



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 18, 2024
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Shaney Starr, Council President
Soraida Cross, Councilor
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor
Laura Reid, Councilor
Ma'Layah Latty-Farrar, Youth
Councilor

Staff:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Tim Wood, Assistant City Manager
Shane Witham, Planning Director
Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Andrew Copeland, Police Chief
Melissa Bisset, City Recorder
Garrett Klever, Human Resources
Director

Absent:

Vacant Position #5

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

a. PROCLAMATION - Native American Heritage Month

Chair Delores Pigsley, Tribal Council Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, provided a history of the Tribes. She gifted two copies of *The People are Dancing Again* by Charles Wilkinson.

Mayor Clark then read the proclamation observing Native American Heritage Month.

b. PROCLAMATION - Small Business Saturday

Corri Falardeau, Executive Director of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce and Jeremy Turner, Keizer Chamber of Commerce President, were present to receive the proclamation. Ms.

Falardeau urged the community to shop small businesses.

Mayor Clark then read the proclamation observing Small Business Saturday.

c. Volunteer of the Quarter Award - Carol Phipps

Rhonda Rich and Carolyn Holman, West Keizer Neighborhood Association, shared the Volunteer of the Quarter and the work of Carol Phipps. Mayor Clark and the Councilors recognized Carol Phipps as Volunteer of the Quarter, presented her award, and expressed their appreciation for her tremendous contributions to the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Matt Lawyer, Planning Commission Chair, shared information about the recent Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Corri Falardeau, Keizer Chamber of Commerce shared the upcoming events, which included the Turkey Dash, Keizer Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting, the Holiday Giving Basket Program, and the Holiday Lights Parade.

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, read aloud a letter from Donald Williams, Keizer. Mr. Williams wanted to know why the Public Employees' Retirement (PERS) fund wasn't a policy, and he would like to see a policy. He expressed concern about the City Councilors and that the City should keep the Community Diversity Engagement Committee.

Jacqueline Green, Keizer read aloud a letter from, Pamela Marin, Keizer. Ms. Marin expressed concern about employers paying into PERS for employees' retirement, and she would like the word "survivor" used instead of "victim."

Mark and Janet Jones, Keizer, expressed their concern about a potential transitional home on Linda Avenue operated by Soaring Heights Recovery Homes. They requested that the City Council explore alternatives for locations of the potential transitional home.

Shawn Edmends, Loren's Sanitation, and Greg Dittman, Valley Recycling and Disposal, spoke about the rolling franchise agreement for the haulers. They explained that the rolling franchise agreement is integral to their business model, and they are not in favor of changing the agreement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. Event Center Use Fee Waiver - Keizer Chamber of Commerce - First Citizen and Awards Banquet

Item was postponed to the December 2nd meeting.

b. Event Center Use Fee Waiver - Valor Mentoring Fundraiser

Item was postponed to the December 2nd meeting.

c. RESOLUTION - In the Matter of Adoption of the Municipal Judge Evaluation Process; Repealing Resolution No. R2021-3142

Item was postponed to the December 2nd meeting.

d. Update on FEMA Floodplain issue: Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures (PICM)

Item was postponed to the December 2nd meeting.

e. Discussion regarding directing staff to bring back a Resolution acknowledging Keizer Community Library as the Community's Library

This item was considered out of order by consensus of the City Council.

Council President Starr expressed her appreciation for the Keizer Community Library. She shared statistics about the number of volunteer hours and services and the value of those services. She asked that staff thoroughly research the issue and bring back a recommendation, and if appropriate, to draft a resolution for Council to adopt recognition of the Keizer Community Library as a Public Library. There was concern that funding must be dedicated to the library with this agenda item.

Council President Starr reviewed the items that should be included in the resolution, which were:

- 1) The City recognize the Keizer Community Library as Keizer's Library, and
- 2) The City agrees to partner with Keizer Community Library to explore potential funding options.

Council President Starr stated that the agenda item only relates to directing staff to research the issue and bring back the recommendation on a possible resolution or ordinance regarding the recognition of Keizer Community Library as the community's library.

Council President Starr explained that it was imperative to ensure it was clear that if and only if Keizer Community Library was granted Public Library status, the City would then have two years from the date they filed their first statistical report, which would be one year after being granted Public Library status to partner with them and explore and identify passable funding stream that would equal 50 percent of the operating budget.

If Keizer Community Library was successful in obtaining Public Library status, this does not mean that Keizer Community Library would move forward with seeking membership with Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service (CCRLS). That would be a future decision and one that was not tied to being recognized as a Public Library thru the State. Being recognized as a Public Library by the State of Oregon opens up a world of opportunities separate and apart of being a CCRLS member.

There was a question about not having the requirement for public funding now.

BJ Toewe, Keizer Community Library, shared that if they achieved public library status, then there would need to be \$30,000 provided annually from a Public entity (City, State, County, or Federal).

It was noted that there would be a variety of options to be explored related to public funding.

There was discussion about the Library Fee being voted down two years ago.

Nancy Soto, Keizer, shared her experience with the Keizer Community Library and expressed her support. She suggested more cultural activities in the Community.

Guadalupe Cuoncas with daughter Lupita, shared her experience with the Keizer Community Library.

Thomas Morgan, Keizer, expressed his support for the Keizer Community Library and listed his reasons for why he believed libraries were important and should be supported.

Diane Watson, Keizer, shared her support for the Keizer Community Library becoming a Public Library.

Alisha Palmer, Keizer, expressed her support for the City Council to name the Keizer Community Library as a Public Library.

Shawn Palmer, Keizer, expressed his support for libraries and the literacy it provides.

Mayra Rosales, Keizer, and Keizer Community Library's Board of Director, expressed her support for the library.

Maribel Monroy Rodriguez, Keizer, and works for the Salem-Keizer Public Schools, understands the importance of a library in this community for the children, parents, and teachers.

Kris Adams, Keizer, shared the variety of opportunities that libraries offer. She expressed her support for Keizer Community Library as a Public Library.

Kiele Jamagin, Keizer, shared her experience volunteering at the Keizer Community Library. She expressed her support for Keizer Community Library.

Rhonda Rich, expressed her support for Keizer Community Library as Keizer's community library.

Jamie Hinsz, Keizer Community Library volunteer, shared her experience as a volunteer and read a letter that she had submitted as written testimony.

Lore Christopher, Keizer, expressed her support for the volunteers and for the Keizer Community Library being recognized as a Public Library.

Jacqueline Green, Keizer, expressed her support for the Keizer Community Library, explaining the benefits of libraries.

Cindy Hunt, Keizer, shared her research and expressed her support for the Keizer Community Library as a Public Library.

Barbara Miner, Director for the Keizer Community Library Board, shared the changes over the last

few years at the Library, and the services they provide.

Gina Pie, Keizer Community Library volunteer and Director for the Keizer Community Library Board, shared her experiences at the library and the benefits to the community.

Tom Pie, Keizer Community Library volunteer, shared his experience with volunteering at the Library and urged the Council's support for the Library.

Michael Hickman, Keizer, urged the Council to consider all of the options to move the Community Library along as a public library.

Daisy Hickman, Keizer, shared the services the Library provides that goes beyond books.

John Goodyear, former Executive Director of Chemeketa Cooperative regional Library Service and former treasurer of the Keizer Community Library, feels that a Public Library should be considered an essential service.

BJ Toewe, stated that the funding for a Public Library would provide children with the necessary reading materials to develop skills and to learn to love reading. The Keizer Library Board was facing the current budget that would only keep the doors open until 2026, and she requested a small contribution of \$30,000 to support a Public Library.

Council President Starr moved to direct staff to bring back a resolution of support for the City to acknowledge the Keizer Community Library as the Community's Library in order to apply for Public Library status with the State Library Association. Councilor Reid seconded.

There was a request for staff to bring clear information about what obligations come with the public status and realistic sustained funding.

Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Cross, Kohler, Starr and Juran (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

There was a recess.

Councilor Cross moved that anything non-essential be moved to the next City Council meeting. Council President Starr seconded. Mayor Clark asked if it could be done by consensus.

City Manager Brown reviewed the agenda noting the items that could be moved to the next meeting.

There was no objection to having staff recommend which agenda items to cover and which ones to discuss at the next meeting due to the lateness of evening.

f. Discussion regarding Council Rules of Procedure Section 17.5(d) relating to questions for upcoming City Councilor Candidate Presentations

City Manager Brown explained that both fee waivers and Municipal Judge Evaluation Process could be handled at the December meeting. Mr. Witham would be available at the December meeting to present on the FEMA Floodplain issue. It would go to the default position (e.g. "Permit by Permit" process), which was staff's recommendation and what the Planning Commission had recommended. Mr. Witham shared that he would be communicating with FEMA to go through the default position.

Mr. Brown commented on the Council Rules of Procedure Section 17.5(d) relating to questions for upcoming City Councilor Candidate Presentations and that those questions didn't have to be used. The Council decided to use the same questions as last time, but questions could still be submitted to the City Recorder.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. RESOLUTION - Declaring the City's Intent to Initiate a Street Lighting Local Improvement District (Clear Lake Commons) and Directing the City Engineer to make a Survey and file a Written Report with the City Recorder**
- b. Approval of November 4, 2024 Regular Session Minutes**

Councilor President Starr moved that the Keizer City Council approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Starr, Cross, Kohler, and Juran (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Regarding the solid waste haulers' topic, Councilor Cross recused herself from this discussion because her husband is working for Loren's Sanitation.

City Manager Brown shared that at the last discussion, there may have been a misunderstanding or they were operating on incorrect information concerning the solid waste haulers. He previously stated that it was the hauler's desire to move to a fixed, 10-year contract. He clarified that the reason the City hasn't done this before was because the contract worked and the City had great partnerships with Loren's Sanitation and Valley Recycling and Disposal. He was fine with not holding the public hearing and allowing it to proceed in the rolling contract.

Council President Starr moved the Keizer City Council not hold a Public Hearing to consider moving to a fixed, 10-year contract and allow the rolling, 10-year contract to continue. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Kohler, Starr and Juran (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: Cross (1)

ABSENT: None (0)

STAFF UPDATES

City Attorney Lindsay wished the Council a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Clark and the Councilors each reviewed the events and meetings that they had attended as well as upcoming events.

Council President Starr inquired about Ziply and its fiber installation. Public Works Director Lawyer expressed frustration about the communication with Ziply and their communication with their contractors and subcontractors. Mr. Lawyer explained that they are legally working in a public utility easement. Mr. Lawyer stated that in order to motivate Ziply, the contract could be rescinded and that staff would continue to monitor the situation. Mr. Lindsay reported that the City was issuing fewer permits to better contain the installations.

Mayor Clark shared that customer service and consideration for the property owners had been the standard in Keizer and was the expectation. Mr. Lawyer would communicate the expectation to respond to damage and repairs.

AGENDA INPUT

***December 2, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
City Council Special Session***

***December 2, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
City Council Regular Session***

***December 16, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
City Council Regular Session***

***January 6, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
City Council Regular Session***

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes approved: _____

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