



*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

### City Council and Planning Commission Work Session

Thurs., August 3 at 4 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Tues., August 8 at 4:30 p.m.

### City Council

Wed., August 23 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, September 4 for Labor Day
- You can access many services on CITYOFMAUPIN.ORG, including:
  - Utility payments
  - Facility rental requests
  - Burn permits
  - Maupin Municipal Code
  - Meeting agendas and minutes
  - Planning and land use forms
  - Code compliance information



*Photo from Wasco County Fair and Rodeo*

## LETTER FROM MAYOR CAROL BEATTY

The City is beginning a search for our new City Manager. I am working with League of Oregon Cities to create a recruitment process that will help us find the right person to guide Maupin into its next chapter. As our town grows and important projects—like water system improvements and an updated sewer treatment facility—get off the ground, it's vital that we find a person who has the experience and skills to make us successful. The process will likely take a few months, and I am confident in our councilors, commissioners, and staff to keep the City moving forward effectively in the interim. If you have any questions, concerns, or issues that you would like to discuss, please reach out to us at City Hall.

We continue to work on upcoming infrastructure projects. City staff is evaluating the Water System Master Plan and prioritizing improvements to the water system, which will most likely include replacement of key lines and increasing fire protection capacity. There will be more updates in the next few months as we finalize our plans and create a funding strategy that will take advantage of state and federal loans and grants that are available.

We are also continuing design work with the consultants who are working on the boat ramp improvement project. They completed a site visit to discuss the erosion issues and the best design to fit the needs of everyone who uses the ramp.

City Councilor Susan Wright announced her decision to resign at the July Council meeting. Susan has served as a City Councilor since 2018 and has been an integral part of city projects and operations, including shepherding the Civic Center project to the finish line. She has added tremendous value and experience to the City of Maupin, and her presence will be missed on Council. The vacant seat will be filled by Council appointment. If you have an interest in serving this community and providing input on the wide variety of projects and issues that we address daily in the City of Maupin, please talk to me at City Hall to discuss the roles and responsibilities of a City Councilor.

The Southern Wasco County Library is continuing a summer of fun events for kids and families. I was particularly impressed by the magician who was able to simultaneously engage the dozen young children in the crowd as well as their parents. Our Library is a fantastic resource for the community. Watch the Library Facebook page for information about more upcoming events.

I look forward to more upcoming community events. Ride Row Run will be back September 24-26, along with the famous tricycle races in downtown Maupin. And the Wasco County Fair & Rodeo takes place August 17-20 at the Wasco County Fairgrounds in Tygh Valley. I hope to see you all there.

## **Burn Ban in Effect**

Following guidance from Wasco County and the Oregon Department of Forestry, the City of Maupin enacted a burn ban on June 12. All burning (open brush and burn barrel) is now prohibited. Fireworks are also prohibited. Residents are encouraged to use other methods of disposal for yard debris such as composting or chipping. Yard debris disposal is available year-round at the Recycle Depot.

We thank everyone for their cooperation in keeping our community safe and fire-free.

## **Free Outdoor Summer Movies**

Maupin City Parks will be hosting free outdoor movies in the city parks all summer. Movies will be on a big screen and family-friendly.

Movie schedule:

Aug. 1: Kaiser Park  
Aug. 15: Mt. Fir Park  
Aug. 29: City Park  
Sept. 8: Mt. Fir Park

Movies begin at 8 p.m. Attendees will vote for the next movie to be shown. Bring a blanket, low-profile chairs, and snacks. Call City Park at 541-395-2252 with any questions.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

The City will be hosting DEQ High Hazard Rail Planners for a Town Hall meeting on August 15. DEQ is building a Geographic Response Plan for the Upper Deschutes River that would be utilized in the event of a railway disaster and HAZMAT event. They will be asking for the community's input on areas of our river that are particularly vulnerable or of special ecological, geographic, historical or cultural significance. The Town Hall begins at 1 p.m. at the Maupin Civic Center and on Zoom (a link to join will be posted on the website and Facebook).

## **Utility Bill Assistance**

Do you need help paying your utility bills? MCCAC may be able to help even if you already received a bill assistance payment. You may apply even if you do not have a past due bill. Call MCCAC at 541-298-5131, ext. 206 or apply online at MCCAC.COM.

## **Recycle Center**

Our Recycling Center has experienced a significant uptick in use the last few weeks. This is great news for the recycle program, as well as for Maupin's residents who are taking advantage of this free resource in the community. We want to remind everyone of the center's requirements and offer a few tips to make your weekly recycling trip quicker and easier:

- Please ensure that cardboard boxes are broken down and your recyclables are sorted before coming to the recycling center. The three available bins offer service for corrugated cardboard, mixed recyclables, and glass. Having these things sorted and prepared prior to your arrival will prevent lines from forming and traffic jams from delaying users.
- Recyclables that are not clean or that still have food or waste residue cannot be accepted and you will need to take them back home for disposal.
- The recycling center does not offer trash collection. If there are items in your recycling which cannot be accepted, you will need to dispose of those items at home.
- The Recycling Center is self-service. Staff and volunteers help when possible, but please do not "drop" boxes or bags of recycling for them to sort for you.
- Please limit your time in the parking lot to a maximum of 5 minutes to help prevent traffic jams and keep the bins clear for other users.
- When in doubt, ask! Our staff and volunteers are happy to help answer your recycling questions.

## **Street Improvements**

The project to improve Grant Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets was delayed but is back on track. We are working on a plan to get the project out to bid early this fall. The current plan is to replace the existing utilities, which is best practice for projects like this, and to pave the entire street from curb to curb and replace or add sidewalks.

City Council will also evaluate a proposal for a paving company to complete minor street repairs around town. The work would include patching cracks and holes on paved streets.

## **Planning and Land Use**

City Council and Planning Commission will be meeting on August 3 at 4 p.m. at the Civic Center in a joint work session to discuss issues such as zoning issues and short term rental regulations in Maupin. The meeting will be open to the public. and a link to join will be on the agenda.

The City is also developing a utility and streets plan for the Staats Avenue-Second Street area of town that is seeing more residential development.

## **Maupin Main Street**

Maupin Main Street is beginning planning for the 2024 Main Street Revitalization Grant. If you are a business or property owner in our commercial district interested in the grant, please reach out to City Hall.

The Main Street committee is also working on a new Façade Improvement Grant program. This program would provide funds for business or property owners to update the façade of their buildings. Projects could include new paint, windows, siding, signage, or more. The committee plans to launch the program this fall.

## **Highway 197 Riverwalk**

In July, City Staff met with ODOT to receive an update on the Highway 197 riverwalk access project, a project funded by a 2018 Federal Lands Access Program grant. Design work will continue through 2024 and construction is planned for spring 2025. The project will help slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety in the area. There will be a public presentation about the design and project in 2024.

## **Legion Hall**

City Staff is working with the Legion Hall Restoration Committee, Ben Gates, and Margo Rettig on a master plan to update the building. While they seek more information about the construction needs of the space to keep it safe and functioning in the future, the building will not be open to the public to use for any events or meetings. If you have any questions about other facility space available in town, please contact City Hall.