PRESIDING: Mayor Karen DuPuis

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Suzanne Knapp

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder DeOra Patton, Attorney Paul Sumner

Visitors Present: Dawna North, Sandra Iverson, Gareld Iverson, Herb Snodgrass, Judy Sumner, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Cristie Amaral, Randy Bechtol, Allison Bechtol, Kathie Richey, Valerie Stephenson, Joseph Ramirez

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 August 27, 2014; B) Acknowledge Payment of Invoices for August 2014; C) Acknowledge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Report of September 17, 2014;
It was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Mayor DuPuis, 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, signing up with Citizen Weather, having sold the new area postcards to businesses, date of next Chamber Board meeting, and date of next Business After Hours meeting to include discussion of Maupin's future pertaining to Deschutes River with rising BLM costs and restricting river use.

LIBRARY. Librarian Stephenson reported she is getting settled in as the new librarian, and she and Library Assistant Cole are reorganizing the books in the library alphabetically.

NEW LIBRARY FUND RAISING COMMITTEE. Allison Bechtol reported they are continuing to work on a list of donators, and the Garden Club has elected to donate 100% of the monies they received from Cycle Oregon to the new library fund.

MAYOR. Mayor DuPuis reported she wrote letters of appreciation to Sarah Hennessey and Nancy Boggs and gave them gift certificates for use at Maupin Market.

PARK. Committee Chair Rager reported she is still waiting to hear from Tenneson Engineering on what, if any, they have for a survey and topographic map of Kaiser Park. Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Kay, and unanimously passed; the Council authorizes the expenditure of up to $2,000 to fund a survey if Tenneson Engineering does not have a survey now.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Committee Chair Kay announced Business Facilitator Jeff Nicol will probably be at the October Council meeting to make presentation.

TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS. Committee Chair Ewing reported the City Park guests, who attended a council meeting in the spring, are thrilled with the new internet service in the City Park.

COMMUNITY LIAISON. Committee Chair Helquist reported on meeting the Interim Director at Canyon Rim Manor.

FIRE. Fireman Helquist reported, on request by Canyon Rim Manor, department officers observed a fire drill at the assisted living center. The department made a list of things it thought should be improved and plans to go back the end of October along with firemen.

CONTINUATION OF 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 the continuation 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.

The suggestions from the last meeting to amend Section 1.090-A and establish a fee schedule before adopting the ordinance was acknowledged.

It was recognized the actual cost of doing abatement is geared toward reimbursement. Councilor Ewing suggested extending the definition of rodent.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Ralph Wimmer stated he is in favor, however, he has 27 things he has questions on. He said he does not think the ordinance fits Maupin and suggests forming a committee to go over the ordinance.

Herb Snodgrass spoke of liability concern and opposition to hiring another person as a compliance officer. He suggested the compliance officer duties be included in the Public Works Director Job description.

Joe Ramirez stated he has concerns with the ordinance and he feels the ordinance needs to be about trying to help resolve nuisances, not charge fees.

The formation of a committee was discussed. Volunteers for the Committee consist of Joe Ramirez, Ralph Wimmer, Herb Snodgrass, Shirley Tolentino, Mayor Karen DuPuis, and Councilor Jon Helquist. The Chairman of the Committee will be Ralph Wimmer.

Based on discussion, it was the consensus of Council to continue this hearing on the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance to allow the Committee to meet and come back to council next month on October 22, 2014 with a written Committee Report.

CONSIDER CIVIC CENTER (NEW LIBRARY COUPLED WITH NEW CITY HALL)

Councilor Ewing recognized the action of Council at its last meeting for requested information. Recorder Patton recognized the City Hall Committee having met last week and in follow up, a September 21, 2014 email from Mark Seder. The need for more time to analyze was acknowledged.

Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Rager, seconded by Councilor Kay, and unanimously passed; the Council directs Mayor DuPuis and Recorder Patton to contact Mike Ward to assess the existing library structure and if he is not available or is uncomfortable doing then contact another licensed inspector to complete the task in order to keep moving forward on this project analysis.

Mayor DuPuis reported on her and Councilor Knapp visiting Moro's city hall.

CONSIDER REQUEST BY DEBRA ROBERTSON OF BLM TO WAIVE LATE FEE CHARGES ON WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT

Council was provided with a copy of the written email request dated September 17, 2014 by BLM Utilities Accounting Technician Debra Robertson asking for a waiver of the late fee charges now totaling $72.93, and with a copy of the customer account report covering the period of time from October 2013 through September 17, 2014.

Based on discussion, it was moved by Councilor Helquist, seconded by Councilor Ewing, and unanimously passed; the Council has considered the request and denies it.

OPEN AGENDA

Tamara Wimmer, in reference to the Mayor's newsletter, inquired if the hiring committee was from the library board and Mayor DuPuis affirmed. She asked how the South Wasco Alliance strategic plan affects Maupin and it was explained the group is comprised of the cities and communities in the south county region working together on community and economic needs.

Ralph Wimmer asked what it would take to do automatic pay from bank for water/sewer bill and it was recognized a person could set up automatic bill pay with their bank. He clarified he is asking the City to automatically pull the money from the customer bank account. It was recognized the City could probably do, but it may cost the City some monies. Based on discussion, Recorder Patton was directed to contact the City's bank to research feasibility and cost.

Meet the Candidates Forum. Councilor Ewing reported, under conduct by Jerri Parman, a Meet the Candidates Forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. on October 14, 2014 at the Legion Hall.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mayor DuPuis read a written Thank you from Karen and Mike Price regarding courteous service by Park Managers Howard & Janet Vejar and to Public Works Director Miles and Council for getting the new internet service in the City Park.

Council was provided a fiscal year financial report through August 31, 2014. 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. Wednesday, October 22, 2014 – Regular Council Meeting

A discussion was held with regard to keeping, canceling, or rescheduling the worksession set for October 7. It was recognized the purpose was for reviewing and discussing water meter information and cost estimates prepared by Public Works Director Miles and it is not known if the documents have been completed. Based on discussion, Mayor DuPuis will ask Public Works Operations Assistant Ramirez if documents are done and report back to council. As to other infrastructure Recorder Patton acknowledged Public Works Operations Assistant Ramirez is working on the information for sewer plant replacement and is hoping to have completed the first week of October. It was the consensus of Council for Recorder Patton to forward any of the sewer information to Council by email.

ADJOURN. Mayor DuPuis adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
DeOra M Patton, Recorder

SIGNED: Karen DuPuis
Karen DuPuis, Mayor

ATTEST: DeOra M Patton
DeOra M. Patton, Recorder