MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, August 18, 2014
Keizer Civic Center, Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Egli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Present:
Joe Egli, Council President
Kim Freeman, Councilor
Marlene Quinn, Councilor
Cathy Clark, Councilor
Jim Taylor, Councilor

Absent:
Lore Christopher, Mayor
Dennis Koho, Councilor

Staff:
Chris Eppley, City Manager
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Nate Brown, Community Development
John Teague, Police Chief
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Susan Gahlsdorf, Finance Director
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pro Tem Egli led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Bill Criteser, Keizer, reported on recent activity of the Parks Advisory Board including award of $1,000 for a matching grant to purchase audio equipment at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheater and planning the September 27 charrette to update the master plan for Keizer Rapids Park.

Matt Chappell, Keizer, reported that the Planning Commission had unanimously approved with two absences the recommended amendment clarifying ambiguities in the Keizer Development Code and asked staff to revisit the deletion of Section 2.207: Zone Change. He noted that his term and the term of John Rizzo will expire at the end of September.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Egli opened the Public Hearing.

a. Keizer Development Code Text Amendments Relating to Parking of Tow Vehicles

City Attorney Shannon explained that because this was an amendment to the Keizer Development Code it needed to go through the Land Use process which includes a hearing at the Planning Commission. He reviewed the history and details of the amendment which the Planning Commission recommended for Council adoption.

Mayor Pro Tem Egli suggested that the wording in section 2.303 page 2 "No vehicle may be towed or loaded on the tow vehicle" be rewritten. Mr. Johnson suggested "when parked in a residential area" be added.

Rhonda Rich, Keizer, President of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, voiced opposition to allowing tow truck parking in residential areas and urged that the ordinance passed in 2005 be left unchanged.

Liz Rumelhart, Wiltse Towing, Salem, announced that it is not the towing company's intent to cause harm to any neighborhood but there are very few businesses that operate 24-7. She provided suggestions for enforcement and suggested that if the ordinance is not adopted, then residents who violate it should be asked to move in order to be fair to the companies that abide by the law.

Councilor Freeman noted that she had met with Ms. Rumelhart and Jack from Affordable Towing and learned that tow trucks can deter crime because they are in neighborhoods in the middle of the night and that not all tow trucks are noisy. She thanked towing companies for their service to the community.

Jeff Asher, BC Towing, announced that Bi-Mart has given his company permission to park in their lot; companies can seek opportunities for parking in various areas. He added that a tow truck would fit in his driveway.

With no further testimony Mayor Pro Tem Egli closed the public hearing.

Councilor Taylor moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance adopting the amendments to the Keizer Development Code which allow tow vehicles to be parked in residential areas. Councilor Clark seconded.

Councilors Quinn, Taylor and Freeman indicated that although they were not opposed to supporting business, the livability of Keizer residents is also important and therefore they would not be supporting this.

Motion failed as follows:

AYES: None (0)
NAYS: Egli, Quinn, Freeman, Taylor and Clark (5)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Christopher and Koho (2)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. ORDINANCE – Amending Keizer Comprehensive Plan Relating to Environmental and Public Services

City Attorney Shannon Johnson reminded Council that they had directed staff to prepare this ordinance adopting the changes to the Comprehensive Plan relating to environmental and public services.

Councilor Taylor moved that the Keizer City Council adopt an Ordinance Amending Keizer Comprehensive Plan Relating to Environmental and Public Services (Amending Ordinance no. 87-077). Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Egli, Quinn, Freeman, Taylor and Clark (5)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Christopher and Koho (2)

b. RESOLUTION – Authorization for Supplemental Budget and Appropriations Transfers

Finance Director Susan Gahlsdorf explained that Oregon Budget Law provides for Supplemental Budget and Resolution Transfers when unanticipated conditions occur. She read the list of adjustments and provided a brief explanation on each.

Councilor Taylor moved that the Keizer City Council adopt a Resolution - Authorization for Supplemental Budget and Appropriations Transfers (Statue, Production, Auto Insurance, Training, Cameras, Appraisal, ADA, and Computer Software and Hardware. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Egli, Quinn, Freeman, Taylor and Clark (5)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Christopher and Koho (2)

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. RESOLUTION – Authorizing City Manager to Enter Into Agreement with Kentucky Underground Storage
B. RESOLUTION – Authorization for Disposition of Police Service Dog "Bas"
C. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Vehicle for Public Works Department
D. Approval of July 21, 2014 Regular Session Minutes

Councilor Taylor pulled Items A and B.

Councilor Taylor moved for approval of Items C and D of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Egli, Quinn, Clark, Taylor and Freeman (5)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Christopher and Koho (2)

Councilor Taylor clarified that records were not actually stored "under ground". Chief Teague explained that Bas will live with his handler in retirement.

Councilor Taylor moved for approval of Items A and B of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Clark seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Egli, Quinn, Clark, Taylor and Freeman (5)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Christopher and Koho (2)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Clark reported that Keizer Festivals and Events Services Team had approved the FlexTones for one of the KRA Free Concerts at Keizer Rapids Park; the Keizer Rapids Park Master Plan Update charrette will be during the League of Oregon Cities Conference which she would be

attending. She announced upcoming events including the Transit District open house, Economic Development and Government Affairs meeting, Habitat house dedication, City Hall Week at Newberg and urged everyone to participate in the on-line transit survey. She also thanked Chief Teague for arranging for the Hubbard K-9 Division to participate at the RiverFair.

Councilor Freeman thanked participants in the National Night Out and explained how to access neighborhood crime reports on the City website. She announced the second night of the cycle event at Keizer Rapids Park. She urged everyone to check the KeizerTimes website to see pictures taken at the Keizer RiverFair event, check out the Mural at Keizer Florist and to drive carefully during the darker morning hours.

Councilor Quinn reported that the Community Build Task Force has reached 46% of the fundraising goal.

Councilor Taylor announced that the Keizer Points of Interest Committee did not meet due to lack of a quorum; the Traffic/Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee will meet Thursday.

Councilor Egli reported on the upcoming Fire lunch.

OTHER BUSINESS

2013-2014 Surplus Property Report: Council had no questions for Finance Director Susan Gahlsdorf on the 2013-2014 Surplus Property Report.

Public Works Director, Bill Lawyer provided project updates on Shoreline Drive and Chemawa Road.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

AGENDA INPUT

September 2, 2014 (Tuesday)
7:00 p.m. – City Council Regular Session
- Comp Plan/Zone Change/Lot Line Adjustment (4800-4900 block of Verda Lane)

September 8, 2014
5:45 p.m. – City Council Work Session
- City Council/Parks Tour

September 15, 2014
7:00 p.m. – City Council Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Egli adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

MAYOR:

~ Absent ~

Lore Christopher

APPROVED:

Debbie Lockhart

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

~ Absent ~
Councilor #1 – Dennis Koho

Cathy Clark
Councilor #4 – Cathy Clark

Kim Freeman
Councilor #2 – Kim Freeman

Councilor #5 – Joe Egli

Marlene Quinn
Councilor #3 – Marlene Quinn

Councilor #6 – James Taylor

Minutes approved: September 2, 2014