PRESIDING: Mayor Lynn Ewing

COUNCIL PRESENT: Lynn Ewing, Carol Rager, Suzanne Knapp, 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: Judy Sumner, Karen DuPuis, Cristie Amaral, Kathie Richey, Suze Riley, Phil Tolentino, Shirley Tolentino, Tamara Wimmer, Ralph Wimmer, Ron Walp, Steve Kramer

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ewing at 6:30 p.m. Roll call of Council and staff was conducted by Recorder Patton. Mayor Ewing led council and audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Minutes of July 19, 2016 Meeting; B) Minutes of July 27, 2016 Meeting; C) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; D) Payment of Invoices for July 2016. It was moved by Councilor Helquist, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council approves consent agenda with correction to Minutes of July 27 as proposed by Councilor Knapp.

REPORTS.

Chamber. Chamber Coordinator Amaral presented and reviewed a written report telling of past and future events, and having 167 Visitor Center visitors in July.

New Library Fund Raising Committee. Mayor Ewing reported he has a meeting with Frank Kay tomorrow to discuss his role in this project. He acknowledged there will be a meeting sometime in October to discuss design of Civic Center.

Library. A written report by Librarian Stephenson was presented telling of the summer reading program, that it is time again to submit a grant request to the State Ready to Read Program and to complete the annual statistical report to the state library, and events scheduled for September.

Mayor. Mayor Ewing reported he has been busy since taking office on August 8th. He has spoken with all previous mayors, except one, who are still in Maupin, and has received some good suggestions and advice.

Planning Commission. Commissioner Wimmer reported the Council would be receiving some information on vacation rentals before long.

Public Works. Councilor Carlsen reported, in speaking with Public Works Operations Manager Ramirez today, they are pursuing the fire hydrant issue.

Economic Development – Mid-Columbia Economic Development Department. Councilor Knapp reported they will have their 2nd meeting on September 15 for developing the regional economic strategy and will be discussing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. They will have seven meetings that will go on to February for discussing different aspects for a strategy. An aspect that the Maupin Task Force or Council can get involved in is regional visions and goals for economic development in sector focus areas and strategies.

Broadband Technology and Telecommunications. Mayor Ewing reported LSN has almost all the easements needed to install fiber cable from Bakeoven BPA substation to the cell towers. There are a couple of places that they are looking at an alternate route.

Community Liaison. Councilor Helquist reported, in having spoken to public works personnel and Mayor Ewing on facilities security, there have been some issues raised and will be addressed in the future. Mayor Ewing reported on one issue relative to the security cameras.

Attorney Report. Attorney Sumner also acknowledged the policy adopted by Council on security cameras and that any information garnered from the videos will not be released to anyone.

CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DISCUSSION/STUDY SESSION OF MARIJUANA ORDINANCE. Discussion continued relative to duplication of State law, local sales tax of 3%, license/registration requirements & application provisions, and doing some additional research with LOC and Wasco County Sheriff.

Based on discussion, it was the consensus of Council to authorize Mayor Ewing, Commissioner Wright, and Attorney Sumner to review, exchange information, and modify.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE PLANNING: Mayor Ewing announced this list came about from informational comments from many citizens and from the past four years of Council minutes where had discussions but never finished or needed to reinvestigate. The items are not for solving tonight, but to prioritize and set some dates on some items to reach solution.

a. Re-Organization of Staff with a Manager or Administrator. He reported on the purpose and in speaking with most of the staff, they are in agreement. Will get job descriptions

from other cities for compiling/creating a job description for Maupin. Will have worksession within next three months.

b. Staff Bonuses. This came up from several people around town. Mayor Ewing's recommendation is to tie any bonuses to evaluation, something measurable and real, above and beyond goals. He gave an example of obtaining three certifications above goal requirement of three. Simply meeting goals is only a step increase. Will have worksession.

c. Parks (Kaiser Improvements & Mountain Fir Trail, Playground). Some people feel some of the improvements can be done by the City itself and may help in applying for grants. It was recognized the Kaiser Park Improvement Plans are at Public Works. Discussions included looking at deficiencies for why State Parks denied grant, and reviving committee. Audience member Ron Walp encouraged the City to honor Nick Kaiser & Family without delay – a suggestion was a plague with Kaiser history on back. Some people have asked about putting playground equipment at Mountain Fir Community Park, and he has given some grant information to Utility Billing Clerk Barnett as a starting point.

d. Legion Hall. Need to work with Town & Country Players on Improvement plans. Priorities consist of bathrooms, wiring in kitchen area, insulation.

e. Nuisance Abatement Officer. One proposal has been to contract with the County. Commissioner Kramer suggested the Council appoint a city representative, make inventory of issues, and meet with County to discuss.

f. Recycling Center – Glass Going Away? Forklift? Required Garbage? It was recognized the $2.00 residential/$3.00 commercial fees are no longer covering the costs. Public Works Operations Manager Ramirez reported on issues with glass hauling and time involved (3-4 hours per trip). Will need to look at options, maybe reduce what take. Commission Kramer reported the whole east side of Oregon is facing the recycling problem and DEQ is reluctant to listen. Audience member Kathie Richey suggested charging, by honor system, all non-resident users.

g. Yard Debris Disposal – Dirt Huggers 4 X per year? Mayor Ewing plans to talk to Dirt Huggers to see if they can come to Maupin 2 to 4 times per year.

h. Fire Hydrants. Public Works is on top of this project.

i. Water Line to Big Reservoir. This is something to keep in mind, and will need to look for grants.

j. Seasonal Housing. Propose have done by next Spring.

k. Wayne's World. Mayor Ewing will keep in contact with Wayne.

l. Community Holiday Dinner vs. City Official Dinner. If is community dinner, then community do. Schedule for September agenda.

m. Charitable Donations. Propose annual application for determination of selection/award by City and budget those donations.

n. Modification to Language – System Development Charges. Revisit to review charges, impacts, and development standards for applicable charges.

o. Contract Review Ordinance. Item to be reviewed periodically.

p. Business Licenses. Chamber previously considered and presented opposition.

q. Crosswalks. Do not do.

r. Donkey Trail. Mayor Ewing will contact property owner to research possibility/permission of improving/graveling for alternate emergency route in/out of Maupin.

s. Garbage Franchise. Schedule for October agenda for any proposed modification and/or fee increases.

t. Upcoming "Town Hall" meetings? Fiber Rollout, Library Update, Candidate Forum. LSN's plan is to begin fiber construction work in mid-September and have a meeting in October on service account plans. The Candidate Forum is scheduled for September 27 and Scott Hege will MC it. Are looking at an October meeting to present design proposal of the library/city hall facilities (Civic Center).

u. Parking. Propose turning issue over to the Chamber for input/plan. Chamber Coordinator will present at their next Business After Hours meeting.

v. Maupin's Birthday. Incorporated June 1922. Need to start thinking about what Maupin should do to celebrate Centennial.

For Planning Commission: The following are work item topics.

a. Chickens. Some cities allow. Propose Commission take a look at and see if fits for Maupin.

b. Zoning of Entire City. Propose look at zoning map and do some cleanup of zoning, look at as whole, not piece by piece. DLCD grants are available every other year for potential assistance in costs.

c. Vacation Rentals. Commission is already studying this.

OPEN AGENDA. Based on inquiry by Kathie Richey, Mayor Ewing reported the Council made decision at the last meeting to appoint a person to the vacant council position sometime after the November election.

COMMUNICATIONS. Recorder Patton presented a Fiscal Year 2016-2017 financial report as of July 31, 2016.

Mayor Ewing reported on the following:

The new Wasco County Emergency Manager, Justin Huffman, says he can get someone from Burlington Northern/Santa Fe out here to discuss response options in event of a train derailment.

A press release by LSN announcing fiber broadband coming to Maupin this Fall, their monthly service plan, taking orders in September, and services starting by January 2017.

NEXT MEETING. September 20, 2016 – Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
September 28, 2016 – Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN. Mayor Ewing adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: _____
Lynn Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder