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City Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 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 Manager Smith, Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Beatty. *Presiding*: Mayor Beatty *Council Present*: Tom Troutman, Mike Foreaker, Kathy Peck, Matthias Kesler, Randy Bechtol *Council Absent*: Shelby Dumire *Staff Present*: City Manager Nick Smith, Ruben Cleaveland, Planner Jamie Crawford *Staff Absent*: City Recorder Van Dolah *Visitors Present*: Suze Riley, Allison Bechtol, Jon Helquist, Paula Latasa, Vicki Ballou, Michael Miller, Heather John, Jeff Hurt, Mark John, Ron Walp, Rod Woodside, Keith Scranton, Jordan Belozer, Ken Hemphill, John Bildsoe, BD Treft, Karletta Carrithers, Cereza Howard
Consent Agenda	Councilor Bechtol 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. Nays: None).
Public Comment	Karletta Carrithers, representing the Maupin Community Center, reported that three fall fundraisers were being planned and that the organization could receive donations as a nonprofit. She asked about the status of the deed. Carrithers described needed repairs to the building's east foundation and support for roof rafters. A contractor would work with a structural engineer before the hall could reopen for community activities and performances. Ron Walp asked Council members to use their microphones so that participants attending remotely could hear the proceedings. He stated that his interest in outdoor lighting was to reduce glare and light trespass. Cereza Howard expressed concern about the effect of outdoor lighting on visibility of the night sky. Paula Latasa asked about wastewater treatment impacts associated with the Grasshopper Fire response. City Manager Smith explained that rapid discharges from 3,000-gallon tenders stressed the treatment plant and reduced biological treatment efficiency. The plant remained within permit limits. Possible improvements included slowing discharge rates or using an upstream discharge location. John Bildsoe asked about the proposed sale of water to the Bright Night Solar project and the City's capacity to supply approximately

	3.5 million gallons per month. Smith stated that no water supply agreement was approved.
Public Hearing: Lighting Ordinance 336	The Council resumed the public hearing on Ordinance 336, amending the City Zoning Ordinance to clarify outdoor lighting regulations. The hearing began on August 26, 2026, and had been continued to this meeting. The mayor explained that oral testimony had been received at the initial hearing and that the record had remained open for written testimony. Staff reported that no additional written testimony had been received during the stated submission period. Discussion addressed adequate lighting for traffic and pedestrian safety, wildlife hazards, and security. Council members distinguished the proposed lighting standards from a reduction in the number of lights, noting that downward-directed fixtures could provide needed illumination while reducing glare and light trespass. Staff clarified that approval authority for recreational facility lighting under administrative review would rest with the City Manager. The public hearing was closed. Further Council discussion addressed application of the standards to new development and the potential for future City funding to install compliant lighting in areas with safety concerns. City Attorney Cleveland explained the charter provisions governing ordinance readings and adoption at a single meeting. A request for a full reading of the ordinance was withdrawn. Cleveland read Ordinance 336 by title only. Councilor Peck made a motion to adopt Ordinance 336 as presented. Councilor Bechtol second. The motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. (Ayes: Carol Beatty, Tom Troutman, Mike Foreaker, Kathy Peck, Matthias Kesler, Randy Bechtol. Nays: None).
Discussion: Chickens Ordinance 337	The Council considered Ordinance 337, amending Title VI, Animals, of the Maupin Municipal Code to establish standards allowing chickens for non-commercial purposes. Public comments from John Bildsoe, John Helquist, Paula Latasa, Teresa Howard, and Paula Latasa- including objections to regulation and permit fees, support for youth participation in 4-H, and concerns that a uniform limit would not account for larger properties or existing flocks, and if additional allowance for 4-H projects was sufficient. The proposed ordinance was discussed as allowing four chickens per residence, with an additional allowance of two for qualifying 4-H participants. Council members considered seven-foot setbacks, restrictions on front-yard enclosures, sanitation, effects on neighboring residences, permit conditions, and enforcement. The Council also discussed the distinction between youth projects and commercial poultry operations. Staff clarified that the existing five-acre hobby farm provision would remain in place. The Council considered possible treatment of existing flocks, hardship situations, and requests for exceptions on larger properties. Attorney Cleveland cautioned that a land use variance

	had a different meaning and discussed possible consideration of existing nonconforming uses. Planner Jaime Crawford explained that the Planning Commission had reduced proposed chicken limits in response to earlier Council feedback and had initially omitted an exception process to address Council concerns. No separate exception process or amendment was approved during this discussion. City Manager Smith stated that initial registration and inspections could require additional work but that he did not anticipate a significant ongoing workload. Other staff could assist with inspections if needed. Attorney Cleveland advised that requests exceeding the ordinance's limits should come before the Council unless the ordinance expressly delegated that discretion. The Council discussed the ability to amend the ordinance later. The public hearing was closed before final Council deliberation. Attorney Cleveland read Ordinance 337 by title only. A motion was made by Councilor Bechtol and seconded by Councilor Kesler. The vote was 4-0. (Ayes: Carol Beatty, Mike Foreaker, Kathy Peck, Matthias Kesler, Randy Bechtol. Nays: none. Abstained: Tom Troutman) Attorney Cleveland explained that the vote did not meet the charter requirement for adoption at a single meeting and that a second reading would otherwise be required. After further discussion, a new motion was made. Councilor Kesler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 337 as presented. Councilor Bechtol second. The motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. (Ayes: Carol Beatty, Tom Troutman, Mike Foreaker, Kathy Peck, Matthias Kesler, Randy Bechtol. Nays: None).
Discussion: System Development Charge Use	City Manager Smith discussed using approximately $100,000 in available system development charge funds for priority water infrastructure projects intended to improve capacity and fire protection. Projects included a water main improvement and investigation of low flows near the springs, where the configuration of existing lines and valves was not fully documented. City Manager Smith would work with Attorney Cleveland to confirm project eligibility and whether an amendment to the capital improvement plan was needed. The Council expressed support for pursuing eligible projects, subject to those determinations. City Manager Smith reported that approximately $63,000 remaining from an earlier infrastructure grant could be retained and applied to another project. He also reported continued work with Anderson Perry on access to an additional $1 million for water infrastructure. A separate road grant application had been denied, and a future application was discussed.
Banking Resolutions	Council considered banking Resolution No. 09232026-01

	Councilor Kesler moved to approve Resolution No. 09232026-01 as written. Councilor Bechtol second. The motion passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote. (Ayes: Carol Beatty, Tom Troutman, Mike Foreaker, Kathy Peck, Matthias Kesler, Randy Bechtol. Nays: None).
Communications	N/A
Adjourn	The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Beatty adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Doni Van Dolah, City Recorder

Signed: Carol Beatty
Carol Beatty, Mayor

Attest: Doni Van Dolah
Doni Van Dolah, City Recorder