

MINUTES
MAUPIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSESSION
August 18, 2015
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PRESIDING: Mayor Frank Kay

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frank Kay, Lynn Ewing, Carol Rager, Suzanne Knapp,
Jon Helquist

COUNCIL ABSENT: Randy Bechtol, Denis Carlsen

Visitors Present: Karen DuPuis, Ralph Wimmer, Tamara Wimmer, Donna Henderson, Sheriff Rick Eiesland

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kay at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL. Roll was taken by Mayor Kay.

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

Mayor Kay passed out Appendix A through D of the League of Oregon Cities Local Government Regulation of Marijuana in Oregon Document of August 2015. Councilors were to read it and be prepared to discuss/decide the process Maupin will go through to deal with issues regarding Medical & Retail Marijuana in Maupin.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS CHANGES AND APPROVAL FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT OFFICER AND CITY PARK MANAGEMENT TEAM. Updated/revise job descriptions for our City Parks Administration Manager and City Parks Maintenance Manager were distributed and discussed. It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Rager, and unanimously passed; the Council approves these Job Descriptions as presented.

Updated/revise job description for the new, part-time (\$5,000 annual budget) Nuisance Abatement Officer position was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed to delete the word "Required" from the "Required/Preferred Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities" section of the NAO Job Description. It was moved by Councilor Ewing, seconded by Councilor Knapp, and unanimously passed; the Council approves this Job Description as amended. A job announcement and hiring process will commence soon.

SCHEDULE CITY COUNCIL TOWN HALL MEETING (PROPOSE OCT. 8, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. AT AMERICAN LEGION HALL). A discussion of a proposed "Town Hall"-type meeting with Mayor, Councilors, and citizens resulted in setting a date for the first one on Monday, October 12th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Legion Hall. (Note: After checking Legion Hall availability on Wednesday, August 19, it was confirmed that the Legion Hall is available and reserved for our event.)

SEASONAL WATER/SEWER/RECYCLE FEE RATE PROPOSAL. A lengthy discussion regarding creating a new category of costs for water/sewer/irrigation/recycling fees was held. A wide variety of proposals were presented. Councilor Rager suggested that we consider “why” we are doing this: her reasoning was to solve the problem of street camping/squatting by seasonal employees by making it financially possible for employers or other entities to develop temporary/seasonal housing. It was agreed upon that Mayor Kay & Recorder Patton develop formal wording/proposal for monthly rates of Water (\$28.50), Sewer (\$41.00), Irrigation (\$5.50), and Recycling (\$3.00). The new rate category would be titled “Temporary/Seasonal Employee Housing Complex/Compound” and would be in a Recreational/Commercial Zone and would be for only 6 months a year at a time (May, June, July, August, September, & October billing cycles). The rates would also be “per hook-up” if RVs and the Bathhouse rate would be Water (\$38.00) and Sewer (\$41.00) per month. Once prepared, two public hearings will be held to gather community input, make revisions, then decide for an effective date beginning in 2016.

DESCHUTES RIVER ALLIANCE LETTER OF SUPPORT. The letter of support for the Deschutes River Alliance from the City of Maupin was distributed. Thanks to Sue Knapp for her input.

FIBER OPTIC UPDATE. Mayor Kay gave an update on progress for fiber optic-speed internet service for Maupin and South Wasco County.

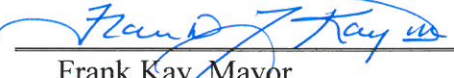
RECYCLING CENTER ISSUES (SURVEY, GARBAGE, SIGNAGE, EDUCATION).
DISCUSSION OF GARBAGE SERVICE FRANCHISE PROCESS. The problems and solutions related to our Recycling Center were reviewed and discussed again. The survey conducted during the week of July 18 – 24, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., revealed that about 100 people a week use our Recycling Center (70% Maupin residents, 20% South County residents, and 10% visitors/tourists). Thanks to Kathie Richey, Susan Kay, and Tamara Wimmer for helping do the survey. Better signage and education will hopefully correct the “abuse” of the Center.

Copies of the current/updated Franchise Agreement with Mel’s Sanitary Service were distributed for Councilors to review. This is driven because of the impending sale of Mel’s to Waste Connections of The Dalles. After the sale/transfer of the franchise in September, and an appropriate operations period, the City will negotiate a new franchise agreement with Waste Connections.

LAWN MOWER PROPOSAL. A confidential bid proposal from Pape Machinery Inc of Madras on a John Deere tractor mower was presented for Council review. The Council discussed some particulars, had one question about why a “trade-in”, and suggested that we decide at our August 26th Regular Council Meeting.

ADJOURN. Mayor Kay adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Frank Kay, Mayor

SIGNED: 
Frank Kay, Mayor