PRESIDING: Mayor Karen DuPuis

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frank Kay, Lynn Ewing, Joe Ringo, Carol Rager

COUNCIL ABSENT: Jon Helquist, Suzanne Knapp

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Public Works Director Mike Miles, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Mary Beechler, Rob Miles, Keelia Carver, Shirley Tolentino, Philomen Tolentino, Kathie Richey, Allison Bechtol, Scott Hege, Lane Magill, Rhonda Pearce, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Candy Barnett, Joy Ramirez, Dawna North, Roger Harwood, Mark Seder, Rod Woodside

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Mayor DuPuis at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL. Roll call of Council and staff was conducted by Recorder Patton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Mayor DuPuis led the council and audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2014, and and July 28, 2014; B) Acknowledge Payment of Invoices for July 2014; C) Acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Report of August 14, 2014;
It was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Kay, and approved unanimously; the Council approves consent agenda as presented.

REPORTS:

CHAMBER. A written MACC News report by Chamber Coordinator Amaral was presented telling of recent and upcoming events, giving an update on the Welcome to Maupin Sign, date of next Chamber Board meeting, and Chamber Board member resignations and appointment to one vacancy.

LIBRARY. Allison Bechtol reported the new library fund raising is underway and continuing.

MAYOR. Mayor DuPuis reported on the hiring of a Librarian, Valerie Stephenson, and Librarian Assistant, Danette Cole. She reported on information obtained in regards to code enforcement officer for Dufur and probability for Maupin to contract at $25-$30/hour with Wasco County. She announced the Wasco County Road District formation will not be on the November voters' ballot.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Public Works Director Miles reported the following: (1) Notice from Oregon Health Authority that the City's grant application to the Drinking Water Program was not selected for funding, but they believe they can provide the City technical assistance with respect to most of the activities that were identified in the project work plan, and therefore he has a call in to the OHA regarding the technical assistance. (2) Status of sewer pipe and ground material on Staats Avenue proposed for paving project. (cast iron pipe and solid rock) (3) Recommendation to replace water pipes in the area of 5th Street and Grant Avenue with 6-inch pipes for fire protection. (4) The Carson Oil statement in the July invoices is for the oil products approved in the city's budget and it was provided at government discount price. Also, a one time cost, is the purchase of DEQ barrels for the oil products.

PARK. Committee Chair Rager reported on meeting with Architect Mike Faha.

TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Committee Chair Ewing reported having discussed with Mayor DuPuis a letter from whois.com and he recommended revisions to the city's account.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES IN THE CITY OF MAUPIN

For the record, notice of this hearing and availability to inspect the ordinance at city hall was published in the local newspaper, The Dalles Chronicle, and posted on local public bulletin boards and the city's website. In addition to the draft ordinance, Council and interested public was provided with a flow chart for nuisance violation enforcement process. It was recognized the ordinance is designed to take care of nuisances locally, and the flow chart tells staff and public what to expect in the steps to be taken. It was recognized the nuisance abatement officer would be someone authorized to act in the capacity for the City.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Discussion was held on public inquiries of vehicles and dogs.

Allison Bechtol stated she is in favor of the ordinance and of contracting with Wasco County for the nuisance abatement officer.

Ralph Wimmer stated he is in favor of the ordinance. He declared the ordinance is difficult to understand because it refers back and forth to other sections within the ordinance. In discussion, he suggested amending Section 1.090-A to add "written, signed" complaint. He recommended, pursuant to Section 1.130-B, the City adopt a fee schedule before adopting the ordinance. He inquired if this ordinance procedure would replace the current complaint procedure and this was affirmed.

Rob Miles suggested giving more time for public review.

Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Mayor DuPuis, and unanimously passed; the Council continues this hearing on the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance to Tuesday, September 23, 2014.

DISCUSS LIBRARY PROJECT, CIVIC CENTER IDEA THAT INCLUDES CITY HALL

Mayor DuPuis presented copies of an 8/24/14 email from Mark Seder to Mary Beechler and herself providing recent preliminary design graphics, showing new Library coupled with City Hall in a renovated and remodeled existing Library building (Option 1), and identifying two options for New Library and New City Hall Building(s).

Based on discussion, exploring the idea of building new city hall now or later, it was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Ewing, and unanimously passed; the Council revisits and makes decision on the Civic Center idea at next month's council meeting with the following action to take place between now and then: (1) Get cost estimate to remodel existing library (architect); (2) Get a building inspector to assess the existing library structure (PW Director Miles will contact retired inspector Mike Ward); (3) Get cost estimates of building now and building later (architect). It was the consensus to form a committee, being Recorder Patton, Public Works Director Miles, Councilor Ringo, Mayor DuPuis, Councilor Kay, and Citizen Rob Miles, to work with Architect Mark Seder to come up with ideas for new city hall and what is needed in city hall as far as square footages of spaces.

CONSIDER REQUEST BY TYGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER INC FOR A $1,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE CITY FOR SENIOR SERVICES FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 STATE REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council approves this $1,000 contribution from the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year budget.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mayor DuPuis read a written Thank you from Kathy White on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for the use of the City Park Community building for their public hearing concerning formation of a County Road District.

In follow up to email notice, Recorder Patton reminded Council of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Training Course to be held September 25 & 26, with registration due by September 5.

Council was provided with copies of Thank You/Receipt letters from the City to Doug Jett for his contribution of a salad bar for the Legion Hall and to Dennis Ross for his contribution of river rock to repair the river launching/landing area at the City Park.

Council was 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660 (2)(H) TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL REGARDING ACTIONS LIKELY TO BE FILED

Mayor DuPuis called council into executive session at 8:25 p.m., and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.

It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Kay, and unanimously passed; the City pays the sum of $750.00 and waives weed abatement charges for Robert Cooper at 206 Dufur Avenue, and the fees for water shut off and turn on for delinquency remain as charged by the City's fee schedule.

NEXT MEETING. Tuesday, September 23, 2014 – Regular Council Meeting

ADJOURN. Mayor DuPuis adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Karen DuPuis
Karen DuPuis, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder