PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Carol Rager

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Karen DuPuis, Dale Madden, Allison Bechtol, Cristie Amaral, Joy Ramirez. Rod Woodside, Rick Eiesland, Suze Riley, Dennis Ross, Tom Teaford

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 February 24, 2016 Meeting; B) Minutes of February 27, 2016 Meeting/Retreat; C) Minutes of March 15, 2016 Meeting; D) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; E) Payment of Invoices for February 2016; F) Public Works Operations Manager WWTP Report.

It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and unanimously passed; the Council approves consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS.

Chamber. Chamber Coordinator Amaral presented and reviewed a written report telling of past and future meetings and events.

New Library Fund Raising Committee. Allison Bechtol reported on campaigns on the way consisting of participating in Maupin Daze and Matching Challenge by the Justensen Family. Mayor Kay gave further report on this $5,000 Matching Challenge.

Library. A written report by Librarian Stephenson was presented telling of the status on the laptops donated by Google, she is finishing up planning for the Summer Reading Program, April will be Poetry Month, and the Library will host an event in May by International Cultural Ambassador Kevin Locke made possible by the Wasco County Cultural Trust Grant.

Planning Commission. Chairman Madden reported they are still working on the time/place/manner for recreational and medical marijuana facilities. There are three 2016 Legislature Bills pertaining to marijuana laying on the Governor's desk for signature.

Mayor. Mayor Kay reported on the following: State Minimum Wage approved by the Legislature; ODOT approving Maupin to use their Electronic Speed Signs this summer; The Dalles Disposal increased garbage rates effective April 1st and July 1st to cover the DEQ/Landfill fees; CIS reports on Maupin's 2016 Best Practices Survey/Assessment, Managing Risk Without Recreational Use Immunity, and "Not-to-Exceed" Rate changes for medical/dental/property/liability insurance coverages in the upcoming year; employee cost-of-living adjustment per the average 2015 CPI-W (West-Size Class B/C) rate as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; the City having been awarded $2919.00 on an application/submission by Recorder Patton to the CIS Risk Management Incentive Program for reimbursement of costs on the Maupin City Park Tree Trimming Project; and that Attorney Sumner and Recorder Patton are working on the SDC Resolution to clarify "new construction".

Public Works. Public Works Operations Manager Ramirez reported things are still working well with the State on the City's water system.

Economic Development – South Wasco Alliance. Councilor Knapp reported she and Mike Davis will be leaving the SWA Board and Dennis Ross and Lexi Hager will be the new members. The next SWA meeting is April 21, 7-9 p.m., at the Maupin Legion Hall.

Broadband Technology & Telecommunications. Mayor Kay reported on evolving developments of the Maupin Broadband Project with CenturyLink and LightSpeed Networks.

Attorney Report. With regards to The Dalles Disposal rate increase, Attorney Sumner recommended Council adopt a **Resolution Modifying Franchise Agreement**. Based on discussion, Councilor Carlsen motioned that the garbage franchise be modified to provide that the franchisee may adopt pro-rata changes to garbage fees, to absorb the costs of increased tipping fees, effective as of the date of the change of such tipping fees. Councilor Ewing seconded. Motion carried unanimously and was assigned Resolution No. 03232016.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL FEBRUARY 27TH RETREAT DISCUSSIONS. Mayor Kay reported the Council discussed advantages and disadvantages of water meters and installation, and it is felt the meters should be installed for leaks and water usage. The cost is about $10,000 plus labor. The City would not move rapidly to a meter water rate/billing.

LIBRARY GRANT WRITER'S CONTRACT. Mayor Kay presented and explained two options for contract fee with Grant Writer Lyn Craig. In discussion, he reported every grant application will come through him for review/approval before being submitted to the funding

organizations. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Bechtol, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and passed on a vote of 5 to 1 (Helquist); the City enters into a contract with Lyn Craig for grant writing services at the proposed hourly fee.

CITY OF MAUPIN BUDGET COMMITTEE & PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Kay acknowledged having received an application by Suze Riley for the one vacant position in the Planning Commission for the unexpired term of office to end December 31, 2017. It was moved by Councilor Carlsen, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously passed; the Council appoints Suze Riley to fill this vacant position. Mayor Kay acknowledged having received 5 applications from Karen DuPuis, Danielle Foreaker, Katherine Richey, Suze Riley, and Tom Troutman for the four vacant positions in the Budget Committee. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Helquist, seconded by Councilor Knapp, and passed on a 4 to 1 (Bechtol) vote; the Council appoints Katherine Richey for the term to end December 31, 2016, Karen DuPuis for the term to end December 31, 2017, and Danielle Foreaker and Suze Riley for the terms to end December 31, 2018.

OPEN AGENDA.

Karen DuPuis expressed concern of the Council calling an emergency executive session meeting at the end of the Council meeting of March 15 without public notice. Mayor Kay informed the meeting consisted of sharing information on the price of real estate of which he only became aware of that date, and there was no decision of the Council.

Public Works Operations Manager Ramirez asked Council to support her in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). She reported she would be taking an internet on-line hybrid course, and then testing in Idaho for which the Southern Wasco County Ambulance Service will cover her tuition fee, hotel costs, etc. She asked Council to support paying her wages, not charging her vacation time, for this leave. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and unanimously passed; the Council support and put Joy on paid leave to complete the EMT testing in Idaho.

Council & Staff Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up. Mayor Kay reminded/announced this Clean Up event will be April 21st beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Works Building.

COMMUNICATIONS. Recorder Patton presented a Fiscal Year 2015-2016 financial report as of February 29, 2016.

She announced the April Planning Commission meeting will be changed to Thursday, April 21.

NEXT MEETING. April 19, 2016 – Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
April 27, 2016 – Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Frank J Kay, Sr.
Frank Kay, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder