



MEETING AGENDA & PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

City Council

Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802522147?pwd=SlZHSndod2RhY09NRE8xN0JOdjRWZz09> 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
6:40 p.m.	Reports
6:50 p.m.	Discussion: Council Reports
7:00 p.m.	Report: Council & Planning Work session
7:10 p.m.	Discussion: New Ethics Rules
7:30 p.m.	Communications
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.
8:00 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 Any Council member may request that an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and be placed in the business section of the Agenda.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 November 20, 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, November 20, 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 6:32 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: Shelby Dumire, Tom Troutman, Mike Foreaker, Kathy Peck, Randy Bechtol,

Council Absent: Matthias Kesler (EA)

Staff Present: City Manager Nick Smith, Recorder Christine Wolfe, Admin. Asst. Doni Van Dolah

Staff Absent: Attorney Ruben Cleaveland (EA)

Visitors Present: Medy & Tom Gantz, Rod Woodside, Suze Riley, Ken Hemphill

Consent Agenda

Councilor Peck moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Foreaker second. The motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. (Ayes: Carol Beatty, Shelby Dumire, Tom Troutman, Mike Foreaker, Kathy Peck, Randy Bechtol Nays: None).

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Reports

Mayor Beatty commended Library Director Valerie Stephenson for another extensive report to Council and the wonderful events she offers to the community.

Mayor Beatty announced the Person of the Year 2025 will be announced at our Winter Festival December 7th, just before the tree lighting.

The Person of the Year 2025 nominees are; Lee & Sharon Balentine, John Boggs, Michael Carter, Eddie Ingram, David Lane (Laz), Jim Popchock, Madeline Rhoades, Kathy Richie, Cali Rocha, Frank Roeder, Kirk Shields, Tim Thornton, Rod Woodside.

Major Beatty read the summary of those that were in attendance, which was only Rod Woodside. "Rod Woodside is the most helpful, humble and generous man you'll find. Maupin is beyond lucky to have him. He is a hardworking kind business owner who cares deeply for his community and strives to help others. Whether it's helping fix a vehicle, keeping the ambulance up and running, or responding to a fire, you can count on him to always be helping. We're seriously not sure if the town could function without him, he's the most valuable man in Maupin."

Each nominee represents the heart and soul of your community, and their efforts have undoubtedly made a lasting impact.

Celebrating their achievements not only honors their contributions but also inspires others to follow in their footsteps.

Thank you to those who took the time to recognize these hard-working individuals. As we move into 2026, we ask you to be thinking about other folks who deserve the honor of nomination

	for this award. We are incredibly lucky to live in an area with so many giving community members. Manager Smith asked Council what they would like to see as a report at the Council meeting, would they like all the weekly reports he was sending out to be compiled or a separate report. Council suggested a summary of the weekly reports with anything new that may develop. Council commended Manager Smith with the information he is providing to them with weekly reports.
Report: Visioning Reports Update	Mayor Beatty opened the discussion on the Parks & Rec report; the committee has decided to meet in the spring. Question arose regarding a monthly report from Planning Commission. There was no meeting earlier this month due to no quorum. No other updates on visioning reports. Mayor Beatty stated it is important that we pay attention to our visioning committees so we can begin making decisions about where we want to go, especially as we get closer to the budget making time.
Consider: Holiday Dinner	Mayor Beatty requested Recorder Wolfe to speak about our Holiday Dinner. This year arrangements have been made to have Imperial cater our dinner in their conference room. Dinner will be Tri-Tip, chicken, rice, salad, vegetables, rolls and dessert. There will be a no-host bar available. We will have access to the lobby and if weather permits, we will be able to go outside and enjoy a warming fire. The dates that have been floated around are Friday December 12th or Friday the 19th. On the 12th we would have to schedule at 6 p.m. due to a party that ends at 5 p.m. On the 19th we can begin at 5 p.m. We are not set to have our event on a Friday evening; we can choose a different day of the week. After Council discussion of dates, consensus was made to have our Holiday Dinner on Thursday, December 11th, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Recorder Wolfe will send out invitations asking for RSVP by the 3rd or 4th and if they are bringing a guest.
Consider: Work Session with Planning Commission	Mayor Beatty opened the discussion on having a joint session with Planning Commission. Mayor Beatty has contacted the League of Oregon Cities to see if they can come out and do a training for the Council and Planning together to help us learn how to work together more efficiently and develop our skills. This will be scheduled early next year. Question from council, will they lead the training? Yes, is the answer. Mayor Beatty will inform council when this training will be set up. Discussion turned to having a work session with Planning regarding the chicken and dark sky topics prior to the LOC training. Recorder Wolfe and Manager Smith recommend that we have a joint session to clarify what the council is directing the Planning Commission to do. They have put a lot of work into both subjects and staff believes a work session will help have solid footing between the two bodies and to make sure everyone is on the same page.

	Council was in agreement that training by LOC would be very beneficial to both bodies, with date and time to be announced. Council was in consensus in having a work session with Planning Commission on Planning Commission's next meeting, December 4 th at 4:30 p.m. to discuss Dark Sky and chickens.
Communications	Recorder Wolfe share an email from Ron Walp regarding a Sky Quality Meter that was given to the High School and has been installed on top of the High School building. Changes to the Government Ethics Law due to House bill 2930 passing this year. The bill changes the definition of the Conflict-of-Interest provisions beginning January 1, 2026. A two-page flyer was distributed.
Adjourn	The next regular meeting will take place on Thursday, December 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Beatty adjourned the meeting at 7:11 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

6:40 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

[City Manager Report](#) (Handout at meeting)

[Chamber Report](#) (Handout at meeting)

[Southern Wasco County Library Report](#) (Handout at meeting)



DISCUSSION: COUNCIL REPORTS

6:50 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

[N/A](#)

MOTION

N/A



REPORT: COUNCIL & PLANNING WORK SESSION

7:00 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

N/A

MOTION

N/A



DISCUSSION: NEW ETHICS RULES

7:10 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

[New Year, New Changes to Ethics Law](#)

[Ethics Flow Chart](#)

MOTION



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New Year, New Changes to Ethics Law

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November 20, 2025

New Year, New Changes to Ethics Law



Image - Golden Man statue looks to the right across the Salem skyline

Changes to Government Ethics Law!

During the 2025 legislative session, House Bill 2930 passed. This bill changes the definition of the Conflict of Interest provisions in Oregon Government Ethics Law to add public officials' household members.

Change becomes law on January 1, 2026. Here's what to know:

Starting on January 1st, the Conflict of Interest provisions will apply to public officials, their relatives, and members of their household, and any business that a public official, or their relative, or a member of their household is associated with.

In Oregon Government Ethics Law, a member of the household is anyone who lives in a public official's home. Members of the household share an address with the public official.

How does this affect you as a public official?

Public officials are required to make proper disclosures of their conflicts of interest.

HB 2930 means that next year, a public official will be met with a conflict of interest when that public official is taking an official action (a vote, decision, or recommendation)

And

- The action would or could have a private financial impact
- The financial impact can be a benefit (gain) or a detriment (loss)
- The impact is on the public official, or their relative, or a member of their household, or any businesses that any of them are associated with.

The requirements for declaring conflicts of interest have not changed. They are different for employees than for elected public officials, members of boards, councils, and commissions. See OGE's [Reference Guide on Conflicts of Interest](#) for more details about requirements.

Identifying Conflicts of Interest

For something to be a conflict of interest under Oregon Government Ethics Law, it must meet three criteria [ORS 244.020(1) & (13)]:



Official Action

You must be taking an official action within your role as a public official.

This could be a vote, decision, or recommendation.



Financial Impact

Your action must create or potentially create a financial impact.

That impact could be a financial benefit or detriment.



Specific People

The financial impact must affect specific people:

You, your relatives, your household members (starting 1/1/26), or an associated business.



Conflict of Interest

Once you've recognized that something meets these criteria and is a conflict of interest, you need to further analyze if it is an **actual conflict of interest** or **potential conflict of interest**.

Actual Conflict of Interest

The financial impact of your action is certain.

For example, you process business permits as part of your public official duties. Your in-laws apply for a permit. You processing their permit would have a certain financial impact; therefore it is an actual conflict of interest.

Potential Conflict of Interest

The financial impact of your action is possible, but not certain.

For example, you are voting on requirements for future city contracts. Your sibling owns a business that could apply for a future city contract. The financial impact is possible, but not certain; therefore it is a potential conflict of interest.

What do you do once you know you have a conflict? Flip the paper over to find out!



Disclosing Conflicts of Interest

When met with a conflict of interest, there are different disclosure requirements depending on the nature of the public official's position.



**Members of the
Legislative Assembly**

- Must announce the nature of the conflict publicly.
- Announcement must be according to the rules of the house of which they are a member, before taking any action on the matter [ORS 244.120(1)(a)].



**Other elected officials
or appointed board and
commission members**

Announce publicly the nature of the conflict of interest. Examples include:

- Announcement during the **public session** of a public meeting.
- Notice on a public webpage.

Then:

- If it is a **potential conflict of interest**, they may continue to participate in the discussion debate or vote on the matter.
- If it is an **actual conflict of interest**, they must refrain from participating in any discussion, debate or vote on the matter [ORS 244.120(2)].

Have questions? Contact us!
Email mail@ogec.oregon.gov
or call 503-378-5105.

Must notify their appointing authority (supervisor, director, etc.) in writing. It must:

- Include the nature of the conflict.
- Request the authority dispose of the matter.

The authority will respond with how to handle the matter. They will either have someone else handle it or give specific instructions on how to proceed. [ORS 244.120(1)(c)].



**Any other appointed
official (describing
public employees)**

- Must be removed from the case giving rise to the conflict.
- Or they must advise the parties of the nature of the conflict [ORS 244.120(1)(b)].



Judges

Minimum Votes Exception: An elected public official (or one serving on a board/commission) may be able to vote with an actual conflict of interest. This exception only applies when their vote is needed to meet the minimum number of votes to take official action. They would still need to make their public disclosure and would not be able to participate in any discussion or debate [ORS 244.120(2)(b)(B)]





COMMUNICATIONS

[N/A](#)



ADJOURN

NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

January 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in person and virtual

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 28, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in person and virtual

MAYOR ADJOURNS THE MEETING