



# City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

January 2019

Hope you all had an amazing, family-filled Christmas this year!

**FIBER PROJECT** All of the fiber lines are installed except for the line from 6th St to 4th St between Deschutes & Grant. That line requires some underground from 6th to the Fly Shop. This is being coordinated with Griffin Construction, Wasco Electric, and others. Work continues on splicing. Wasco Electric and Q-Life must inspect all of the installation and supply Van Dorn with a list of any changes. Then the lines will be tested and activated.

Individual **installations can begin by about Jan. 7**. The City and Q-Life have purchased the drops - a cable which will run from a connection point, called an MST, to a box to be placed in each home or business. Running that drop is the responsibility of the two ISPs. In most locations, those companies will be spending anywhere from \$70 - \$300 to install each drop. For some of the underground installations, they may ask the property owner to offset the cost. Those installation costs range from \$400-\$8000 to install.

The next meeting of the SWC **Library Advisory Board** (LAB) will take place at 6:00pm on January 10 at the City Park Community Building. This group will help with planning events and programs for the library as well as advising on décor for the new library. All are welcome to attend.

**CIVIC CENTER / LIBRARY** The foundation walls have been poured. You can now see very easily how the building will sit on the property. The wall height facing Grant Avenue shows the height of the first floor and includes a few high windows for light. The building is quickly taking shape as construction moves forward. Plans in the coming weeks include building forms for the alley-side retaining walls and installing under-slab plumbing and electrical. The Griffin Construction crew plans to pour the floor slab the week of January 14-18.

After making a presentation to the Wasco County Economic Development Commission earlier this month, the **Civic Center and the Clinic are both in the Top 10** for projects in Wasco County. Final rankings will be determined by the County Commissioners. The **"First Impressions"** community meeting sponsored by RDI took place December at the H.S. cafeteria with dinner catered by the Riverside. Many businesses and citizens attended. The program focuses on how our community is seen by tourists and other visitors. Information gathered will help the City and Chamber to formulate a plan this spring to improve that First Impression this summer.

I will be meeting in early January with Rep Bonham and a representative from PGE to set up a public forum meeting with PGE, the Tribe, and ODFW to discuss issues related to the **warming of the Deschutes** and reductions in fish. The Deschutes River Alliance has also expressed interest in hosting a community forum in February.

On Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Park Committee will meet to discuss plans for **Kaiser Park** and to review the **Parks Master Plan**. The meeting will take place at the Chamber Office next door to the Fly Shop at 11:00 AM.

I was invited to attend the **Regional Solutions Advisory Board Meeting** on December 12. We had 4 state legislators, John Huffman, state officials, commissioners from 3 counties, and numerous cities represented. They provided a review of what's coming up in the Legislative Session including probable PERS reform, education reform, and Cap & Trade Carbon Tax legislation. Housing and medical care are also high on the agenda along with many new taxes to fund these proposals. Our local legislative representatives are working on ways to reduce the impact of some of the legislation on Rural Oregon.

We have said goodbye to two **long-time city councilors**. Carol Mitchell and Denny Ross both chose not to run this fall. Their knowledge and experience will be sorely missed. I am also confident they will both continue to contribute to the community in many ways.

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will hold a **special council meeting** to swear in the Mayor for two more years and to swear in councilors for a 4-year term. Randy Bechtol will be returning along with two new councilors: Susan Wright and Mike Foreaker. We look ahead to the new ideas and enthusiasm they will bring to the City Council.

Thanks to all of you for an amazing 2018 and let's work together to make 2019 even better.

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	<p>Public Meetings Law ORS192.640(2)      Executive Sessions ORS192.640</p> <p>Notice of Meetings ORS192.640(1)</p>	