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: Allison Bechtol, Rodger Nichols, Kathie Richey, Karen DuPuis, Ron Walp, Doug Walp, Rich Sutliff, Cristie Amaral, Carol Beatty, Don Jacklin, Rod Woodside, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Candy & Gene Barnett, George & Karen Barnett, Dawna North, Donna Henderson, Rick Eiesland

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kay at 6:38 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 April 22, 2015; B) Acknowledge Payment of Invoices for April 2015; D) Acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Report. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and approved unanimously; the Council approves consent agenda with revisions requested by audience members Karen DuPuis and Kathie Richey.

REPORTS.

Chamber. Coordinator Cristie Amaral presented a written report acknowledging the new "Welcome to Maupin" sign is up, and telling of new Chamber members, an opening in a position on the Chamber Board, and past and upcoming events.

New Library Fund Raising Committee. On request by Chairperson Allison Bechtol, Mayor Kay gave a report on the success of the May 3 Business Challenge Fund Raising event sponsored by Rivermark Community Credit Union.

Fire Department. Fire Chief Tom Troutman, in follow up to the discussion on weed abatement standards at the last Council meeting, recommended the ordinance be amended to specify "weeds over 6-inches within 50 feet of a structure". Recorder Patton reported she and

Councilor Helquist reviewed the abatement procedure and found there is no need to make any change other than the dollar amount specified in the letter of violation & abatement. It was the consensus of Council to have the amendment prepared and adopt at the next Council meeting.

Planning Commission. Commissioner Wimmer reported on the Commission holding three meetings last month, to include: (1) Recommendation to Council to grant an OLCC license; (2) Approving a commercial application for structure permit; and (3) Recommendations on time, place, and manner for medical marijuana dispensaries. He reported only three people/citizens attended the public meetings on the medical marijuana dispensary issue. He suggested, personally, the Council pursue addressing both medical and recreational marijuana facilities at the same time, and find out how Maupin voters voted on the two issues.

Audience member Candy Barnett spoke of findings in her research of County votes, and she recommended Council prohibit facilities within 500 feet of public parks/Skate Park based on children living/playing in area. Kathie Richie questioned if Maupin could be a dry town.

Mayor. Mayor Kay read a Thank You to City Staff from Dawna North.

Public Works. Councilor Carlsen reported staff is in process of getting prices for replacement of electrical panels for treatment plant.

Parks. Councilor Rager reported on the grant application having been filed with Oregon Parks & Recreation Department for improvements to Kaiser Park, and Donna Shewey and others will make a project presentation to OPRD on June 4th.

Economic Development -- South Wasco Alliance. Councilor Knapp reported they had a good meeting in Shaniko last week, and acknowledged some of the discussion from residents.

Broadband Technology & Telecommunications. Mayor Kay reported the organization Q-life is working with Oregon businesses to access a Point of Presence (POP) in Maupin to get fiber optic internet to new library, businesses, and perhaps homes.

Community Liaison. Councilor Helquist reported on recent attendance to the BLM/Tribal gathering with law enforcement, the Library Fund Raising Committee, and Maupin Citizens Advisory & Awareness Group. He inquired about business licensing, and based on discussion, a committee was formed to include Randy Bechtol, Lynn Ewing, and Tom Troutman.

DAVE PETERS, MID-COLUMBIA HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER, UPDATE ON HOME REPAIR PROGRAM AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE SUPPORT. Dave Peters gave background of the program and having put in over $1 million into repairs. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Helquist, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and unanimously approved; the City gives Letter of Support to jointly sponsor a housing rehabilitation program provided through a 2015 Community Development Block Grant.

RECEIVE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION BY DESCHUTES MOTEL FOR AN OFF-PREMISES SALES LIQUOR LICENSE AT 616 MILL STREET, MAUPIN, OREGON. Council was provided with copies of Resolution No. 2108 providing for procedure, City Planner's Staff Report, and application by Deschutes Motel. Recorder Patton reported on procedure, and the decision following public hearing of the Planning Commission to recommend granting approval to the Council. It was acknowledged signage was discussed by the Planning Commission and that the applicants do not propose any signage; however, applicants have the right to apply to the City for signage. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Rager, and approved by a 6 to 0 vote with 1 abstention (Bechtol); the Council accepts the Planning Commission decision and recommends to OLCC the granting of the Off-Premises Sales Liquor License to Deschutes Motel.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SOUTH WASCO ALLIANCE. The purpose of the letter is to support the mission, goals, and efforts of the South Wasco Alliance to champion and coordinate economic & community development in our South Wasco County region. It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Ewing, and unanimously approved; the Council gives and approves this Letter of Support for South Wasco Alliance.

DISCUSSION/DETERMINATION OF MAYOR'S STAFF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. Council President Ewing presided over this matter. The issue is what authority does the mayor have or should have to spend monies at his discretion. Should the Council set dollar amount and what items? The City's Contract Review Board Ordinance No. 269 was recognized, and noted it addresses some issues relative to purchases/contracts, competitive bidding/quotes, and the ordinance is ten years old. It was the consensus of Council to review and discuss this ordinance for update, pending time allowance, at the June 16 Council meeting/worksession. The matter of employee performance bonuses was raised, and some audience members expressed their thoughts. In the matter of Council ratifying the bonuses, it was the consensus of Council the bonuses are a moot subject and move forward.

RECEIVE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGULATING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. The Planning Commission's recommendation on Time, Place, Manner, and Signage was presented. Some public discussion was held earlier in this meeting under Planning Commission Report agenda item. Further discussion, including public comment, was held on things to consider to include possible ideas from a video about

marijuana provided by the League of Oregon Cities; acknowledging no one guarantees to know the answer; holding off until know what OLCC comes up with for recreational marijuana; the City look at either permitting or not permitting medical marijuana dispensaries - what fits best for the city; recognizing the Oregon Administrative Rules are subject to a lot of interpretation and the Legislature is talking about modifying medical marijuana; no Federal/City law enforcement; and taking issue to the voters. As to dry town/prohibition, audience member Donna Henderson recognized the consequences/impact experienced in the City of Monmouth.

Mayor Kay commended the Planning Commission. He recognized they were given lots of pages of information, and following several public meetings, came to a recommendation on a 3 to 2 vote.

APPROVAL OF RESPONSE TO KATHIE RICHEY'S LETTER TO COUNCIL. Mayor Kay acknowledged Kathie Richey wrote a letter to Council, and a draft letter of response has been prepared for Council approval. Council President Ewing read the draft letter in its entirety. It was moved by Councilor Bechtol, seconded by Councilor Carlsen, and unanimously carried; the Council approves the Letter of Response to Kathie Richey as written on behalf of the Council with signature of Council President Ewing. In further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to post the council packet on the city's website.

DETERMINATION OF PROCESS FOR "LONG TERM DELINQUENT SHUT OFF" WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS. Mayor Kay acknowledged there are three accounts that have been on delinquency shut off for some time. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Bechtol, and unanimously carried; the City files a lien with the County on water/sewer accounts in delinquency shut off status over 6 months.

DISCUSS PARK FEES AND PARK RESERVATION SOFTWARE PROGRAM. Councilor Rager reported on researching Park Management software, and suggested waiting until get software set up to start peak season rates. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Helquist, and unanimously carried; the Council authorizes up to $3,000 in expenditure from the General Fund – Economic & Community Development Fund to purchase software and services.

OPEN AGENDA.

I. Maupin Citizens Advisory & Awareness Group. Representative/spokesperson Donna Henderson presented and reviewed a written memo to council – Subject: A report from the MCAAG's May 26 Meeting, for Council Attention and Action. The topics/requests for the Council's most immediate attention consist of: (1) Advisory Group/City Council Relationship Building; (2) Proposal for the establishment of a formal, regular "Town Hall' schedule of meetings; (3) Regarding notification and materials policy for Council meetings; (4) Regarding Public Meeting Notice Policy otherwise; and (5) Marijuana.

II. Tamara Wimmer gave a report on the arborist having completed the fertilizing and pruning of the trees on Deschutes Avenue, and concern of having the wrong type of water system for the trees. Mayor Kay reported the tree water system is being discussed with Public Works, and he acknowledged having completed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ralph & Tamara Wimmer and also a Thank You/tax deductible letter to them.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Council was provided with copy of an invitation from the League of Oregon Cities Foundation to contribute funds for conference and training scholarships.

Council was provided a fiscal year financial report through April 30, 2015, and also the bank statements of City accounts.

NEXT MEETING. June 16, 2015 – Council Meeting/Worksession, 6:00 p.m.
June 24, 2015 – 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 Kay, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder