MINUTES

KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 4, 1993
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Koho called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Present
Dennis Koho, Mayor
Jim Keller, Councilor
Jerry McGee, Councilor
Chet Patterson, Councilor
Jerry Watson, Councilor
Marlene Wellin, Councilor

Absent
Al Miller, Councilor

Staff
Dotty Tryk, City Manager
John Morgan, Community Development Director
Wally Mull, Director of Public Works
Bruce Jenness, Police Lieutenant
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Tracy L. Davis, City Recorder

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Alan Vogel, 474 Sandy Drive N, Keizer inquired of the progress of the wall at the end of Sandy Drivenear McNary High School. He voiced his concern for the students loitering in the area near his home. City Manager Tryk advised the Council she had received a proposal from the school district. The school district feels it is necessary to retain pedestrian access from the east. They also consented to the McArthur Drive roadway which would connect the northwest corner of the school parking lot to Lockhaven Drive. Access to the backyards of adjacent neighbors would be permitted on a limited basis.

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The Council discussed alternatives for the east pedestrian access and concerns for possible traffic snarls on Sandy Drive due to the pedestrian access. Mayor Koho suggested moving forward with this step and continue to pursue other pedestrian access options.

Councilor McGee asked staff to create a timeline for completion of these projects. Councilor Keller asked staff to discuss options with the school district to control the loitering students in the neighborhoods.

The Council agreed by consensus to move forward with the proposal from the school district but not to cease finding alternative solutions to the pedestrian access on Sandy Drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Volunteer of the Month Award

Lieutenant Bruce Jenness of the Keizer Police Department introduced Audrey Gordon as the Volunteer of the Month for October. Ms. Gordon was responsible for the development of The Meadows Neighborhood Watch Group in 1991. Mayor Koho presented Ms. Gordon with a volunteer clock in recognition of her volunteer service.

Report from Mayors Task Force on Library Services

Tamarah Swick and Sandi Smick, co-chairs of the Mayors Task Force on Library Services presented their report. They noted the process the Task Force used was to get as much information as they could, seek community input and then make the best possible recommendation for the City of Keizer.

The recommendations of the committee were as follows:

Long Term: Creation of a local library service district based on the Urban Growth Area or some type of geographical area. Costs would be equalized over the unincorporated areas to open branches.

The other long-term option would be to contract with the City of Salem to establish a branch of the Salem Library in Keizer.

Short Term: Negotiate with CCRLS to provide City residents with local computer access and courier service for the residents who presently have library cards.

The other short-term option should be discussed during the upcoming budget process to set aside $50,000 to provide the Keizer residents a Salem library card. They noted this option would greatly benefit the children of Keizer.

Councilor McGee stated it would not only benefit the children of Keizer but also the senior citizens. Councilor Watson thanked the committee for the effort in researching these options. He inquired of the costs associated with the long-term option to create a local library district through CCRLS. Councilor Patterson inquired if the Task Force considered a location for a library service in Keizer. Sandi Smick stated the only location they looked at was placing a library service in a school. However there are safety issues and limited access during the evening hours as potential problems.

Councilor McGee voiced his concern regarding the feasibility of creating a library service district. He will carry forward through the budget process the recommendation of contracting with Salem to pay for a library card for the residents of Keizer. Councilor Keller concurred in supporting this short-term recommendation. He also does not feel there is the support to create a library district at this time.

Mayor Koho suggested we move forward with the short-term options by negotiating with CCRLS for a computer service and with the City of Salem to provide a voucher system for Keizer residents. The voucher system option could be discussed during the upcoming budget sessions. The creation of a library district may be discussed during long range planning goals in the coming year.

The Council agreed by consensus to have the City Manager discuss the short-term options with CCRLS and the City of Salem.

Mayor Koho thanked the Task Force members for their hard work and dedication to this project.

PUBLIC HEARING AND DELIBERATION

Willamette Lutheran Homes Liquor License Application, Inc.

Mayor Koho opened the public hearing.

City Manager Tryk advised the Council a Liquor License application had been reviewed by the Keizer Police Department and the Keizer Planning Department. She recommended approval of the health care facility liquor license application.

There was no testimony to come before the Council.

Mayor Koho closed the public hearing.

Councilor Patterson moved for approval of the Willamette Lutheran Home, Inc. Health Care Facility Liquor License Application. Councilor Wellin seconded the Motion.

The Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Keller, Koho, McGee, Patterson, Watson and Wellin (6)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: Miller (1)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

RESOLUTION - Recognition of Clear Lake Neighborhood Association

John Morgan, Community Development Director advised the Council a petition had been received from the Clear Lake Neighborhood Association for recognition as a Neighborhood Association under Keizer Ordinance 93-257. Upon analyzing the by-laws, it was determined they met the standards as outlined in the Ordinance. The boundary of the association follows the attendance boundary of Clear Lake Elementary School. However with the completion of the new school in the area, this boundary will be changed one year from now. Mr. Morgan suggested the Association discuss this matter during their annual report to the Council. One of the goals contained in the by-laws demonstrates the associations determination to improve the quality of life within the neighborhood. This includes the communication between the City and Association.

Mr. Morgan indicated the City Attorney suggested the Association include in the by-laws certain items including the recording of minutes and the anti-discrimination language. Mr. Morgan suggested these additions could be examined at the annual review.

Councilor Watson suggested the City develop a standard form of by-laws for future associations to follow. Mr. Watson cited other concerns with the by-laws; non-resident parents and guardians being members of the association and inclusion of business representation. Councilor McGee concurred with the standard form of by-laws however liked the individuality included for each association. He also cited concerns voting would be determined by attendance requirements.

Speaking on behalf of the Association was Cindi Schaffer, Secretary/Treasurer.

Ms. Schaffer supported the use of individual by-laws for neighborhood associations to encourage individuality and diversity.

Councilor Patterson moved for a Resolution in the matter of the recognition of the Clear Lake Neighborhood Association. Councilor Keller seconded the Motion.

The Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Keller, Koho, McGee, Patterson, Watson and Wellin (6)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: Miller (1)

A representative from the Clear Lake Neighborhood Association thanked John Morgan for his guidance and support.

RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application

Lieutenant Bruce Jenness of the Keizer Police Department reported when President Clinton recently signed a crime bill for more police officers in which a $150 million was allocated for grants. The grant was designed to fund police officers for community policing efforts. The grant would fund 75% of the

salary and benefits for each officer for a period of three years. Lt. Jenness requested applying for the grant in order to fund four police officers. The grant application needs to be submitted by October 15, 1993.

City Manager Tryk apologized for the short timeline but feels it is an effective way to leverage local dollars with federal dollars. Presently the Keizer Police Department has an average of .93 officers per 1000 of population and other local area departments average 1.25 officers per 1000 of population. The addition of these officers will assist the Police Department in the implementation of Community Policing.

Lieutenant Jenness stated the decision will be based on the department needs, concept of community policing and additional resource commitments.

Councilor Patterson stated he would like to see the government grant application packet. He hopes council review of the packet will be included in the City procedure being developed for grant applications.

Councilor Keller voiced his concern for applying for the funding of four officers when the needs of the Police Department have not been assessed. City Manager Tryk stated it was an opportunity we should not pass up even though the timing was not the best.

Councilor Watson inquired of the costs associated with applying for the grant and if we are chosen for the grant if we may decline. City Manager Tryk advised the costs were minimal and believes we would be able to decline if we are unwilling to follow the guidelines of the grant.

Councilor McGee feels the pressure would be overwhelming to decline the grant. He believes the citizens of Keizer would not support a 30% increase of officers on the street.

Mayor Koho hoped we would not close the door on an opportunity at this time. Councilor Watson concurred and stated that adding four officers could be offset by the increase in population over the next four years.

Councilor Watson moved for a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to File for a Grant Application. Councilor Patterson seconded the Motion.

Councilor McGee stated the public will support an increase but not an increase of this size.

Councilor McGee moved to amend the motion to replace the word four on line 15 of the Resolution with the word two. Councilor Keller seconded the amendment.

Councilor Patterson stated the Police Department has came along way and does not think we have reached where it should be. The problems within the community have grown significantly over the last 12 years and feels the City needs to take whatever measures we can.

Councilor Keller hoped the Police Department would reconsider their philosophy to respond to all the calls for service. Once the analysis was done, the number of officers could be adjusted to meet the priorities.

The amendment to the Motion failed with the following votes:

AYES: Keller and McGee (2)
NAYS: Koho, Patterson, Watson and Wellin (4)
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: Miller (1)

The Main Motion passed with the following votes:

AYES: Koho, Patterson, Watson and Wellin (4)
NAYS: Keller and McGee (2)
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: Miller (1)

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following:

a. RESOLUTION - Certification of the City as a Franchising Authority

b. RESOLUTION - Purchase of Public Works Vehicle

c. Approval of September 20, 1993 Regular Session Minutes

Councilor Wellin moved for approval of the consent calendar. Councilor Watson seconded this Motion.

The Motion passed with the following votes:

AYES: Keller, Koho, McGee, Patterson, Watson and Wellin (6)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Miller (1)

OTHER BUSINESS

Wally Mull, Director of Public Works briefed the Council on the FEMA Flood Insurance report recently received by the City. In 1988 the City started studying revisions to the Keizer Dike Ordinance and asked the Corp of Engineer to restudy the Dike. The study was completed in June of 1993. In September, representatives of FEMA and the Corp of Engineers met with City staff to review information included in the report. The City noted discrepancies in the map and findings. The City has 18 months to submit information prior to the adoption of the final rate. Mr. Mull suggested scheduling a Council worksession after the meeting with FEMA and the Corp of Engineer.

Councilor McGee suggested the City keep the residents informed on this issue and invite them to the worksession for input.

Mayor Koho stated this would be scheduled for a worksession after the meeting with FEMA and the Corp of Engineers.

Councilor Keller inquired if the money had been returned to the gas station located at Sandy/River Road. City Manager Tryk advised she would follow through with this.

Councilor Keller asked about the pedestrian way along Lockhaven Drive. Public Works Director Mull stated this area will be noted for widening and a turn lane in the next budget process.

Councilor Keller cited his concerns for the debris at the intersection of McLeod and Lockhaven. Public Works Director Mull stated the City has had a difficult time getting bids. A bid was received today and work could start as early as next week.

Also voicing his concern for this area was E.J. Wright, 2149 Aldine Court NE, Keizer. He successfully found interested contractors to clean the area within 1 day. Mayor Koho advised Mr. Wright it will be taken care of in the immediate future.

Councilor Patterson asked to bring back the Keizer Little League Park alternative uses at the next Council meeting. He feels the situation at the park is working fine at this time and we should not interfere with this successful program. Councilor Watson questioned the City's responsibility to look at this situation. Mayor Koho asked this matter be scheduled for the October 20th Council meeting.

WRITTEN COMUNICATION

There was no written communication to come before the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council meeting recessed at 9:28 p.m. to enter an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(d) - Labor Negotiations.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

AGENDA INPUT

Mayor Koho noted the agenda input items listed on the Agenda and reminded the Council of the Service Delivery Sessions.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

TRACY L. DAVIS
City Recorder

APPROVED:

MAYOR:

(Al Miller absent)