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: Karen DuPuis, Rick Eiesland, Bruce Hust, Rich Sutliff, John & Gwen Howey, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Katherine Richey, Cristie Amaral, Dale Madden, Carol Beatty, Candy & Gene Barnett, George & Karen Barnett, Rod Woodside, Dawna North

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. The following additions were made to the agenda:

1) Appointment of applicant to vacant position in the Maupin Planning Commission
2) Appointment of applicant to vacant position in the Maupin Budget Committee
3) Discuss Drinking Water Wellhead Protection Plan
4) Discuss new wording in ordinance on water and sewer rates
5) Discuss Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, weed abatement

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2015; B) Acknowledge Payment of Invoices for March 2015; D) Acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Report. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and approved unanimously; the Council approves consent agenda with exclusion of the WWTP Operator Report and amendment of the March 17 Council Minutes.

REPORTS.

Chamber. Coordinator Cristie Amaral presented a written report telling of her attendance at conferences, new Chamber website, update on Scenic Bikeway project, and upcoming events.

New Library Fund Raising Committee. Mayor Kay gave an update on donation/commitment totals and acknowledged the upcoming May 3 Business Challenge fund raising event.

Library. A written report by Librarian Stephenson was presented telling of recent poetry events held, slogan and product purchases for National Library week held last week and continuing that slogan as the library fundraising campaign slogan, and summer reading program plans.

Mayor. Mayor Kay reported on the success of the Annual Spring Clean Up and Household Hazardous Waste Collection events. A request was made to move the Spring Clean Up to a Saturday because of people working on Fridays. Mayor Kay acknowledged the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for April 28 and information as to personal services.

Public Works. Councilor Carlsen reported the water and sewer systems are working as they should. Mayor Kay recognized Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Conner will be leaving, retiring at the end of this month.

Economic Development -- South Wasco Alliance. Councilor Knapp reported they have a website now, and announced the next SWA meeting will be May 21 at the Shaniko school.

Community Liaison. Councilor Helquist reported on recent attendance to the Library Board meeting and Maupin Citizens Awareness & Advisor Group, and of an upcoming memorial gathering this Saturday for Glenn Barber.

INTRODUCTION & RECOGNITION OF CITY PLANNING CONSULTANT DAN MEADER & NICK KRAEMER FROM TENNESON ENGINEERING. Mayor Kay introduced the City's Contract Planner Dan Meader. Dan told of his plans to retire and introduced Nick Kraemer as his successor in the Tenneson Engineering Corporation firm.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION, CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, BY ROBERT KREIN/MAUPIN RIVERSIDE LLC FOR A FULL ON-PREMISES SALES LICENSE AT 597 SO. US HWY 197, MAUPIN, OREGON. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously passed; the City recommends to OLCC the granting of this Full On-Premises Sales Liquor License to Robert Krein/Maupin Riverside LLC.

SOLVE AGREEMENT FOR RIVER vTRASH SITE. Mayor Kay and SOLVE Pilot Project Coordinator Dawna North explained the program and presented an agreement for consideration. The agreement is to grant permission to install a "Self-Led Waste Station Kiosk" in the Maupin City Park, a station for people to pick up bags for waste clean up. SOLVE will pay for the sign materials and installation and waste bags. Mel Barlow and Bureau of Land Management have

agreed to allow disposal of these bags in their containers along the river. It was moved by Councilor Helquist, seconded by Councilor Ewing, and unanimously passed; the Council grants to SOLVE and its Pilot Project Coordinator Dawna North permission for installation of a "Self-led Waste Station Kiosk" in the Maupin City Park and authorizes the mayor to execute the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION TO WASCO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD. Mayor Kay gave background and area representation of the Board, and presented a letter of interest by Carol Jones. It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Knapp, and unanimously passed; the Council recommends to Wasco County Commissioners the appointment of Carol Jones to a position on the Wasco County Library Services District Board.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE & RECYCLING PROGRAM GOVERNING COMMITTEE. Mayor Kay gave some background and past representation on the Committee, and recognized Kathie Richey is interested in serving as a representative. It was moved by Councilor Knapp, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and unanimously passed; the Council recommends the appointment of Kathie Richey to a position on the Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program Committee.

APPOINTMENT TO MAUPIN PLANNING COMMISSION. An application by Ralph Wimmer was presented to Council. It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and unanimously passed; the Council appoints Ralph Wimmer to the vacant position in the Maupin Planning Commission and also to report back to the City Council after each meeting.

APPOINTMENT TO MAUPIN BUDGET COMMITTEE. An application by Tamara Wimmer was presented to Council. It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and unanimously passed; the Council appoints Tamara Wimmer to a vacant position in the Maupin Budget Committee.

PLANNING COMMISSION ASSIGNMENT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY REGULATIONS. Mayor Kay acknowledged the Planning Commission was recently assigned the task of dealing with medical marijuana dispensary regulations, researching and making recommendation on provisions for Time, Place, and Manner of dispensaries in the City of Maupin. He gave some background on the marijuana issues before the State, two separate operations of medical and recreational and two different State agencies assigned to administer them, and of the City last year adopting a one-year moratorium on medical marijuana facilities. He reported other community persons have been asked to be involved in the process, and the meetings will be posted open to the public with the first meeting set for May 5.

RECONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER 22, 2014 COUNCIL MOTION WORDING REGARDING LIBRARY/CITY HALL PROJECT. Mayor Kay reported the Council is revisiting the motion with intent for clarity to inquiries by Kathie Richey and others. He read the motion, and acknowledged a newly crafted motion presented to Council for consideration to propose and vote on. Discussion included recognition of the following: The Council had authorized the planning and analysis for a new city hall, but not the construction until financing is determined and obtained for city hall; The existing city hall building will be demolished when the Library obtains its funding for a new building; The decision to demolish city hall for the library came from the community following many public meetings; The planning and analysis for city hall will provide figures for a new building, costs projected out for waiting 5-10 years, costs plus contingency for remodeling/upgrading other buildings for city hall use, and furnishings; and The Council will hold a public meeting to provide for public review and comment when the cost analysis is complete.

Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and unanimously passed; the Council replaces the motion of October 22, 2014 with the following: The City of Maupin begin the planning and the analysis process of combining a new City Hall with a new Library. It is understood that building a new City Hall is dependent upon getting funding for a new Library that results in the demolition of the current City Hall and in obtaining appropriate funding to build a new City Hall. The public will be provided opportunity for input to the final decision of building a new city hall.

OPEN AGENDA.

I. City's Drinking Water Wellhead Protection Plan. Councilor Knapp asked Council to revisit this topic, from a worksession held a year ago in May regarding review and update, to consider applying for grant funding through the Oregon Drinking Water Source Protection Program. Applications opened mid-April and closes in June. Based on discussion Councilor Knapp will explore the grant needs and availability for this year.

II. Summer seasonal workforce housing water and sewer rates. Councilor Knapp recalled the task of the City, from a Council worksession, to do some wording in the city ordinance on water and sewer rates for seasonal housing. Mayor Kay explained the issue, and reported he and Recorder Patton have been looking at the implications.

III. Weed Abatement. Councilor Knapp recognized what has been the standard for weed abatement, weeds over 6-inches tall within 50 feet of a structure posing a fire hazard, and raised concern of the new nuisance abatement ordinance referring to weeds being 14 inches that would harbor vector and fire hazard. Based on discussion, it was recommended to have the Fire Department research and come back to Council with proposal of appropriate wording to amend the nuisance abatement ordinance.

IV. Katherine Richey, spokesperson for Maupin Citizen Advisory & Awareness Group, asserted the Council did not follow the Oregon public meetings laws 192.610 #1, #2, and #5 and 192.630 #2, that a decision cannot be made until it goes before Council and is voted on, and the bonuses to employees are the issue. The MCAAG asserted the bonuses were decided by the mayor and three councilmen and it never came before open Council and voted on by the Council.

Mayor Kay acknowledged having discussion with Council at its February 7 Council retreat/worksession in light of the extraordinary times, personnel circumstances, the City was facing when he came on board as mayor in January, and in discussion and request, he believes the Council gave consensus in agreement to give him some flexibility within the budget and the parameters of running the staff to implement some minor incentive and changes in the interest effective Staff management.

Discussions included explanation of public meeting law, public perception, budget, spending authority, ability of Council to make timely decisions in public worksessions although generally choose not to do, and being more sensitive to the public. It was acknowledged the Council worksession was a public meeting, it was open to the public and advertised, and discussion did take place on the bonuses in that meeting, but no vote was taken.

V. Karen DuPuis asserted, in the past several months, there has been no transparency. She cited her issues to be (1) schooling expenses paid for Mike Miles certification, and (2) the bonuses.

COMMUNICATIONS.
Council was provided a fiscal year financial report through March 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. April 28, 2015 – Budget Committee, 6:00 p.m.
May 27, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Frank D Kay, Jr.
Frank Kay, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder