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City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2026
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 6:30 p.m. Roll call of City Council and Staff was conducted by City Recorder Wolfe. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Beatty. *Presiding*: Mayor Beatty *Council Present*: Tom Troutman, Mike Foreaker, Kathy Peck, Matthias Kesler, Randy Bechtol, Shelby Dumire *Staff Present*: City Manager Nick Smith, Recorder Christine Wolfe, Admin. Asst. Doni Van Dolah, Attorney Ruben Cleaveland *Staff Absent*: N/A *Visitors Present*: Greg Smith, Clavin Bennett, Ron Walp, Paula Latasa, Allison Bechtol, Brad Treft, Tammy Creel, Dixie Bergin, Medy Gantz,
Consent Agenda	Councilor Dumire moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Kesler second. The motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. (Ayes: Carol Beatty, Tom Troutman, Mike Foreaker, Kathy Peck, Matthias Kesler, Randy Bechtol, Shelby Dumire. Nays: None).
Public Comment	Mayor Beatty welcomed State Representative Greg Smith and his assistant, Calvin Bennett, and recognized Recorder Christine Wolfe, noting that this would be her last Council meeting before her retirement. Council expressed appreciation for Wolfe's service to the City of Maupin. Recorder Wolfe thanked the Council and community for the opportunity to serve. A member of the public thanked City Manager Nick Smith and the Public Works crew for the work completed on the alleys, including removing brush and cleaning the area.
Reports	Council discussed the Library Report. It was reported that a magician's program had drawn approximately 108 people. Council expressed appreciation for the variety of programs available through the library.
Representative Greg Smith	State Representative Greg Smith addressed the Council regarding his role in the Oregon Legislature and current and anticipated state issues affecting District 57. Representative Smith described his committee assignments, including leadership roles involving the state budget, general government, human services, capital construction, and revenue. Representative Smith discussed the need to pursue funding assistance for the local health clinic and noted that information received regarding the clinic's approximately $1.5 million debt would be submitted to the state budget leadership. He also discussed wastewater infrastructure as an area that may warrant attention during the next legislative session. Transportation funding was discussed, including the importance of maintaining state gas tax allocations to cities and counties. Representative Smith emphasized the need to prioritize basic

	transportation infrastructure, including road maintenance, safety, snow removal, and pothole repair. Council and Representative Smith also discussed public transportation service reductions, bicycle infrastructure, and the question of ensuring that users of the transportation system contribute their fair share. Representative Smith discussed enterprise zones and the future of artificial intelligence and data centers, noting that local communities should have a voice in decisions that may affect their residents, farmers, ranchers, and businesses. Healthcare funding was discussed, including the challenges of maintaining services with limited state resources and the need to prioritize services for senior citizens, vulnerable residents, and children requiring medical care. Council and Representative Smith discussed wildfire insurance and the difficulty some residents are experiencing obtaining or affording fire insurance. Representative Smith stated that this issue would require continued attention. Discussion also included state spending, taxes, the business climate in Oregon, and the challenges facing small businesses. Representative Smith discussed the inheritance tax and expressed support for consideration of raising the current threshold. Council members discussed the administrative burden of taxes and regulations on small businesses and property owners. Representative Smith invited Council and community members to contact him with concerns and thanked the City for the opportunity to visit. Council thanked Representative Smith for attending and for his continued work on behalf of District 57 and the community.
Communications	Recorder Wolfe reported receiving an email requesting additional details regarding credit card expenditures in the City's financial reports. Council discussed whether credit card expenditures should be broken out by individual vendors or expenditure rather than reported as a combined amount within the existing categories. Staff explained that providing additional detail would require subdividing the current entries and could add substantially to the financial report.
Executive Session	Entered Executive session at 7:22pm and adjourned at 8:16pm No decision made.
Adjourn	The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Beatty adjourned the meeting at 8:17p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Doni Van Dolah, City Recorder

Signed: Carol Beatty
Carol Beatty, Mayor

Attest: Doni Van Dolah
Doni Van Dolah, City Recorder