MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, August 17, 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
Daniel Kohler, Councilor
Marlene Parsons, Councilor
Laura Reid, Councilor

Absent:
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Lani Radke, Marion County Engineer, gave a presentation on the intersection enhancements that will be taking place at the Quinaby/Clearlake/River Road intersection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Garry Whalen, Keizer, reported that the Planning Commission had recommended Council approval of the text amendments updating the floodplain overlay zone to be consistent with State requirements and had been informed by staff that they will be working with Council to adopt efficiency measures which would allow the adoption of the Buildable Lands Inventory/Housing Needs Analysis.

Matt Lawyer, Keizer, reported that the Parks Board approved a grant for Blayne Elder who, with the help of various volunteers, will be painting the gazebo at Chalmers-Jones Park. He also announced the September parks tour with Council and reviewed other issues the Board discussed.

Michael DeBlasi, Keizer, reported that the Traffic Safety-Bikeways-Pedestrian Committee received testimony regarding speeding traffic in the west Keizer area, is researching grant opportunities to fill in sidewalk gaps, and is in need of donations to fund the helmet program.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jonathan Thompson, Keizer, representing the Keizer Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Chamber has cancelled Keizerfest 2.0 and will focus on helping area businesses and families instead.

Andrew Daya, Keizer, stated that he felt inclusivity had not been addressed by the City or Council giving an example of people staring at him when he walks his dog and name calling. He questioned how this was going to be addressed. Mayor Clark responded that a Council work session is planned on this subject but changing individual attitudes will be an ongoing effort for all.

Sarah Grantham, Keizer, urged that Keizer develop an inclusivity statement and that individual councilors each have one as well. She added that Keizer has gone from a family oriented community to a place where children are held at gunpoint and children of color are not supported.

Branden Sherrard, Keizer, echoed the previous statements adding that it is important for everyone to speak on behalf of those who are affected by the issue of inequality and to listen to them and get involved.

Ramiro Navarro, Keizer, complained about the stares he gets when walking on the street and the Chamber's lack of Latino outreach, and suggested that Council declare an emergency and pass an inclusivity resolution which he read.

Mayor Clark read a list of organizations that are part of the Mid Valley Community Outreach Alliance noting that there are many others that are working to find outreach opportunities.

Rich Rodriguez, Keizer, thanked everyone who had testified before him noting that these issues determine the quality of life for the community. He suggested that the Keizer Station Local Improvement District bonds be refinanced to assist Keizer Station businesses. He then suggested that Keizer no longer offer free water at the fill station by the Public Works shop on Rickman but charge commercial businesses.

Public Works Director Bill Lawyer provided a history of why the City provides free water to businesses that draw from the fill station explaining that, for the most part, billing administration costs were more than the water itself. Mayor Clark requested a brief memo documenting this information so that Council could have an informed conversation.

City Manager Chris Eppley thanked all the people who testified for using the Council meeting venue to discuss their concerns and urged them all to get involved because the opportunity to make a difference starts at the City government level.

PUBLIC HEARING

a. ORDINANCE – Declaring a Lien Against Property Located at 4129 Gary Street

Mayor Clark opened the Public Hearing.

City Attorney Shannon Johnson summarized his staff report.

With no further testimony, Mayor Clark closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Freeman moved that the City Council adopt a Bill for an Ordinance Declaring a Lien Against Property Located at 4129 Gary

Northeast, Keizer, Oregon and Directing the City Recorder to Enter Such Lien in the Minor Lien Docket

Street Northeast, Keizer, Oregon and Directing the City Recorder to Enter Such Lien in the Minor Lien Docket Pursuant to Ordinance No. 94-282 (Nuisance Abatement Procedure); Declaring an Emergency. Councilor Herrera seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Freeman, Parsons, Herrera and Kohler (6)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Smith (1)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. Request for Use of Keizer Rapids Park During COVID19 Pandemic

Mr. Johnson noted that the Chamber has withdrawn their request for their specific event but questioned if Council wanted to revisit the issue of parks and park amenities being open for reservations. Currently staff has chosen to err on the side of safety and not take reservations. Additionally, Council could consider whether or not to permit block parties (street closures).

Discussion followed regarding restrictions at the Keizer Little League Park, Volcanoes Stadium, the boat ramp, liability, monitoring, permitting, enforcement, and signage. Council agreed by consensus not to allow park reservations and not to issue permits for block parties for the remainder of the summer.

b. Surplus Property Report Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Finance Director Tim Wood summarized his staff report noting that there was no further action required.

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Finance Director to Enter into Lease Agreement with Ricoh USA Inc. for Community Development Copier
b. Approval of August 3, 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, Parsons, Herrera and Kohler (6)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Smith (1)

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilor Parsons reported on the Chamber Board meeting which focused on the Percy event and the golf tournament. She added that she would be out of town until September 21.

Councilor Herrera reviewed meetings and events he had attended, announced upcoming ones and thanked the artist carving the cultural history pole and everyone who had testified at the meeting.

Councilor Freeman reported on the Marion County Commissioner breakfast, announced that the splash fountain is open and thanked the parks person cleaning up Keizer Rapids Park and public works staff for their good customer service.

Councilor Reid reported on the McNary graduation and the National League of Cities virtual conference and provided extensive detail on what can be expected in the upcoming school year.

Councilor Kohler reviewed events and meetings in which he had participated, noted upcoming ones, and announced the retirement of Sgt. Goodman.

Mayor Clark reviewed work of the Homeless Alliance and work planned at the Cultural Center building, and announced upcoming meetings and events.

OTHER BUSINESS Public Works Director Bill Lawyer announced that the Parks Division is now fully staffed with temporary help on board and fully trained. He added that the School District is going to correct the 'hokey' pathway transition near Cummings Elementary school.

Finance Director Tim Wood announced that the City made their final payment today on the water bond loan – paying off a 15-year loan.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS Mayor Clark noted that she had emails to submit for the record.

AGENDA INPUT

September 8, 2020 (Tuesday) - 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session
September 14, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. – Council Work Session - Parks Tour
September 21, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session
September 28, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Council Work Session on Inclusivity

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

MAYOR: APPROVED:

Cathy Clark — Cathy Clark

Debbie Lockhart — Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Laura Reid — Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

Roland Herrera — Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

Kim Freeman — Councilor #2 – Kim Freeman

ABSENT — Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

Marlene Parsons — Councilor #3 – Marlene Parsons

Daniel R. Kohler — Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: September 8, 2020