PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Carol Rager

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Allison Bechtol, Cristie Amaral, Rick Ellis, Joanne Ellis, Candy Barnett, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Patrick Kollodge, Katherine Richey, Karen DuPuis, Tom Troutman

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. none

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2015; B) Approval of Council Worksession Minutes of February 17, 2015; C) Acknowledge Payment of Invoices for February 2015; D) Acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Report of March 12, 2015. It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and approved unanimously; the Council approves consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS.

Chamber. Coordinator Cristie Amaral reported on the progress of the new visitor center and upcoming events.

New Library Fund Raising Committee. Allison Bechtol gave an update on donations and plans for a May 3 Business Challenge fund raising event.

Library. Mayor Kay read a written report by Librarian Stephenson telling of the recent Chili Cook Off fund raising event for the new library and of Oregon Culinary contributions.

Fire Department. Chief Troutman requested, on behalf of the Fire Department Board, the Council approves setting up and contributing $1,000 to a scholarship fund for Jenna Peterson in memory of her father and volunteer fireman Scott Peterson. Councilors Bechtol and

Helquist disclosed being members of the Fire Department Board, and on inquiry, there were no objections from the Council or Audience to Councilors Bechtol and Helquist participating in the discussion and decision. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Bechtol, seconded by Council Helquist, and approved unanimously, the City contributes $1,000 from the General Fund – Economic & Community Development Fund to kick start a scholarship fund for Jenna Peterson.

Mayor. Mayor Kay reported on the following:

- Wasco County Economic Development Commission has chosen the Maupin Library Project as the #1 project for Wasco County.
- Wasco Electric Coop 2015 Youth Rally Program.
- Letter of March 10, 2015 from Planner Dan Meader notifying of his intentions to retire this year and informing of Tenneson's plan to continue offering Land Use Planning services and hired Nick Kraemer to assume his position.
- LOC webinar on March 24 to assist its members in evaluating options and risks in regulating medical marijuana facilities.
- Oregon Government Ethics Commission Webinar Schedule to offer step-by-step instructions on how to complete the Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest form. Also reminder of deadline to file completed SEI form is April 15.

Public Works. Councilor Carlsen reported the plant is operating correctly.

Economic Development -- South Wasco Alliance. Councilor Knapp announced the next SWA meeting, March 19, will be at the Wamic Community Center. She reported the SWA Council is working on establishing the group as a 501-3c non-profit organization and developing Articles of Incorporation; and of attendance at a Gorge Broadband Consortium and Industrial Site Tour.

Broadband Technology & Telecommunications. Councilor Ewing reported next year's Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest form will have to be filed online, and Microsoft is abandoning Internet Explorer.

Community Liaison. Councilor Helquist reported on attending the fund raising events of the Chili Cook Off and the Dinner/Auction for the Senior Alcohol Free Graduation Party. He reported there are still questions, some cloudy issues on the Council's decision as far as the Library/City Hall project. Councilor Ewing reported Council approved the concept but not the funds.

Attorney. Attorney Sumner reported on his attendance at the annual CityCounty Insurance Services risk management conference and seminars being held on medical marijuana facilities, recreational marijuana, and risk management. He further reported CIS has a model

employee handbook that he will look at, and they are having seminars on ways cities can do better on risk and better employee atmosphere.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIBRARY/CITY HALL PROPERTY SURVEY/TOPOGRAPHY CONTRACT. Mayor Kay acknowledged a new city hall is contingent on the Library getting built; if the Library does not get funded and built then will not build a city hall. He talked about the funding needs for the Library and benefits of combining City Hall with the Library for grants and cost reduction. He recognized the need for a property/topography survey for grant applications and having a bid by Tenneson Engineering Corporation in the amount of $2,000 for the survey work. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously approved; the Council accepts Tenneson Engineering Corp. bid, authorizes the mayor to execute the contract, and the expense be paid from the New Library Fund.

Based on inquiry and discussion as to the Council's October 22, 2014 motion pertaining to the Library/City Hall (Civic Center), it was the consensus of Council to look at the motion at the next council meeting.

DISCUSS MAY 27 COUNCIL MEETING / COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOWN HALL MEETING. Mayor Kay announced the Wasco County Commissioners would like to have a Town Hall meeting in Maupin on the same night of council meeting on May 27. It was suggested the County Town Hall meet at 5:30 p.m. with the City Council meeting following at 6:30 p.m. at the Maupin City Park Community Building.

Mayor Kay presented an updated schedule for 2015 City Council Work Sessions & Topic.

CONSIDER REQUEST BY CHAMBER FOR CLOSURE OF 4TH STREET BETWEEN HARDWARE STORE AND LEGION ON SATURDAY, MAY 16 FOR MAUPIN DAZE/RIVERFEST/COMMUNITY SALE EVENT. Chamber Coordinator Amaral reported the purpose is to put vendors on that portion of street if needed. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Knapp, and unanimously approved; the Council approves the Chamber's request to close off the portion of 4th Street on May 16.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT OFFICER UPDATE. Mayor Kay reported he and Joe Ramirez have been trying to get together to discuss formulating the qualifications and the job will be posted once the hours and salary are determined.

APPOINTMENTS TO BUDGET COMMITTEE / BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING DATES. Mayor Kay reported the City has not received any applications to the vacant positions in the Budget Committee. He recognized the proposed meeting dates of April 14 & 28, May 19, and June 16 if needed.

OPEN AGENDA.

I. Audience member Karen DuPuis inquired if the padlocks on all city property have been changed. Public Works Operations Assistant Ramirez reported the new locks were received today and Mayor Kay reported Joe Schable is in process of changing other locks.

Tom Troutman requested to have the old locks based on it being his dad who gave the City the locks.

II. Weed Spraying. On inquiry by Councilor Helquist, Public Works Operations Assistant Ramirez reported Utility Worker Shields is in the process of getting a license to spray, and they will be spraying Rights-of-Ways, focusing on alleyways and water lines. In discussion, it was suggested people who do not want spraying around their property put up signage and call in to the City to be put on a Do Not Spray list.

III. Katherine Richey, representing the Maupin Citizens Awareness and Advisory Committee, requested Council consider waiving the $50 rental fee of the Legion Hall for their group meetings, one time per month. She further requested to be included on the regular Council Meeting Agenda as Citizen Report. Based on discussion, it was the consensus of Council to not sponsor as a city organization/function.

IV. School Kickball Tournament. Joy Ramirez invited everyone to attend this Kickball Tournament, a fundraiser, this Friday at 11:00 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Council was provided a fiscal year financial report through February 28, 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 25, 2015 – Council Worksession, 6:00 p.m.
April 14, 2015 – Budget Committee Orientation/Council Worksession
April 22, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Frank J Kay III
Frank Kay, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder