



We are a safe, progressive community that cares for all our citizens and visitors while protecting our natural resources and maintaining our rural heritage.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Planning Commission

Wed., Feb. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

City Council

Wed., Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are being held in person at the Maupin Civic Center (507 Grant Ave.) and virtually on Zoom. Find the links to join on the agendas. Meetings are ADA accessible. For special accommodations, please contact the City Recorder in advance.

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CITY HALL NEWS

- The Civic Center will be closed on Monday, February 20 for Presidents Day.
- You can now access many of our services on our website, including:
 - Utility Payments
 - Facility Rental Requests
 - Burn Permits
 - Maupin Municipal Code



LETTER FROM MAYOR CAROL BEATTY

Greetings to all.

Since December, I have attended four conferences designed to help elected local officials learn more about their roles, providing us with skills and information important to being a local official.

City Manager Kevin Lewis, Council President Susan Wright, and I attended a workshop called "How to Achieve a High Functioning City Council." It provided us with new ideas that we will put into practice in Maupin, such as setting Council goals, reviewing Council rules or procedures, and more.

A mayor's workshop provided excellent advice from seasoned and successful small city mayors.

Senator Jeff Merkley held a Town Hall meeting in The Dalles on January 13. Prior to the meeting, the Senator and his legislative aide met with local mayors. I explained to them that Maupin's water and waste water treatment plants are old and need replacing, but the cost for our community is prohibitive. The Senator explained that there is Federal infrastructure funding available and that he will work with Maupin to garner some of that funding.

On January 25, Councilors Wright and Foreaker and I attended the League of Oregon Cities conference "A Day at the

Capitol," where we learned how to successfully access our legislators.

We met with Senator Bill Hansell, the new state senator for Maupin. We shared information about Maupin and our need for funding for infrastructure projects. They were encouraging in their support.

Governor Tina Kotek spoke to city officials attending "Day at the Capitol". She shared three goals she has at the beginning of her term: 1) Engage with every county 2) Provide more assistance for those dealing with mental health and addiction issues and 3) Establish strong connections to schools so every child can succeed.

Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson, House Republican Leader, shared Republican priorities. These are issues that cities aren't in a position to handle, which is why the legislature is focusing on them: 1) Housing 2) Mental health support and 3) Homelessness.

As mayor, I will continue to maintain a connection with our legislators. Remember to use our community's recycling center on Water Avenue, open 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Saturdays.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the second round of Community Visioning on January 18. Excellent ideas surfaced and committees were formed to continue this work.

Grants Available for Local Nonprofits

Local nonprofits provide many valuable services and resources for our community. To recognize and aid these efforts, every year the City awards three \$1,000 grants to local nonprofits. The application is now open online at CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG and is due on February 15. If you have any questions about the grant or eligibility, contact City Hall.

New Community Liaison Hired

Melissa Napoli has been hired as our new Community Liaison. She and her husband moved to South Wasco County last year. She is working on open items in our Code Compliance department, including Short Term Rental violations, RVs and cars in the public right-of-way, and junk accumulation on properties.

Maupin Municipal Code prohibits RVs, commercial vehicles, trucks, vans, campers, motor homes, boats, snowmobiles, rafts and trailers from being parked on public streets for more than 48 hours. Commercial rafting busses and trailers are exempt May 1 to October 1. No inoperable or unlicensed vehicle may be parked on a public street for more than 48 hours.

These ordinances help keep our city streets clear for public and resident parking and prevent a build up of abandoned or junk vehicles. If you have a vehicle that you believe might need to be moved, please do so and avoid the trouble and expense of having it towed. Contact City Hall if you have any questions.

Street Improvements

Maupin was awarded a Small City Allotment grant last year of \$100,000 for street repair. This money will be directed towards paving Grant Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets. Work will begin in the next few weeks. We will be notifying residents in the area of any specific closures, but all should be aware that Grant Avenue will be closed on and off over the next few months. We will continue providing updates, but if you have any questions please call City Hall.

Southern Wasco County Library News

Stop by the Library before February 21 to see the Dino-Story Exhibit on display from the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural & Cultural History. The exhibit uncovers the mysteries of Oregon in the age of the dinosaurs. Explore fossil evidence, dig deep into time, and discover what makes a dinosaur a dinosaur.

The Wasco County Library Service District has hired an outreach coordinator. In addition to weekly courier service, the coordinator is stopping at both preschools in South Wasco County for storytime and at Canyon Rim Assisted Living to help seniors with books and audiobooks. This service helps extend the reach of library services to patrons in the region.

Budget Committee

The City of Maupin has two openings on the Budget Committee for three-year terms. The Committee typically meets for one to three meetings in the spring to establish the City budget for next fiscal year. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the City's operations. Contact City Recorder Christine Wolfe for information on how to apply.

Legion Hall

The Legion Hall Restoration Committee, led by Council President Susan Wright, is working on a strategic plan for remodeling the City-owned building. The City is conducting a hazardous assessment of the building that will provide additional information about what upgrades will need to take place. The rear windows of the building have been replaced to keep the building functional in the interim, and the basement is being emptied out so the Legion Post can use the space for their storage and meetings.

The Legion Post is seeking any veterans in South Wasco County to join. Furnishings are being acquired to make the space more attractive and comfortable for members. Although time will be required to finalize some of these efforts, the mission of the Legion is to support our military veterans and serve our community. Contact City Hall if you would like to join.

West Maupin Development

One of the major hurdles to future development in Maupin is getting utilities to properties that are suitable for building.

At the January City Council meeting, Councilors agreed to work with Anderson Perry, the City's contract engineers, to evaluate and design utilities to City-owned property on the far west end of town (past Canyon Rim Assisted Living).

At the end of the process, we will have a set of engineered plans ready to seek funding or begin construction. This is a critical step to secure affordable housing in the near future and create an easier entry into the housing market with lower building costs.

Planning & Land Use

City staff will be reaching out to East Maupin property owners regarding a project to convert the majority of properties in that area to the Recreational Commercial zone. This will allow for more consistent use of the properties and clarify the types of use that are allowed.

Streetlight Repair

Thank you for all your feedback on streetlights around town. In January, Wasco Electric began the repair work on streetlights that need repair or replaced. If you have any other lighting issues, please let us know. We will not be addressing any of the lights that are "too bright" or "shining in windows" at this point, but we have them on the list to address as time and resources allow.

Community Visioning

Our Community Visioning work continues with a group of dedicated citizens. Over the next month, they will meet in groups to work on refining and prioritizing goals for the City's future in infrastructure, economic development & tourism, public & social services, education, and livability. In March, we will reconvene as a full group and create the first draft of the Strategic Action Plan for the next twenty years. Contact City Hall if you would like to join the process.