



MEETING AGENDA & PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

City Council

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Maupin Civic Center (507 Grant Ave.) and virtually on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802522147?pwd=SlZHSndod2RhY09NRE8xNOJ0djRWZz09> or dial 1-253-215-8782 (Meeting ID: 848 0252 2147 Passcode: 978965)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Individuals wishing to address City Council on items not already listed on the Agenda may do so during the Public Comment item on the Agenda. The maximum amount of time for all public comments under the Agenda item will be 15 minutes. Council will not engage in dialogue but can consider scheduling any matter as an Agenda item at a future Council Meeting. At other times throughout the meeting, please wait for the current speaker to conclude and raise your hand to be recognized by the Mayor for direction. Speakers are required to give their name and address. Please limit comments to three minutes, unless extended by the Mayor.

PLEASE NOTE: With the exception of Public Hearings, the Agenda is subject to last minute changes; times are approximate – please arrive early. Meetings are ADA accessible. For special accommodations please contact the City Recorder in advance at 541-395-2698. *Las reuniones son ADA accesibles. Por tipo de alojamiento especiales, por favor póngase en contacto con la registrador de la ciudad 541-395-2698.*

6:30 p.m.	Call to Order / Roll Call of City Council and Staff / Pledge of Allegiance
	Consent Agenda
	Public Comment
6:50 p.m.	Reports
6:55 p.m.	Deliberation & Decision – Flood Plain Permit Appeal
7:25 p.m.	Consider- Non-Profit Grant Funds
7:45 p.m.	Presentation – Legion Hall Proposal
8:00 p.m.	Presentation - Dog Park
8:15 p.m.	Communications
8:20 p.m.	Executive Session ORS 192.660(2)(h): To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. ORS 192.660(2)(e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn



CONSENT AGENDA

Items of a routine and non-controversial nature are placed on the Consent Agenda to allow the Council to spend its time on significant items and issues. Any Council member may request that an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and be placed in the business section of the Agenda.

DOCUMENTS

[Minutes of January 22, 2025, Council Meeting](#)

MOTION

I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

I move to withdraw _____ from the Consent Agenda and place it in the business section of the Agenda.



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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

Call to Order / Roll call of City Council and Staff / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Beatty called the regular session meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll call of City Council and Staff was conducted by Recorder Wolfe, Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Beatty.

Presiding: Mayor Beatty

Council Present: Mark Roper, Shelby Dumire, Tom Troutman, Mike Foreaker, Matthias Kesler, Madeline Rhoades

Council Absent: N/A

Staff Absent: City Manager Nick Smith (excused)

Staff Present: Recorder Christine Wolfe, Attorney Cleaveland, Planner Dan Meader, Planner Jamie Crawford

Visitors Present: Rob Miles, Medy Gantz, Rod Woodside, Donna Henderson, Rich Sutliff, Don Jacklin, Mike Johnston, Jon Helquist, Kathy Peck, Way Yin, Dicie Bergin, Becky Kelly, Suze Riley, John Bildsoe, Holly Miles, Gary Barnett, Jordon Belozor, Karen Miller, Kathi & Joe Ringo, Kathy Peck, Matt Seckora, Mindy Pratt, Russell Laugheid, Scott Hege, Ben Gates, Stephine Krell & Sheridan McClellan, Wasco County

Consent Agenda

Councilor Dumire moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Roper seconded. Vote 7-0 (Ayes; Dumire, Troutman, Peck, Foreaker, Roper, Beatty, Miles; Nays:)

Public Comment

Medy Gantz, Maupin, spoke for the Garden Club regarding sunshades for the Library patio area. The Garden Club will purchase the sunshades if public works install the hardware. Medy also stated they are applying for the city grant.

John Bildsoe, Gresham, suggested the high school students may be able to help with work pertaining to the OSFM grants and earn credits for graduation. Can someone help get this going?

Reports

Councilor Troutman liked the thoroughness of Manager Smith's report.

Hearing – Flood Plain Permit Appeal

Attorney Cleaveland opened the hearing with a call for abstention, defined as a conflict exists whenever a decision or recommendation by a public official **could** or **would** financially impact that public official or their relative. An official with an **actual** conflict of interest must publicly announce the nature of the conflict and may NOT vote or participate in the discussion or debate. An official with a **potential** conflict of interest must publicly announce the nature of the conflict but may vote and participate in the discussion. It is important to disclose any potential conflict or actual conflict because Councilors are held accountable to the Ethics Commission. Not disclosing potential or actual conflict could include fines, up to \$5,000.

Councilor Foreaker stated he had attended a "Friends of the Deschutes" and is unsure if this is a conflict.

Councilor Rhoades brought forward that the "Friends of the Deschutes" gave her paperwork/documents before the meeting.

Clarification was asked whether she is part of the petitioners on the appeal. Councilor Roades stated that she was not part of the Friends of the Deschutes, but she is listed on the appeal, and unsure what to do. Attorney Cleaveland reiterated earlier statement regarding conflicts and the ramifications.

Mayor Beatty asked if any other Councilors received paperwork/documents from "Friends of the Deschutes". No Councilors stated they received anything from said party.

Councilor Roper stated he does regular business with Rob Miles, owner of the RV Park and could have potential financial gain.

Councilor Foreaker spoke to the duty of a councilor is to be fair to all parties and appearances of how you sit on issues while being a member of this body can be difficult at times.

Councilor Rhoades asked what the options are.

Attorney Cleaveland replied, "If you declare an actual conflict, you cannot participate or vote, you do not have to sit in the audience. If you declare a potential conflict, you can participate.

Councilor Rhoades stated uncertainly she could have potential conflict.

Audience member asked for clarification on how many council members had potential conflict?

Attorney Cleaveland stated, by his understanding, Council members Rhoades and Roper have declared a potential conflict of interest, announcing there could be a benefit, but not that there would be a benefit and that they are choosing to fully participate.

Karen Miller will be the presenter for the appeal. Karen asked what documents were provided to Council and if the permit was included? Attorney Cleaveland stated the only documents provided were what is attached to the appeal, we are not accepting new evidence regarding the appeal. (Attorney Cleaveland will look at the record to see if the permit was a part of the appeal records) Karen asked if she could speak about the permit, Attorney Cleaveland stated if the permit itself was submitted as part of the floodplain permit approval, then it is in the record.

Karen Miller was given the floor for 15 minutes to give her testimony. Her testimony is summarized as follows:

The floodplain permit application submitted by Mr. Miles was inaccurate and incomplete in noting the property owners and the specific properties. Belief that not all applicants were listed on the permit and only on the property lot #5600 was listed.

The application states, if false statements are made the permit may be revoked and if revoked, work must cease until a permit is reissued. The permit wasn't even completed or applied for until construction was completed.

Grading and excavating; the water course only showed regular water and high-water flow, with no accommodation for land normal water and normal high water.

It also states there is no new fill in the development. We sort of disagree with that based on photo and video evidence of all the fill that was brought in and used for the underground utility

installations, road and RV spaces. No Rise certificate means that the development must ensure they are no higher in elevation. They did a hydrologic study, which was approved, but there are a lot of duties of a floodplain administrator that are to be done before a permit is approved.

Also noted, not all property owners were on the permit or signed. The building permit application submitted to Wasco County did not note the property was in a flood plain. It is unclear if utilities were installed at the proper elevation.

Lack of evacuation plan.

Concerns regarding system development charges, they are not clear to the citizens or adequate. Unsure if city approval for the sewer and water system were presented to the planning commission. Several items were stated that did not pertain to the Flood Plain Permit Appeal. The overall concern was oversight or lack of oversight for a project this large and in a floodplain. Thank you. Mayor Beatty thanked Karen Miller.

Attorney Cleaveland: Staff does not have anything to present currently and suggested to continue this hearing until a time certain, February Council Meeting or have a special meeting in a couple of weeks. We need to give Planner Meader time to apply this to the record for this review, then present it to Council. Next steps will be to approve findings that have been presented here. Council can go through those findings and decide what is appropriate and what isn't and make a decision.

Councilor Foreaker made a motion to continue this hearing to the February meeting. Councilor Troutman second. Vote 7-0 (Ayes; Dumire, Troutman, Peck, Foreaker, Roper, Beatty, Miles; Nays:)

Wasco County Emergency Services – Launch new tool “Perimeter”

Sheridan McClellan, Emergency Management Services Manager introduced himself and Stephine Krell Wasco County Public Information Officer. Wasco county has launched a new tool called Perimeter, which will enhance public safety messaging to residents within Wasco County. Perimeter is a dynamic mapping platform designed to improve communication and information sharing during emergencies. The community will receive real time information with a map interface that provides a clear and visual representation of the emergency situation, allowing residents to understand the scope and impact of the event. Perimeter will work seamlessly with the existing Wasco county Citizen Alert system. The public can access Perimeter and view real-time updates by visiting perimetermap.com.

The City of Maupin will be able to put this link on their website.

Change of Internet and Phone providers

Recorder Wolfe gave an update on changing of internet and phone provider and reasons. We are experiencing constant outages that effect our day-to-day operations, not only in City Hall but the Library cannot conduct daily business. The City RV Park gets constant complaints with the Wi-Fi, along with internet and phone outages. This has potential for us to lose revenue. We just cannot keep operating like this. Council was presented with costs.

	Discussion regarding the amount of bandwidth needed and the improvement of services. Council consensus for Recorder Wolfe to continue moving forward with changing internet and phone providers.
Change February Council Meeting Date	Council considered dates to move February Council meeting due to Manager Smith and Recorder Wolfe attending the CIS Conference (the City's Insurer). Councilor Dumire made a motion to move the February Council meeting to Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Councilor Troutman seconded. Vote 7-0 (Ayes; Dumire, Troutman, Kesler, Foreaker, Roper, Beatty, Rhoades; Nays:)
Community Visioning	Recorder Wolfe updated Council on Community Visioning. Included in the packet is the 2022 Community Visioning Meeting Executive Summary and Strategic Plan of Action created with The City of Maupin Visioning Process 2004. The list of committees and committee members was located, and staff will contact everyone and see if they would like to join us at the work session for any input they have. The next steps for staff will be to prepare for the work session.
Work Session Set Date	Council considered dates for a work session discussing Community Visioning. Council consensus was set for Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Conference room.
Communications	Councilors received a packet from Oregon Department of Forestry regarding wildfire hazard zones and wildland-urban interface.
Executive Session ORS 192.660(2)(h)	7:45 p.m. Attorney Cleaveland: We will now enter into executive session, pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with Council concerning the legal rights and duties of the public bodies with regard to current litigation for litigation file. I would also remind the news media that you are specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects.
Adjourn	8:55 p.m. Adjourn from Executive session back to regular session. There was no decision by Council. The next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Beatty adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Christine Wolfe, City Recorder

Signed: _____
Carol Beatty, Mayor

Attest: _____
Christine Wolfe, City Recorder



PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council places great value on testimony from the public. This time is set-aside for the public to speak on any subject which does not later appear on the agenda. Three minutes per person will be allowed. The maximum amount of time for all public comments under this agenda item will be 15 minutes. Council will not engage in dialogue but can consider scheduling any matter as an agenda item at a future Council Meeting.

People who wish to testify are encouraged to provide written summaries; recognize that substance, not length, determines the value of testimony; endorse, rather than repeat, testimony of other witnesses with whom you agree. Thank you for taking the time to present your views.



REPORTS

6:50 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

[Southern Wasco County Library Report](#)

City Council Report for February 2025

- The Town and Country Players are performing “Murder at the Book Club”. The play will be performed in the library on February 14th and 15th, 21st & 22nd at 7:00pm.
- SWC Library is currently hosting a month-long exhibit from the Museum of Natural and Cultural History “Native Innovations” that celebrates the first innovators, scientists and engineers in Oregon, exploring how Native Americans have used knowledge, creativity and problem-solving skills to live and thrive here for thousands of years. This exhibit will be open to everyone each day, the library is open, and we encourage teachers and other large groups to make appointments for special exhibit access for their classes.
- Knots and Needs is increasing in popularity, and participants want to meet twice a month now instead of just once. This fiber arts collective group has people working their individual crafts but also sharing and teaching others who want to learn. They will now meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in the library from 5:30 to 7:30
- Afterschool programs continue with Minecraft and Legos on Mondays and 4-H on Fridays with early release from school.
- Programs and attendance:
 - Storytime: 16
 - Minecraft: 16
 - Legos: 10
 - Knots & Needles: 6
 - Class visits: 82
 - Homeschool families: 23
 - 4-H After School Program: 7
 - SWC School Theater Performances: 161
 - 4-H Meeting: 13
 - Read What You Want Book Club: 6
 - Museum of Natural and Cultural History: 6
- Total patron count: 826
- Reference: 112
- Reading room use: 26
- Computer use: 59
- New patrons: 9



DELIBERATION & DECISION – FLOOD PLAIN PERMIT APPEAL

6:55 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

NO DOCUMENTS AT POSTING

MOTION



CONSIDER: CITY NON-PROFIT GRANT FUNDS

7:25 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

2025 Nonprofit Grant Fund Applicants:

[White River Health District dba Deschutes Rim Health Clinic](#)

[Maupin Deg and Hoe Garden Club](#)

[The Life Raft Pantry](#)

[Veterans Backcountry Adventures](#)

[Maupin Radio](#)

MOTION



2025 Nonprofit Grant Fund

The City of Maupin recognizes the services and benefits provided by local charitable organizations and is proud to contribute to those charities. The request opens on February 1 and closes on February 16. Grants will be awarded at the City Council meeting in February, and nonprofits will receive checks in March. If you have any questions about the grant or eligibility, please contact City Hall.

Nonprofit Name *

White River Health District dba Deschutes Rim Health Clinic

Tax Exempt Status and Number *

Non-Profit 931318131

Contact Person Full Name *

Lindsay

Roper

First Name

Last Name

Contact Person Phone Number *

Please enter a valid phone number.

Contact Person Email *

example@example.com

Organization Mailing Address *

PO Box 219

Maupin, OR 97037

Mailing Address

Mailing Address Line 2

Organization Phone Number *

541-395-2911

Organization E-mail *

Clinicmanager@deschutesrimhealthclinic.org

example@example.com

Amount Requested *

\$1000.00

Purpose for the Funds: *

The purpose for the Funds is to help cover the clinic costs associated with providing free or discounted medical and dental care. The clinic relies on tax monies, grants, and income from insurances to cover employee salaries and overhead. Unfortunately, these income sources are not currently enough to sustain clinic operations. This creates a difficult decision to make when a patient cannot afford the recommended dental or medical care and the clinic does not have the funds to provide adequate financial support.

How will the intended purpose benefit the citizens of Maupin? *

The intended purpose of these Funds will benefit the citizens of Maupin who have no health/dental insurance or insurance that provides inadequate coverage and who struggle to pay for their medical and dental costs. The clinic will be able to provide the necessary discounts while also covering its own costs.

Submit



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Maupin Dig and Hoe Garden Club
Nonprofit Name *

Maupin Dig and Hoe Garden Club

Tax Exempt Status and Number *

Unknown

75-3087880

Contact Person Full Name *

Medy

Gantz

First Name

Last Name

Contact Person Phone Number *

[Redacted]

Please enter a valid phone number.

Contact Person Email *

Medy Gantz

example@example.com

Organization Mailing Address *

PO Box 388

Maupin

Oregon

97037

Mailing Address

PO Box 388

Mailing Address Line 2

Organization Phone Number *

None

Organization E-mail *

None

example@example.com

Amount Requested *

\$1000

Purpose for the Funds: *

1. Plants for new city flower pots that were purchased from last years grant.
2. Blue Star Memorial maintenance, water system and yearly flowers.
3. Contribution to the Deschutes Assisted Living Center garden project.

How will the intended purpose benefit the citizens of Maupin? *

All three projects are located in Maupin.

The flower pots will add beauty to City Hall and the enjoyment of our citizens.

The Blue Star Memorial shows Maupin's respect to our servicemen.

Contributing to the Assisted Living Community shows Maupin's respect and compassion for our elderly.

Submit

2/11/25 @



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Nonprofit Name *

The Life Raft Pantry

Tax Exempt Status and Number *

85-1412513

Contact Person Full Name *

Kathie Richey

First Name

Last Name

Contact Person Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Please enter a valid phone number.

Contact Person Email *

theliferaftpantry@gmail.com

example@example.com

Organization Mailing Address *

The Life Raft Pantry

PO Box 215

Maupin OR 97037

Mailing Address

Mailing Address Line 2

Organization Phone Number *

Organization E-mail *

example@example.com

Amount Requested *

Purpose for the Funds: *

How will the intended purpose benefit the citizens of Maupin? *

Submit



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Nonprofit Name *

Veterans Backcountry Adventures

Tax Exempt Status and Number *

501(C)3 EIN 93-2622737

Contact Person Full Name *

John

Messenger

First Name

Last Name

Contact Person Phone Number *

Please enter a valid phone number.

Contact Person Email *

example@example.com

Organization Mailing Address *

Veterans Backcountry
Adventures

PO Box #253

Maupin OR 97037

Mailing Address

Mailing Address Line 2

Organization Phone Number *

(541)399-0812

Organization E-mail *

john@vbaor.org

example@example.com

Amount Requested *

\$1000

Purpose for the Funds: *

The funds will support our ongoing mission to serve active duty military and veterans by providing outdoor adventures and recreational activities. Our goal is to create a supportive community for those who have served in high-stress and dangerous roles, acknowledging the impact these experiences can have on mental health. We believe that spending time with fellow comrades in nature is a powerful way to promote mental well-being and improve overall quality of life.

How will the intended purpose benefit the citizens of Maupin? *

We believe that by providing opportunities for veterans to engage in outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, and hiking, we can help them reestablish connections with their peers and find a sense of camaraderie and support. Additionally, by patronizing local businesses, we are able to contribute to the economic growth of our community and show our appreciation for their support of our veterans.

Our primary mission is to provide a support system for veterans and active duty military, and we believe that by engaging in these activities and supporting local businesses, we can accomplish that mission. We are dedicated to creating a strong and supportive community for our veterans, and we are committed to providing them with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

Submit

Nonprofit Name

Maupin Radio
(future KDEZ 93.1 FM)

Tax Exempt Status and Number

Non-Profit, Oregon: 2167533-92 Federal: 93-3170055

Contact Person Full Name

Todd Gruener

Contact Person Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Contact Person Email

[REDACTED]

Organization Mailing Address

PO Box 214
Maupin OR 97037-0214

Organization Phone Number

541-777-1438

Organization E-mail

todgru@gmail.com

Amount Requested

\$1,000

Purpose for the Funds

The grant will support the initial purchase of essential radio station equipment and cover ongoing operational expenses. One-time equipment costs are estimated at \$7,000, while annual operational expenses—including music licensing and IT infrastructure—are projected at \$1,500. These funds will ensure the successful launch and sustainability of Maupin Radio, providing a valuable service to the community.

How will the intended purpose benefit the citizens of Maupin?

Maupin Radio will serve as a source of information and musical education for the community. Our mission is to offer a diverse range of music programming across multiple genres, fostering an appreciation for different styles and influences. In addition to enriching the local arts and music scene, the station will provide residents with important community updates, creating a stronger, more connected Maupin.



PRESENTATION – LEGION HALL

7:45 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

NO DOCUMENTS

MOTION



PRESENTATION – DOG PARK

8:00 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

LETTERS

MOTION

February 13, 2025

To the Maupin City Council:

I would like to address the council about the upcoming decision regarding the proposed Dog Park in Maupin and the proposed site of Mt. Fir Park. I am a property/homeowner in the area and since we have added the recycling center, we have brought in more traffic to this residential area that we probably should have in the first place.

I am opposed to the idea of adding a dog park to Mt. Fir Park and here's the reasons why:

1st off the little league field had been used as a "dog park" for years unofficially. I know in the past it was such a problem that the City maintenance staff had to remove the gates off the fences as people were leaving their dogs while the people went rafting on the River. People weren't picking up after their pets when using the baseball field. I don't expect much improvement if you put it in the dog park. This will cause more work for our City works in the summer which is already busy enough around here doing projects and parks are used a ton during the summer season.

In the summer we have less parking on the street with two commercial operations that operate in the summer in this proposed area. I don't have a problem with this, but this will cause a lack of parking a further congestion of this residential area.

I have a dog and putting extra traffic will cause my dog to bark and then I worry about him being a nuisance even though he is in his own yard where he belongs. Also, I want to point out in Maupin, we have many open spaces along the river that are open to the public, I would also like to remind you that this community uses Mt. Fir Park to host graduation parties, children's birthday parties and we have playground for smaller children to use. I don't think putting a dog park here is the best idea. Maybe put in across from the Maupin City RV Park if you must, but for traffic flow the Maupin Alley Road is the only road I feel comfortable using to get out on Hwy 197, as traffic flow is using still speeding Hwy 197 past Mill, View and Bluff streets. This is a residential area, and you keep putting stuff up here that wasn't here when we all bought the property, and I don't want it here. Ask some of the people that are pro-dog park, do they want it next door to their home?

Thank you for your consideration,

Candy Barnett

602 View Street , Maupin, OR 97037

September 16, 2024

City of Maupin

cityhall@cityofmaupin.org

Dear Mayor Carol Beatty,

RE: Dog Park

On vacation, as we travel through towns and cities, one of the things we look for are dog parks. Obviously, it is where we stop for a break and spend our dollars. There is a great need for a dog park in Maupin, not only for the residents but also the families passing through or visiting Maupin.

A dog park is already in the City Vision and Maupin has property available. What is stopping Maupin from moving forward?

Several advantages of a dog park:

Dog parks provide several benefits to both dogs and their owners:

**A safe place for older people or people with disabilities who may not be able to walk their dogs*

**Areas where dogs can exercise and run freely while their owners can socialize*

**Reinforcement of the dog owner bond*

**Recreational opportunities and bringing together dog lovers of all ages and socioeconomic status*

**Promotion of walkable neighborhoods, an enhanced sense of community and safety*

**Improved dog socialization*

**Boosting of dog's physical health*

**Building a tight-knit community*

**Promotion of active lifestyle*

**Giving dogs an opportunity to be free of a leash and to socialize with other dogs and people*

Respectfully,



Roseann Smeraglio

PO Box 334

Maupin, OR 97037

28rosiem@gmail.com

From:
John Smeraglio
P.O. Box 334, 306 Staats Ave.
Maupin, OR. 97037

09/15/2024
10 AM

To:
Mayor Carol Beatty
City of Maupin Staff
P.O. Box 308, 507 Grant Ave.
Maupin, OR. 97037

Dear Mayor Carol Beatty
and City of Maupin Staff

As a responsible pet owner, I have always believed that it is important to provide a friendly and safe environment for our pets. The same is true when we take our dog away from home locally, or on vacation.

There are a few local options. The city streets and alleys, the Deschutes River Access road, (not always safe) and the local football field. It's better than the access road, but still lacks availability due to school activities. Also, it's not fenced, thus allowing the potential for a dog to run away.

I could go on, but it's easy to understand that the City of Maupin would serve this community well by having a Dog Park for local and visiting pet owners. In my opinion, along with many other pet owners in our community, it would be beneficial in many ways.

Dog Parks provide:

A friendly, safe place for pets and pet owners.

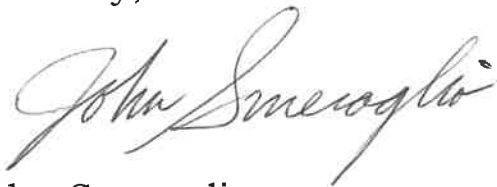
Allows dogs to run and play off leash whilst neighborhood folks walk and visit.

Improves physical health for both dogs and their owners, by being active on a regular basis. Enhances dog socialization by meeting and playing with other dogs.

In closing, when my wife and I travel, we usually like to plan our trip based on which places have Dog Parks. Obviously we end up stopping and or staying at those locations. Economically, this helps those communities, as it would ours.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Smeraglio". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Smeraglio

Dear Mayor Beatty and Maupin City Council Members,

I'm writing to you to request an opportunity to address the Council regarding the addition of a dog park in Maupin. As a dog owner, and frequent patron of dog parks in other cities, I know first hand the benefits of such a park. There are few safe places to let a dog off leash in Maupin. The river access road is nice, but it's also heavily trafficked for a substantial portion of the year. Dedicated dog parks allow a safe space for dogs and their people to interact with other dogs and their people. Many human friendships have been forged over the common bond of watching their dogs play together. In a time when we can feel increasingly divided, a simple dog park can provide an opportunity to build community. We also have many residents with health concerns that may not allow them to walk their dogs often. For these owners, an opportunity to sit on a shaded bench and let their dog run free in a safe space for a few minutes improves the physical and mental health for both of them.

It's clear that residents of Maupin would benefit from and appreciate having a dog park, but I wonder if you've also considered the wider economic benefit a dog park would bring to the businesses in town. My husband and I travel with our dog several times a year. Something as simple as a lunch stop becomes a bit more complicated when you have a dog in tow. Depending on the weather, it's often too hot or too cold to simply leave her in the car for an hour while we grab a bite. Sure, drive-through and fast food are options, but on a multi-day road trip that gets old real fast. We prefer to take a break from the driving for an hour or so and have an opportunity to stretch our legs and have a real meal. We also know from experience that the dog needs a stretch break as well; a 20 minute run in the afternoon will save us from an evening of zoomies around some hotel room. Thus, it has become an entrenched part of our routine to find a lunch stop that has a dog-friendly restaurant near a dog park. Let the beast chase a ball around a fenced park for 20 minutes first, and she'll happily lay under a table while we eat lunch afterwards. It's ridiculously easy to find such places while en route. A quick search on a website such as BringFido.com or even just typing "dog parks" in the "search along route" bar in Google Maps will bring up dog parks along the way. I quickly scan the amenities and ensure that I've found one that is fully fenced, add it as a stop, and then google dog-friendly restaurants nearby. It takes less than 10 minutes from the passenger seat. Whichever town along the way that can meet these needs is where we're going to stop for a meal, top off the gas tank, and maybe grab some more snacks and sodas for the road.

I know we aren't the only pet-parents that travel this way; in fact a multi-million dollar industry depends upon it. As of now, a quick search shows me that a family traveling along The Dalles California Highway between Yakima and Klamath Falls (for example) will find only 2 towns along the way that offer a dog park: The Dalles and Bend. Maupin is ideally placed in the middle of these to entice a few of those travelers to stop here and patronize our businesses instead, if we can offer them a dog park as a reason to stop. It seems short-sighted for Maupin to not take advantage of the opportunity to extend its marketing reach in this way, while also providing a solid benefit to its residents.

Sincerely,



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November 23, 2024

Dear Mayor Beatty,

I love to take my dog on walks. It gives us both a chance to get outside, enjoy some fresh air and get some exercise each day. Sadly, not everyone in Maupin understands the importance of keeping their dogs on leash or in a fenced-in area and I have been chased and attacked on several occasions.

There are very limited options for letting your dog exercise off leash. Unfortunately, the football field is not always accessible (it is off limits during school hours) and walking on the access road is not very safe.

I would like the City of Maupin to consider providing a safe and accessible off leash area where we can exercise our dogs. In addition to letting our dogs run free, it would also provide a place where dog lovers in our community can meet and socialize. And during the busy tourist season, it would be a great reason for dog owners to stop and check out our town.

I hope you consider adding this much needed facility to our community.

Thank you,



Kathy Middleton

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COMMUNICATION

8:15 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

We received a thank you card from Pine Grove Water Dist.



ADJOURN

NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

WORK SESSION – VISIONING March 19, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in person and virtual
COUNCIL MEETING March 26, 2025

MAYOR ADJOURNS THE MEETING