

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
November 18, 2020
6:30 – 7:52 p.m.

MAUPIN CIVIC CENTER
VIRTUALLY - ZOOM

PRESIDING: Mayor Lynn Ewing

COUNCIL PRESENT: Lynn Ewing, Susan Wright, Mike Foreaker, Tom Troutman, Jon Helquist, and Carol Beatty (late)

COUNCIL ABSENT: One Vacancy

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Kevin Lewis, City Recorder Christine Kurtz, City Planners Dan Meader and Kirk Fatland, and City Attorney Paul Sumner

VISITORS PRESENT: Medy Gantz, Christine Wolfe, Kathy Peck, Rod Woodside, Ralph Wimmer, and Cheryl Mojzer.

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 Kurtz. Mayor Ewing led council and audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: A) Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2020 B) Mayor/Councilor Monthly Finance Report; C) Payment of Invoices for October 2020. It was moved by Councilor Foreaker, Seconded by Councilor Helquist, and passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote (Ayes: Foreaker, Helquist, Ewing, Troutman, and Wright; Nays: none); the Council approves Consent Agenda as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

REPORTS.

Mayor. Mayor Ewing summarized written report: records request is posted online, car prowler was entering unlocked cars, Christmas Bazaar has been rescheduled, Red Cross blood drive and lights in City Park have been cancelled, virtual fundraising event for DRAC on the 9th, library fundraising bricks will be installed as scheduling and weather permit. Two additional yard debris dumpsters have been hauled away by Waste Connections. More money is coming to the County

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to be used for business assistance. Wasco County prioritized healthcare access as the number one South Wasco County issue, followed by DRAC, the Donkey Trail, City Park Expansion, and Bakeoven watershed protection. Most of these projects fall into Councilor for Parks Beatty's purview.

Public Safety. Councilor Helquist reported to lock your vehicles, stay safe, it is important to take COVID seriously.

Chamber. Chamber is advertising for a new Coordinator.

Library. Written Report

Parks. Written Report

Economic Development. Councilor Foreaker reported no new developments for the Housing Needs Analysis Committee/Study.

City Attorney. City Attorney Sumner reported that when Council determines to include the zoning ordinance in the new codification he can wrap that project up. He reported that the Governor has issued more regulations empowering the State Police to check that citizens are following safety mandates. Rules include restricting access to City Hall to staff and Councilors and need to limit the amount of people to 6. He has found a new way to gain additional CARES act funding via the County and an intergovernmental agreement that he will discuss with Manager Lewis.

City Recorder. Quickbooks is in, chart of accounts is loaded, now need to start working on entering transactional data and modifying some of our processes. Going well.

City Manager. Manager Lewis reported IT upgrades are making a big difference, HNA is still awaiting a fee waiver from the County for GIS data, minor land use updates. Someone has purchased the Catholic Church and he has had a surprising amount of phone calls regarding others looking at buying property in Maupin. He picked up a pallet of hand sanitizer from the County. He asked if there were people in the community with a COVID specific need to let him know so we can see if there is use for our COVID Relief grant money. He personally has delivered over 6,000 masks around town, and will make an effort to get the next batch to the post office.

DISCUSS ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATES. Planner Meader summarized Staff Report highlighting the big changes that are being proposed to the Maupin Zoning Ordinance. Discussion among Council, Planners, and Guests included:

- Need for standards regarding Barn' dominiums and cargo container housing.
- Text within the various residential zones needed to be made consistent.
- Allowing wrecking yards within Industrial zones.

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- Sheds in front yards should not be allowed.
- Does Maupin need large lot residential zoning?
- Managing conditional/temporary permitted uses when they expire.
- Updated procedural items to be consistent with State law and increased abatement section to accurately reflect costs.
- Should the Zoning Ordinance be Codified? Recommendation to Council is No.

Planners will take feedback and work on consistent wording in the text prior to Public Hearings in December.

DISCUSS COMMUNITY VISIONING. Manager Lewis included copy of the online survey in the Agenda Packet. Council reviewed and made suggestions. Councilor Foreaker suggested that goal setting is a Council managerial/housekeeping process and should be conducted annually. Mayor Ewing agreed and stated it would be part of a worksession in January. Council discussed how the survey was being distributed and tabulated.

ELECTED AND APPOINTMENT OFFICIALS TRAINING. Recorder Kurtz reported on the draft schedules and task lists included in the Agenda Packet. It was highly recommended all Maupin officials take the League of Cities Elected Essentials class. Recorder Kurtz will follow up by registering everyone who is interested for the virtual training on December 11, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Ewing canvassed election results by reading a Proclamation. The Council welcomed Kathy Peck. Peck has agreed to take Elected Essentials training.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A. Approve Maupin Ordinances for Codification
- B. Hearing on proposed Maupin Zoning Ordinance

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday December 16, 2020 at 6:30 pm Virtually on Zoom

ADJOURN. Mayor Ewing adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Christine Kurtz, Recorder

SIGNED: _____
Lynn Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Christine Kurtz, Recorder