



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 2, 2020
Keizer Civic Center, Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Kim Freeman, Councilor
Roland Herrera, Councilor
Marlene Parsons, Councilor
Laura Reid, Councilor
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor

Staff:

Chris Eppley, City Manager
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Shane Witham, Community Development
Tim Wood, Finance Director
John Teague, Police Chief
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

Absent:

Daniel Kohler, Councilor

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

**a. Swearing in of
Keizer Police
Officers Hein,
Webb, and Stupfel**

Chief John Teague introduced Officers Hein, Webb and Stupfel. City Attorney Shannon Johnson issued the oath of office to each officer. Each officer then introduced their family.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

**a. Appointments
to Various City
Committees**

City Manager reported that the Volunteer Coordinating Committee was recommending the following persons for appointments: *Bob Busch* and *David Loudon* to the Keizer Points of Interest Committee; *Hersch Sangster* to the Budget Committee, *Natalie Janney* to the Storm Water Advisory Committee; *Dustin Karstetter*, *David Loudon* and *Mathew Poteet* to the Parks Advisory Board and *Isabella Biondi* as Youth Committee Liaison to the Public Arts Commission.

Councilor Freeman moved that the Keizer City Council accept the Volunteer Coordinating Committee recommended appointments.
Councilor Herrera seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Freeman, Parsons, Herrera and Smith (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Kohler (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Kathy Lincoln, Keizer, complained about the habitat destruction caused by recent brush removal at Wallace House Park, praised Claggett Creek Watershed Council for the plantings they did at the site, urged the City to make plans to replant the area appropriately, and indicated that she wanted to provide input when the Parks Master Plan is reviewed. Mayor Clark responded that everyone will be included in the Parks Master Plan update. Public Works Director, Bill Lawyer explained that brush removal was done in part to eradicate homeless camps that had been there for many years. The City is pleased with the work done by the contractor and is waiting to see what vegetation comes back on its own so that native plants can be encouraged and invasive ones discouraged. Master Plan review started last week with the consultant and input from multiple organizations and individuals will be solicited.

Danielle Bethel, Keizer, announced that there would not be a holiday light parade this year due to Covid-19 challenges. The tree lighting event will be done virtually. The Chamber is hoping that it can be shared via K23 Television and social media platforms and that Council will reallocate funds set aside for the parade to do this. She shared details of the event and noted that the public is not invited to attend this year. Council agreed to authorize the reallocation of funds. Ms. Bethel then announced dates and details for various holiday events.

Paula Guiles, Keizer, distributed the annual Library Report, shared details about library activities and efforts being made during the pandemic and noted that the library volunteers are always needed.

Sara Grantham, Keizer, requested that the word 'equity' be used in the title of the Values Statement and urged Council to stop talking and listen to the experiences of others.

Cortney Clendening, Keizer, voiced concern that when a suggestion was made to denounce white supremacy in the Values Statement it was rejected. She stated that white supremacy is not a group but a belief which is defined accurately in the Webster's Dictionary and has no place in this country, state or city. She urged that Council reach out to the community, particularly people of color, for input on what they would like included in the Values Statement. She noted that Keizer has many great community members but also has people who have been allowed to demonstrate hate. She concluded that she felt an ideal cannot be pursued if undesirable beliefs and behaviors are not condemned first.

Betty Hart, Keizer, noted that while a resolution may seem just words, it does tell people who have not been included before that they are welcome and reminds the makers of the resolution to act like everyone is welcome. She explained that the group 'Black Lives Matter' is not a hate group but is a movement to bring to light issues that people of color have faced in this country for hundreds of years. She urged Council to take an action that makes all people feel welcome and comfortable when doing

business and/or participating in Keizer city government.

Michael DeBlasi, Keizer, urged that the Value Statement verbiage be made stronger and that it address and condemn white supremacy and include as many people of color as possible.

R.J. Navarro, Keizer, shared stories of discriminatory incidents that he had experienced or was made aware of and pointed out Keizer Chamber discriminatory actions. He concluded that if Council wants to make people feel included they should stop protecting racists and listen to the people of color. Councilor Freeman urged that a complaint be filed with the Fair Housing of Oregon regarding evictions and noted that the governor has placed a moratorium on evictions as well.

LaTonya Gibbs, Keizer, stated that everyone needs to look out for their neighbors and voiced the hope that the new legislation and welcoming statement for Keizer is effective in making sure that people know that they are welcome.

Carol Doerfler, Keizer, distributed a draft of the Statement of Values, explained her proposed changes and urged that the Values Statement be changed to an inclusivity resolution.

Elizabeth Heredia, Keizer, voiced support for including the denunciation of white supremacy and hate in the Values Statement and explained that although it is an umbrella term, it is also a way of grouping individuals who exclude others. She suggested the Council take the time to educate themselves to be more informed.

Omar Alvarado, Keizer, stated that he was uncomfortable hearing the refusal to denounce white supremacy and to reference it in a manner equal Black Lives Matter and found this language unacceptable. He added that to be a great town everyone needs to be informed of the realities happening to fellow community members, explained the difference between the BLM movement and white supremacy, and urged Council to become informed about the evils of white supremacy.

Mathew Poteet, Keizer, explained that victims of discrimination comprehend that reality to a much greater degree than those that have never experienced it; those who have not, however, can choose to understand it. He urged Council to put themselves in the environments of others to learn more and understand.

Councilor Herrera commended previous testimony noting that Council should represent everyone, not just the business community.

Bob Salazar, Keizer, commended those who testified, voiced support for their testimony and stressed the importance of education.

Councilor Reid thanked everyone who had testified noting the importance of receiving a variety of perspectives and getting clarification.

Mayor Clark read into the record written testimony received from *Levi Herrera-Lopez* and provided a response.

Rich Rodriguez, Keizer, asked for moments of silence for recent losses in Oregon, expressed opposition to the resolution adopted by Council authorizing the purchase of two police vehicles, and recommended that the City begin a planning process for future vehicle purchases that would include a life cycle analysis and establishing a cost of carbon for use in future decisions. City Manager Chris Eppley explained that staff looks at different types of vehicles when purchasing new ones and the industry does not have a vehicle that will meet the needs of patrol at this time, but perhaps they could be used in the administration portion. Chief Teague added that when the industry makes a larger vehicle, the department will move towards that.

Mr. Eppley then thanked everyone who had testified noting that local government is where work actually gets done and people make that happen.

Councilor Parsons denounced hatred and white supremacy and noted that in order to make things change everyone needs to work together.

PUBLIC HEARING None

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

**a. ORDINANCE –
Amending
Keizer
Development
Code Regarding
Section 1.200 &
Section 2.122;
Amending
Ordinance No.
98-389**

City Attorney Shannon Johnson summarized his staff report.

Mayor Clark pointed out a typographical error on page 20.

Councilor Freeman moved that the Keizer City Council adopt a Bill for an Ordinance Amending Keizer Development Code Regarding Section 1.200 (Definitions) and Section 2.122 (Flood Plain Overlay Zone); Amending Ordinance No. 98-389 with the correction on page 20 (*baes to base*). Councilor Herrera seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Freeman, Herrera, Smith and Parsons (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Kohler (1)

**b. RESOLUTION –
Approving
Report of
Consultant
Relating to
Keizer Growth
Transportation
Impact Study**

City Attorney Shannon Johnson summarized his staff report. Mayor Clark clarified that this Resolution acknowledges that the report was received but does not incorporate it into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Freeman moved that the Keizer City Council adopt a Resolution Approving Report of Consultant Relating to Keizer Growth Transportation Impact Study. Councilor Herrera seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Freeman, Herrera, Smith and Parsons (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Kohler (1)

- c. ORDINANCE – Declaring a Third Local State of Emergency in the City of Keizer as a Result of COVID-19 Pandemic; Declaring an Emergency**
- City Attorney Johnson summarized his staff report and explained OSHA rules and how they would affect the City. Mayor Clark corrected page 2 of the ordinance (OSHA to OHA).
- Councilor Freeman moved that the Keizer City Council adopt a Bill for an Ordinance Declaring a Third Local State of Emergency in the City of Keizer as a Result of COVID-19 Pandemic, as corrected; Declaring an Emergency. Councilor Herrera seconded. Motion passed as follows:
- AYES: Clark, Reid, Freeman, Herrera, Smith and Parsons (6)
 NAYS: None (0)
 ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
 ABSENT: Kohler (1)
- d. RESOLUTION – Relating to Wastewater Service Charges (2021-2022); Repeal of R2018-2919**
- Finance Director Tim Wood summarized his staff report and reminded residents to conserve water November through March in order to get the lowest sewer rate.
- Councilor Freeman moved that the Keizer City Council adopt a Resolution Relating to Wastewater Service Charges (2021-2022); Repeal of R2018-2919. Councilor Herrera seconded. Motion passed as follows:
- AYES: Clark, Reid, Freeman, Herrera, Smith and Parsons (6)
 NAYS: None (0)
 ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
 ABSENT: Kohler (1)
- CONSENT CALENDAR**
- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Award and Enter into an Agreement with DGS General Construction Inc. for the Keizer City Hall Minor Remodel
- b. Approval of October 19, 2020 City Council Regular Session Minutes
- Councilor Freeman moved that the Keizer City Council approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Herrera seconded. Motion passed as follows:
- AYES: Clark, Reid, Freeman, Herrera, Smith and Parsons (6)
 NAYS: None (0)
 ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
 ABSENT: Kohler (1)
- COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**
- Councilor Herrera shared information from various meetings he had attended and thanked everyone who testified at the meeting.
- Councilor Parsons explained efforts being made to set up virtual mentorships for McNary students, noted difficulties being experienced by students and announced that she would be out of the state for the November 9 work session.
- Councilor Smith announced upcoming meetings and events, praised the proposed Charter and urged everyone to vote for it.

Councilor Freeman announced upcoming meetings, urged walkers to be aware of their surroundings and questioned if cross walk monitoring is being done – specifically Lockhaven at McClure. Chief Teague responded that they had received a grant for crosswalk enforcement but he did not know if it had already been done or if the grant had been lost. He added that many intersections are not recognized by motorists as crosswalks, however, the department is attentive to many area crosswalks and stops and educates people when appropriate.

Councilor Reid announced upcoming meetings, shared information regarding McNary High School opportunities including in-person study halls for students, announced that November 13 is World Kindness Day and wished veterans a Happy Veterans Day.

Mayor Clark urged everyone to take care of themselves, shared information about available services and various meetings and events she had attended and announced upcoming ones.

OTHER BUSINESS None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None

AGENDA INPUT November 9, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Work Session: Keizer Statement of Values – Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
November 16, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – Council Regular Session
November 30, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Work Session: Housing Equity and Opportunities
December 7, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – Council Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

MAYOR:


Cathy Clark

APPROVED:


Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

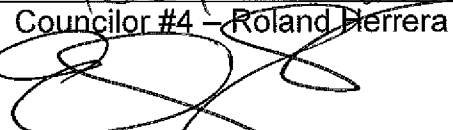
COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor #1 – Laura Reid


Councilor #2 – Kim Freeman


Councilor #3 – Marlene Parsons

Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera


Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

~ Absent ~ *but watched*
Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler


Minutes approved: November 16, 2020