PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner,
Public Works Operations Manager Joy Ramirez

Visitors Present: Ron Walp, Suze Riley, Susan Wright, Ralph Wimmer, Cristie Amaral, Candy Barnett, Gene Barnett, Alex Udey, Tiffany Rager, Karen DuPuis, Rod Woodside

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.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Minutes of June 22, 2016 Meeting; B) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; C) Payment of Invoices for June 2016. It was moved by Councilor Carlsen, seconded by Councilor Ewing, 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 events.

Library. A written report by Librarian Stephenson was presented telling of the summer reading program, her plan to write a grant to help cover the cost of digitalizing/preserving old "Maupin Times" newspapers, and the Library participating in the National Night Out event in August.

Mayor. Mayor Kay and Public Works Operations Manager Ramirez reported on receipt of the City's temporary, 5-year NPDES permit for the Sewerage Treatment Plant. Mayor Kay acknowledged regulations on development, pursuant to the FEMA flood control management information he presented at the last council meeting, would mostly affect some areas in the east side of Maupin. He presented a copy of a July 24, 2016 Oregonian newspaper article, an opinion by Peter DeFazio, entitled, "Flood plain regulations hurt Oregon, lack common sense". He reported on the resolution, credit on next City Park stay, of overpayment of transient lodging tax paid by extended stay RVers (Fish Camp Group). He reported the staff performance reviews and salary adjustments have been done.

Public Works. Councilor Carlsen and Public Works Operations Manager Ramirez reported on the condition/trouble with the Dodge utility truck.

Economic Development – Mid-Columbia Economic Development Department. Councilor Knapp reported on the recent Columbia Gorge Economic Symposium put on by MCEDD, a kick off to develop a new 5-year strategy to economy, quality of life, jobs.

Community Liaison. Councilor Helquist reported on helping Cristie Amaral with a youth "Bike & Build" event. He reported on the Monday night Fire Department meeting, discussion on what is going on right now all around us and encourage people to be aware of fire danger.

CONSIDER REQUEST BY SOUTH WASCO COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE TO INSTALL AN ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD AT MOUNTAIN FIR COMMUNITY PARK. Little League President Alex Udey presented information on standard equipment & features of an electronic scoreboard and a drawing with proposed location. She reported the Little League has received a grant from Wasco Electric Cooperative towards the purchase of a scoreboard, and the Little League would like approval from Council to install it at MFC Park. She acknowledged they are looking at LED display, maximum of 10'x5', and installing it by the gazebo as that is the closest power available. The grant gives them 1-year to complete and they will also do some fund raising.

Planning Commissioner Wimmer declared this to be a sign and should be brought up at Planning Commission and property owners notified.

Based on discussion, it was the consensus of Council to table discussion for the Little League to make application for signage to the Planning Commission.

CONISDER REQUEST BY SOUTH WASCO ALLIANCE FOR A $1,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE CITY'S STATE SHARED REVENUES FOR 'AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM'. The City received a July 9, 2016 letter of request by SWA Board of Directors Chair Steven Ellis acknowledging SWA to be a non-profit organization and programs they sponsor and support that benefit the citizens and children of the greater Maupin area. The donation would be used to help provide a year-round program to fill the gaps of out-of-school time with academics, adult mentorship and quality social interaction for children ranging from kindergarten through high school.

On recommendation by Councilor Ewing, a discussion was held on organizations making donation requests early to be considered for inclusion in the budget. It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Rager, and passed on a vote of 6 with 1 abstain (Knapp – former SWA Board Member); the Council approves the contribution of $1,000 to SWA.

RECOMMENDATION TO OLCC ON LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR DESCHUTES MOTEL, DESCHUTES U-BOAT, HENRY'S DELI, IMPERIAL RIVER COMPANY, MAUPIN MARKET, RAINBOW TAVERN, THE OASIS, AND THE RIVERSIDE. Council was provided with copy of the Renewal Notification Process provided by OLCC. Mayor Kay reviewed the options. Councilor Bechtol disclosed conflict for being owner of Maupin Market. It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Carlsen and pssed on a vote of 6 with 1 abstain (Bechtol); the Council opts to 'Do Nothing' and OLCC will process the renewal application as a favorable recommendation.

GENERAL DISCUSSION/STUDY SESSION OF MARIJUANA ORDINANCE. Mayor Kay recalled the process thus far, asking the Planning Commission to come up with proposal on time/place/manner for medical & recreational marijuana businesses and then directing Attorney Sumner to draft a marijuana ordinance. He acknowledged the session tonight is for Council look at, study, and ask questions on the 1st draft of ordinance. Then, in August or September, the Council will hold a public hearing and adopt an ordinance in time before the November election so voters can make an informed choice. He recognized having a City map identifying potential locations under State regulations (agriculture, industrial, and commercial zones not within 1000' of schools).

Councilor Ewing acknowledged, in the adoption of an ordinance, the Council is not endorsing or denying marijuana businesses, it is to have an ordinance in place if voters vote to allow marijuana businesses in town. In addition, the City cannot create an ordinance that gives no place for marijuana businesses to be allowed if voters vote to allow marijuana businesses in town.

The ordinance was reviewed with comments, questions, and discussions held by members of the Council, Planning Commission, and audience, and some revisions made at this time.

It was the consensus of Council to continue this study session to the August 16 Council meeting to have maps generated to show distance of 150', 300', and 500' from public parks to review.

OPEN AGENDA. None

COMMUNICATIONS. none

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660(2)(h) TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL. At 8:33 p.m., Council retired from regular session to go into executive session, and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:01 p.m.

There were no decisions to be made at this time.

NEXT MEETING. August 16, 2016 – Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
August 24, 2016 – Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: _____
Lynn Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder