

MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 5, 1998
Keizer City Hall
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers, Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Koho called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Dennis Koho, Mayor
Carl Beach, Councilor
Lore Christopher, Councilor
Jim Keller, Council President
Jerry McGee, Councilor
Garry Whalen, Councilor

Absent:

Al Miller, Councilor

Staff:

Wally Mull, City Manager
H. Marc Adams, Chief of Police
Dianne Hunt, Human Resources Officer
Rob Kissler, Public Works Director
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Tracy L. Davis, City Recorder

PUBLIC TESTIMONY Presenting testimony to the Council were:

Cynthia Holt, Keizer Neighborhood Association Group (KNAG), 683 Faymar Drive NE, Keizer reported in order to come into compliance with the Oregon Department of Justice guidelines for non-profit organizations, the by-laws have been changed to elect three officers rather than two as previously required. The new officers are Jacque Moir, President, Verena Wessel, Secretary, and Cynthia Holt as Treasurer. The revised by-laws will come to the Council in the near future.

FMAGIC

Linary Kingdon, 296 Tripple Tree Circle N, Keizer provided follow-up to her testimony of September 21st in which she raised the issue of alternative education programs or charter schools in the city of Keizer. Ms. Kingdon pointed out she met with Mayor Koho and other community members interested in education to discuss alternatives to the overcrowding at the area schools. She stated there is an interest in a variety of options, one being a Charter school. Ms. Kingdon indicated she is a single parent of two daughters in the school district, and as a full time employee, does not have an abundance of time to dedicate to this project. However her background in education is a foundation for her efforts and her connection with the correctional facility education program has heightened her awareness of how important of an issue this has become. She urged the Council to become involved in this project.

For the record, Ms. Kingdon stated she is not opposed to the upcoming school ballot which would provide additional classrooms for Keizer, only interested in finding a quicker solution.

Mayor Koho believed by working with interested individuals and coordinating efforts, the direction and a process would be determined. He announced that any individual interested in participating should give Ms. Kingdon a call to voice their interest. Mayor Koho pointed out this is a project that should be initiated at the citizen level rather than at the City Council level.

There was no further testimony to come before the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chief Marc Adams introduced Officers Eric Johnson, William Garlington, Trevor Wenning, and Chris Brodniak who began employment with the City of Keizer on October 5, 1998.

SWEARING IN OF KEIZER POLICE OFFICERS

Shannon Johnson, City Attorney issued the oath of office to Officers Eric Johnson, William Garlington, Trevor Wenning, and Chris Brodniak.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Council liaison reports to come before the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wally Mull, City Manager reported several improvements have been made or in the process of being made at the **City Hall facility**. Both the City Hall building and the Police building were recently painted by Joe Egli Painting Company. Also bids have been received for the following projects; remodeling of the Police Department lobby, electrical upgrades to the City Hall facility, installation of fire/smoke alarms, and improvements to the sound system in the Council Chambers. The ceiling tiles in the Police Auditorium will be repaired in the next couple of months.

Mr. Mull pointed out there were savings from the 97-98 fiscal year which may provide funds to upgrade the carpeting. This expenditure will come before the Council for approval in the near future.

Mayor Koho thanked Mr. Mull and the staff for the progress on these needed improvements.

Councilor Beach concurred with Mayor Koho in his appreciation for the progress on the improvements. He indicated he has received compliments from the community on the recent paint job. He requested Mr. Mull investigate a lighting/timer system for the Council Chambers to be used during public hearings.

Councilor Beach reminded the Council of a recent discussion on the contribution of funds to support the **Youth Compact Commission**. The previous request was deferred in order to provide additional information on the benefits this contribution would provide to the City of Keizer. Councilor Beach indicated the annual fee for Keizer would be \$625.00. This is a group of concerned public entities that discuss youth issues. He believed Keizer's participation on this Commission is as important as associations with such others as League of Oregon Cities and Council of Governments, etc.

Councilor Beach moved to approve a contribution of \$625.00 to the Youth Compact. Mayor Koho seconded the Motion.

Councilor McGee believed the City would benefit from the contribution, however he understood our initial commitment to participate in this compact was cost free. He disagrees that participation in this compact will be similar to the benefits received from the League of Oregon Cities or Council of

Governments. Councilor McGee pointed out the contribution may become an annual cost and therefore should be discussed during the budget process.

Council President Keller scrutinized the amount of information he has received on the functions and operations of the Youth Compact. He declined to support this contribution until further information is received.

Mayor Koho explained the Youth Compact Commission was coordinated by School Superintendent Homer Kearns and Marion County Commissioner Randy Franke. Those that participate are representatives from the Salem-Keizer School District, City of Salem, Polk County, Marion County, and the City of Keizer. Mayor Koho agreed this may be the beginning of funding this Commission on an annual basis.

Council President Keller also believed the Local School Advisory Committee (LSAC), Neighborhood Associations, and Community Progress teams were involved, however he is unable to confirm this participation. Again, he reiterated his concern to support a program that he is unsure of their makeup and purpose.

Councilor Whalen voiced his concern for funding the program. He believes it may be a benefit to the youth and families of this community, however he has not received information that would support this opinion or the continuation of this program. He questioned if support is given this year does that constitute an annual requirement for funding.

Mayor Koho mentioned one of the roles of the Youth Compact group previously was to support the continuation of the school resource officers to various budget committees. He compared some of the roles of the group similar to that of a church; all participants will not necessarily require the same support on the same issues. Overall, this is a regional support group on youth issues.

Councilor Beach disclosed there were not any initial costs to participate in this compact due to the fact that it was funded by a grant. This grant has now ceased and therefore the funds have been depleted. The funds will support the preparation and distribution of materials, preparation of the minutes of the

meetings, and mailing costs. Councilor Beach also noted the Youth Compact serves as a clearing house for youth issues. This is separate from the youth gang project. He fully supports the continued participation in this regional program and the benefits regional participation may bring to the City in the future.

The Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Beach, Christopher, Koho, McGee, and Whalen (5)

NAYS: Keller (1)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Miller (1)

Chief Marc Adams announced with the recent **hiring of the four officers** this fills all of the openings at the Keizer Police Department. Of the eleven hired, six were certified and five were Keizer reserves. Also, two Police Support Specialist have been hired to assist the records department. Chief Adams noted the certified officers are now on patrol and the non-certified should be attending the Police Academy in January or February. These officers should be patrolling the streets by May or June, 1999.

In addition, Chief Adams mentioned the **D.A.R.E. program** will be discontinued in the area schools as reported in the newspaper. However, the school resource officers will remain in the schools.

On a final note, Chief Adams reported the **police overtime** for the 1998 baseball season was reduced by 39%. He believes the change in the traffic plan resulted in this reduction.

Council President Keller commended Chief Adams for his accomplishments during his tenure at the Department.

Councilor McGee also commended Chief Adams and Dianne Hunt for their role in the positive media coverage.

Dianne Hunt, Human Resource Officer announced a **recruitment is underway for the Recording Secretary**. The closing date for applications is October 23, 1998. In addition, Ms. Hunt reported the City will be furnishing all of the employees with City **identification cards**. Any Councilor wishing one should contact her.

Wally Mull, City Manager reminded the Council to send their registration to the City Recorder for the annual **League of Oregon Cities conference** to be held in Portland on November 5, 6 and 7.

Mr. Mull announced the **CCTV** personnel will be conducting a welcome to Keizer informational session on October 17th with training sessions to follow on Saturdays beginning on October 31st, 1998. These sessions will give lessons on how to operate the cameras or make a public service announcement. These services are available to the citizens of Keizer as part of our participation in the cable program.

Mayor Koho announced at the last Council meeting a presentation was given by the Salem-Keizer School District on their upcoming bond issue at the November election. He believed this issue provides a great benefit to the Keizer community with the potential construction of two new schools in our area. Mayor Koho suggested the Council formally endorse this bond measure and express their support.

Mayor Koho moved that the Keizer City Council Endorse the Salem-Keizer School District Bond Measure on the November ballot. Councilor McGee seconded the Motion.

Councilor McGee pointed out the City Council has not made it a practice in the past to support various political issues. However, when the Council strongly supports an issue, he believes it is important to endorse it. He pointed out there have been very few past funding issues that will provide the benefit this one will to our community.

Councilor Beach also voiced his support for this important issue. He urged the citizens of Keizer to visit the middle and elementary schools to experience the overcrowding. The addition of portable classrooms can only be viewed as a temporary solution.

The Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Beach, Christopher, Keller, Koho, McGee, and Whalen (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Miller (1)

Councilor McGee pointed out the **Keizer Heritage Foundation** did not meet the exterior cosmetic improvement deadline as promised to be completed by September 30th. He noted previous testimony indicated there may be a potential that this deadline could not be met due to lack of available volunteer efforts. Councilor McGee voiced his disappointment noting there were financial resources available to hire this work to be completed. He requested the Council continue to monitor the progress of this project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar were as follows:

- a. Resolution – Adopting Keizer Rural Fire Protection District Uniform Fire Codes and Uniform Fire Code Standards
- b. Resolution – Initiating Donnan Place Street Lighting District
- c. Approval of September 8, 1998 Regular Session Minutes

Council President Keller moved for approval of the items on the consent calendar. Councilor beach seconded the Motion.

The Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Beach, Christopher, Keller, Koho, McGee, and Whalen (6)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Miller (1)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Mayor Koho announced the receipt of an invitation to the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments seminar on October 23rd.

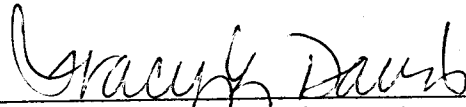
In addition, he received a letter of thanks from Marion County for allowing their presentation on Juvenile Justice issues at the September 21st meeting. He suggested copies of this information be distributed.

AGENDA INPUT

Mayor Koho announced the October 12th work session has been canceled. The next work session will be held in late November or early December and will include the newly elected members of the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

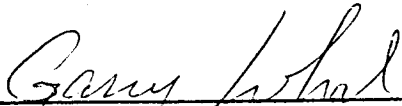


Tracy L. Davis, CMC
City Recorder

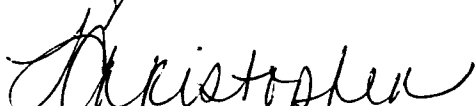
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Dennis Koho-Mayor

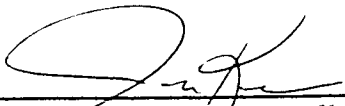
COUNCIL MEMBERS:



Councilor #1 - Garry Whalen



Councilor #2 - Lore Christopher



Council President - Jim Keller

Councilor #4 - Carl Beach

(absent)

Councilor #5 - Al Miller

Councilor #6 - Jerry McGee

Minutes approved:

October 19, 1998