



MINUTES

City Council Work Session & Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Maupin Civic Center (507 Grant Avenue) and virtually on Zoom

Call to Order / Roll call of City Council and Staff / Pledge of Allegiance	<p>Mayor Carol Beatty called the regular session meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call of City Council and Staff was conducted by City Recorder Christine Wolfe.</p> <p><i>Presiding:</i> Mayor Beatty</p> <p><i>Council Present:</i> Mark Roper, Mike Foreaker, Rob Miles, Kathy Peck, Shelby Dumire, Tom Troutman</p> <p><i>Council Absent:</i> Mike Foreaker (excused absence)</p> <p><i>Staff Present:</i> Recorder Wolfe, City Attorney Ruben Cleaveland, Administrative Assistant Bronte Dod, Community Liaison Melissa Napoli, City Manager Pro Tem Nick Smith</p> <p><i>Visitors Present:</i> Kathy Richey, Allison Bechtol, Randy Bechtol, Jon Helquist, Medy Gantz, Rod Woodside, Mike Luebke</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Councilor Miles moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Peck second. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. Ayes: Beatty, Miles, Peck, Roper, Dumire, Troutman; Nays: None.</p>
Public Comment	<p>None</p>
Reports	<p>Councilor Troutman asked for an update on the Staats Avenue-Second Street planning and garage issue. Councilors and staff discussed the garage in the right of way and potential delay of utility extension because of the garage and other issues in the right of way. Councilor Miles confirmed that the last decision was for Planning Commission to look at the area and the issues. Staff confirmed that the topic would be placed on the next Planning Commission agenda.</p>
Special Event Liquor License	<p>Staff talked about the Maupin Holiday Festival and whether the City should allow alcohol at events on City property. Mike Luebke from Oregon Trail Insurance spoke about liability issues with allowing alcohol at special events. Proper liability, certificates, and insurance need to be in place prior to holding the event. Councilors Miles, Roper, Dumire, and Peck were in favor of allowing alcohol to be served on city property for the event.</p> <p>Councilor Miles moved to approve the Maupin Market to serve alcohol in Kaiser Park during the Maupin Holiday Festival on Sunday, December 3. Councilor Dumire second. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. Ayes: Beatty, Miles, Peck, Roper, Dumire, Troutman; Nays: None.</p>

Staff would like the City to adopt a special event permit ordinance that would help create a policy for events and help community development. Councilors directed staff to present a draft ordinance at the next meeting. Councilor Troutman wanted to confirm that the City is covered with insurance if events had alcohol.

Discussion about whether the Maupin Market holds the correct license to serve alcohol. Councilor Miles suggested changing the motion to allow for a licensed vendor to serve in the event that the Market cannot.

Councilor Miles made a motion to rescind his previous motion. Dumire second. Motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. Ayes: Beatty, Miles, Peck, Roper, Dumire, Troutman; Nays: None.

Councilor Miles moved that the City allow the opportunity for an approved liquor license holder to serve alcohol on City property during the Maupin Holiday Festival on Sunday, December 3. Councilor Dumire second. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. Ayes: Beatty, Miles, Peck, Roper, Dumire, Troutman; Nays: None.

Grant Avenue Invitation to Bid

City Manager Pro Tem presented an update on the Grant Avenue street improvement project and is seeking clarity on the budget for the project. The City received a \$100,000 SCA grant for the project, but the total cost will be beyond that. Councilors need to provide direction on the scope of the project and budget.

Councilor Troutman recommends reducing the improvement to replacing the existing North sidewalks, paving a 24-foot wide asphalt pavement with 8 foot wide gravel shoulders rather than paving curb to curb with sidewalks on the South as well. Councilor Miles agreed. That would cost about \$143,000.

Consensus from Council on the direction of the project to proceed with Councilor Troutman's recommendations.

Nuisance and Abatement Ordinance Amendment

Attorney Cleaveland presented an update on the nuisance and abatement ordinance. Staff and Attorney Cleaveland approached the Wasco County Circuit Court and asked if they would be willing to take on the cases for nuisance and abatement and act as the municipal court. The Circuit Court agreed and there need to be some amendments to the nuisance and abatement ordinance. The City will not need to pay the Circuit Court for these services and will be exempt from filing fees. The City will still try to achieve voluntary compliance in nuisance and abatement cases first.

Community Liaison Napoli and Attorney Cleaveland will work on those draft ordinances. The changes will make enforcing

	the nuisance and abatement ordinance clearer and more efficient. The draft ordinance amendment and MOU will be available at next meeting.
City Manager Recruitment Update	Prothman reported that there three applicants for the position as of Monday.
Yellow Rosebush Energy Center	Public meetings were held about a proposed new solar energy facility in Wasco County. Mayor Beatty will work with the County Commissioners to make sure that the City receives economic development funds from the solar project.
Adjourn	The next meeting will take place on December 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Beatty adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Christine Wolfe, City Recorder

Signed: Carol Beatty
Carol Beatty, Mayor

Attest: Christine Wolfe
Christine Wolfe, City Recorder

