replace the control panel (about $1900) and look at getting a new grinder (about $3200).

Economic Development -- South Wasco Alliance. Councilor Knapp reported about 200 surveys pertaining to internet service were returned. The next SWA meeting will be in Wamic on March 19, and the SWA group, along with Regional Solutions and Department of Land Conservation Development staff, will tour industrial sites tomorrow to look at potential sites for light industrial business.

Attorney. Attorney Sumner reported, following tonight's meeting, he will going to Portland to attend the annual CityCounty Insurance Services risk management seminar for a couple of days and will report back to Council on that.

CONSIDER AUDIT SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH EMERALD CPA GROUP, LLP. Council was provided with a copy of the Audit Engagement Letter/Contract to provide services for 3 years, for years ending June 30, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and unanimously approved; the City accepts this contract as presented and authorizes the mayor to execute the contract.

CONSIDER UPDATES TO THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. Mayor Kay reviewed proposed updates/revisions discussed by the Council at its February worksession. The three revisions as proposed and amended by discussion tonight are: Revision #1 on pages 17/18 – add background checks and drug testing to Qualification Standards for New Hires/Promotions; Revision #2 on page 21, Section 6: Reporting Accidents – add drug and alcohol testing will also be required; and Revision #3 on page 32 for Cell Phone Policy – remove the specified stipend amount (of $35 per month) and add that the stipend is reviewed and adjusted periodically. Mayor Kay announced the current year stipend is going to go to $40.00. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously approved; the Council approves the updates/revisions as amended.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT. Mayor Kay acknowledged the purpose to authorize the City of Maupin to apply for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department for

development/improvements at Kaiser Park. He read the resolution. Councilor Rager explained this to be a planning and construction grant, and acknowledged the available grant monies (80%; $750,000 maximum awarded) and matching funds (20%, in-kind services). It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and unanimously approved; the Council passes this Resolution Authorizing Application For Grant, Resolution No. 02252015, as presented.

RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT. Mayor Kay gave a report pertaining to the process undertaken towards resolving and reaching a settlement agreement between the City and Mike Miles. With regards to any discussion by Council, Councilor Ewing read Section 8 of the Resignation Agreement and Release. It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and unanimously approved; the Council goes into a brief executive session so the City Attorney can brief the Council before going into any further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660(2)(h) TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL CONCERNING THE LEGAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF A PUBLIC BODY WITH REGARD TO CURRENT LITIGATION OR LITIGATION LIKELY TO BE FILED.

Mayor Kay called Council into executive session at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened the regular council meeting at 7:26 p.m.

CONTINUATION OF RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT. It was moved by Councilor Bechtol, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and unanimously approved; the Council distributes copies of the Settlement Agreement to the audience.

Questions and comments were heard from the audience.

It was moved by Councilor Knapp, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously approved; the Council accepts the Resignation Agreement and Release as presented and authorizes the mayor to execute it.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Recorder Patton acknowledged having provided Council with a copy of the City's 2015 Best Practices Survey Results with CityCounty Insurance Services and suggested Council/Staff look at for improving categories of risk management.

Council was provided a fiscal year financial report through January 31, 2015. 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. March 17, 2015 – Council Worksession, 6:00 p.m.
March 25, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Frank J Kay
Frank Kay, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder