# MINUTES

**KEIZER CITY COUNCIL**
**Monday, May 20, 1996**
**Keizer City Hall**
**Robert L. Simon Council Chambers**
**Keizer, Oregon**

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Koho called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

**Present:**
Dennis Koho, Mayor
Carl Beach, Councilor
Jim Keller, Councilor
Jerry McGee, Councilor
Al Miller, Councilor
Bob Newton, Councilor
Jerry Watson, Councilor

**Staff:**
John Morgan, Community Development Director
Charles R. Stull, Chief of Police
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Tracy L. Davis, City Recorder

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

**William Cauley, 397 Kestrel Street, Keizer** voiced his concern with the recent noise emitted from the Iris Festival activities. He noted he lives approximately 250 yards from St. Edward's parking lot and the music during the festival caused great disturbance to his sleep and health. Referring to a letter he submitted to the Council, Mr. Cauley stated the noise level emanating from the music during the festival was allowed without regard to the adverse impact to the taxpaying citizenry. Because of this disturbance, he placed many calls to the Mayor, Council members, Keizer Police and to the chairman of the festival before the noise was reduced. Mr. Cauley submitted a petition containing the signatures of 15 other residents who also object to the noise level during this festival.

Mr. Cauley requested the City not grant any future noise variance requests and seek reimbursement for the additional expenses incurred to the City as a result of this festival. He also noted because most residents in this area are senior citizens and require earlier bedtimes, the Council also consider limiting the time the noise is permitted.

Mayor Koho thanked Mr. Cauley for bring this matter to the attention of the Council. He requested Mr. Cauley raise these issues at the time future variances are considered.

Responding to an inquiry from Councilor Watson, Chief Stull believed the allowed decibel level was not exceeded during the festival. Furthermore, there were only three complaints received during the entire festival event.

Councilor Beach indicated security was provided by St. Edward's Church and therefore additional police coverage was not expended by the City.

**Clint Holland, Keizer Little League Association President, 6488 Crampton Drive NE, Keizer** requested the Council consider participating in the costs of paving the upper parking lot at the Keizer Little League Park. The Little League Board is prepared to share in the costs of these improvements. Mr. Holland indicated an estimate of $15,630 has been obtained which includes 33,300 square feet of two inch paving with an additional $4000 for the storm drainage. This brings the total estimated costs to $19,630.

Mayor Koho questioned if street funds could be used for the City's portion of this expense.

Councilor Miller, liaison to the Parks Advisory Board, noted this idea was presented to the Parks Advisory Board but no final recommendation has been made as of this date.

Mr. Holland noted he will need to finalize the estimate with the paving company due to the time lapse since receipt of the proposal. However, he would like to start this project prior to the first of July before tournament season begins.

Councilor Newton suggested Mr. Holland confirm the estimate and forward this to the Parks Advisory Board for their review and recommendation.

Councilor Miller noted due to a scheduling conflict the Parks Advisory Board will not have a regular meeting in June. He requested this matter be discussed with the chair of the Parks Advisory Board for a recommendation.

John Morgan, Community Development Director pointed out the Public Works Department has been involved in the discussion of the paving and will confirm the estimate meets the standards set forth by the City.

Councilor Newton requested the Parks Advisory Board also discuss options for additional parking in the area.

Mayor Koho requested staff contact the board chair and return to the next available Council meeting for discussion.

**Mike Hart, 6955 9th Court NE, Keizer** voiced his concern with the potential outcome of the upcoming operating levy request. With the possibility of 9000 residents voting, with more than half as absentee ballots, the City must provide information on this request in order for a successful outcome. Mr. Hart urged the Council to utilize the neighborhood associations, community policing committee members and other volunteers to reach these citizens with the information. The recent mailing will assist but he did not feel this was adequate to educate the citizens in order to approve the request.

Mayor Koho added this was a difficult election to plan a full campaign due to the large number of absentee voters. However, he appreciated the input provided.

Mr. Hart added the election office can provide information on absentee voters which would assist the volunteers in determining which areas to target. In conclusion, he hoped the request will be approved by the voters.

**There was no further public testimony to come before the Council.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BRIEFING ON WETLANDS INVENTORY PROJECT

John Morgan, Community Development Director introduced Jeanne Fromm, project manager for the Regional Wetland Inventory, from the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments. He stressed this project is important to the community for the following reasons; because in the future we will be required to do a wetland inventory as part of the periodic review of comprehensive plan, without this inventory it will require any builder to provide an assessment of possible wetlands on the property which will add an extensive cost to the builder, and it will be invaluable for the storm water master planning process.

**Jeanne Fromm, Wetland Inventory Project Manager from the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments** explained this project is being conducted at the request of Marion County and the cities of Salem and Keizer to coordinate a local wetland inventory for the area. This wetland inventory, being conducted within the Salem-Keizer urban growth boundary, will find the location, size and types of wetland in the area and also the function and the value of these wetlands. The project was started in February of 1996 with the field work portion starting in the near future and the report being completed by November, 1996. Mr. Fromm stated the field work will be conducted by Martin Shott and Jay Lorenz, local wetland consultants. These consultants will view aerial photography and existing maps and studies to determine which areas need additional analysis, which may include on-site review. When an on-site review is needed, property owners will be contacted for permission to study their land. In conclusion, this information will be placed on a geographical information map to be used by local jurisdictions.

Ms. Fromm explained the value of this study will give the wetland property owners increased regulatory certainty and also allow the community to integrate this information on these natural resources into other planning aspects.

Councilor Watson pointed out he is frustrated that this study will try to achieve a clean environment but at an increase in government regulations. He urged all to keep in mind how practical some of these efforts are and the costs that will be imposed upon the property owner.

In response to a question from Councilor Keller, Ms. Fromm noted the report will be definitive in the wetland areas in this community, if permission is granted to access the property. However, the actual boundaries will not be definitive.

Mayor Koho thanked Ms. Fromm for her report.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilor Miller reported the **Parks Advisory Board** will participate in a tour of the parks with the City Council on June 10, 1996 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Watson noted he was not able to attend the May **Planning Commission** meeting since he was out of town at the time.

Mayor Koho announced there was not a report from the **Claggett Creek Task Force**.

Councilor McGee noted the **Traffic Safety Commission** met on May 9, 1996, however due to his attendance at the Budget meeting the same evening he was unable to attend. He reported the Commission is continuing to work on the mission statement and their goals for the coming year.

**There were no further committee reports to come before the Council.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**ORDINANCE - PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT - PLEASANTVIEW PARK**

**Mayor Koho reopened the public hearing continued from May 6, 1996.**

John Morgan, Community Development Director noted the hearing was opened on May 6, 1996 and staff was directed to prepare an Ordinance adopting the proposed amendments. This Ordinance is before the Council for consideration at this time.

**There was no testimony to come before the Council.**

**Mayor Koho closed the public hearing.**

<u>Councilor Miller moved a bill for an Ordinance in the Matter of the Comprehensive Plan Change, Zone Change and Conditional Use Permit with Regard to Pleasantview Park located at 1500 block of Alder Street (Case No. CP/ZC/CU 96-02) deleting the word "to" in line 2 of the title. Councilor Beach seconded the Motion.</u>

<u>The Motion passed as follows:</u>

<u>AYES</u>: Beach, Keller, Koho, McGee, Miller, Newton and Watson (7)
<u>NAYS</u>: None (0)
<u>ABSTENTIONS</u>: None (0)
<u>ABSENT</u>: None (0)

**CHEMAWA ACTIVITY CENTER PLAN**

**Mayor Koho reopened the public hearing continued from February 20, 1996.**

John Morgan, Community Development Director reported on February 20, 1996 the hearing was continued in order to take part in a Quick Response Design process through the Department of Land Conservation and Development. As a result of this process, a design plan was presented by George Crandall of Fletcher-Farr-Ayotte at a public meeting. Mr. Morgan noted as a result of this presentation, the Planning Commission reviewed the plan and changed their recommendations, of which the most significant is a reduction in the commercial land from 30 acres to 15 acres. This change resulted from the potential traffic and possible impact on the River Road corridor.

Mr. Morgan pointed out several meetings have been held with the residents of the affected areas, the design firm and the Department of Land Conservation and Development to discuss future implications with the changes recommended by the Planning Commission. As a result, a public work shop is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. Therefore, Mr. Morgan recommended testimony be allowed and the hearing continued to June 17, 1996.

**Presenting testimony to the Council were:**

**Dale Johnson, 1285 Centennial Court SE, Salem** noted he was the chairman of the Chemawa Northwest Property Owners Association representing his mother-in-law who resides at 5917 Radiant Drive NE, Keizer. Mr. Johnson explained the Association previously retained Ken Sherman, Jr as representative, however due to the recent events the Association has chosen to retain the services of Dorothy Cofield for future representation.

**Dorothy Cofield, Attorney at Law, 12725 SW 66th Avenue, Suite 107, Portland, Oregon 97223** as representative of the Northwest Chemawa Property Owners Association presented a brief background on her qualifications and experience in land use planning. Ms. Cofield explained in reviewing the City's Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1986 which directs the planning for the City, she found the Chemawa Interchange area was designed to be for shopping and commuting, with an employment projection of 7000-8000 employees. In the estimate of needed land inventory, the Plan indicates between 1986 and 2005 approximately 801 to 921 acres of single-family, 88 to 101 acres for multi-family, 100 to 115 acres of commercial and office space and a need for 211 to 243 acres for industrial. In making this amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, Ms. Cofield pointed out it is necessary to look and see if the plan being considered fits into these policy projections.

The Comprehensive Plan envisioned the Chemawa Interchange as including 20-25 acres of retail with under 250,000 square feet per building and an adjacent hotel-motel industrial complex. Ms. Cofield indicated the Chemawa Activity Center Plan should follow these recommendations embodied in the Comprehensive Plan. If it is changed, this may be a violation of state law. She pointed out the goals for the area were confirmed in the draft plan in 1993. The draft plan also discussed possible transportation and financing options. Ms.

Cofield noted the recent recommendations by the Planning Commission have changed the direction of the previous plans without any data to support these changes.

In reviewing possible legal challenges to the plan, Ms. Cofield pointed out the plan would lack substantial evidence in the record in changing the land use needs of the area, the possible temporary "taking" of land by the length of time the land has been zoned UT (Urban Transitional) and the plan will lack substantive due process. In this last instance, Ms. Cofield referred to a memorandum written by Mr. John Morgan to George Crandall on May 12, 1996 which violates the vision and direction of the Comprehensive Plan. Furthermore, the property owners have not been provided notice or kept advised on all aspects of the plan. She requested copies of all reports on this issue.

Furthermore, Ms. Cofield explained she is very concerned with the service level requirement which may in turn cause a moratorium on future development. Other possible actions by the City may violate land use planning laws under goal 9 - economic development and goal 11- transportation planning. Ms. Cofield believed the Comprehensive Plan envisioned the area supporting 30 acres of commercial development.

Ms. Cofield advised the Council she will detail each of the mentioned objections in a memorandum to the City.

Mayor Koho believed the goal of the City is to make good public policy and develop a plan that satisfies all parties involved. Disagreeing with the comment made by Ms. Cofield, he believes the policy makers have been left out of the decision making process rather than the property owners. Mayor Koho noted there may be reasons to question some of the elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Responding to an inquiry from Councilor McGee, City Attorney Johnson noted he will be reviewing the issues raised by Ms. Cofield during her testimony.

Councilor Miller complimented Ms. Cofield on her presentation, however he feels the property owners in the Chemawa Interchange area are more concerned with the economic value of their property than the overall effect the development will have on the entire community. The increased commercial area will generate a tremendous amount of traffic on Lockhaven Drive which is near schools and a church.

Councilor Beach pointed out this is one of the largest land use decisions the Council will be involved in and therefore it should be carefully considered moving ahead. He is concerned with the overall impact to the entire community.

Councilor Keller noted the Keizer Tomorrow report prepared several years ago had a different vision from the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Cofield responded the periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan provides an opportunity for communities to change the elements or make adjustments to their planning process. She reiterated the Comprehensive Plan recommends a larger area for commercial development than the Planning Commission has recommended recently. Ms. Cofield noted if traffic is a major concern there are financing options available to deal with this rather than reducing the size or stopping the process.

Councilor Watson thanked Ms. Cofield for her testimony and enlightenment on this issue. He favored amending the Comprehensive Plan if this plan cannot allow the people of this community to develop and maintain a livable community that does not require a five-lane street through the middle of town. Councilor Watson pointed out there is more information available today regarding the impacts to the community then when the Plan was developed in 1986.

**Mr. Dale Johnson** responded to Councilor Miller's comment which indicated property owners are only concerned with the increased value of their property. He stated this is not the case because most property owners are only concerned if their property is developable at all. Furthermore, Mr. Johnson noted the property owners were not aware of a letter sent to Mr. Morgan by the Department of Land Conservation and Development in October, 1995.

Councilor Miller noted his comments were not based on any remarks made by the property owners. He hoped this matter would be resolved with both sides reaching mutual agreement.

**Harlan Naegele, 2054 Rockledge Drive NE, Keizer** stated as a representative of the Gubser Neighborhood Association he attended the previous work sessions and is concerned with the consultants recommendation to deem area "a" as a general industrial area rather than the new industrial business park zone.

Mr. Morgan indicated the draft from the Planning Commission includes the industrial business park zone. This is still being considered.

Mr. Naegele indicated the traffic pattern and flow is very important to his area. He favored the undercrossing idea as presented at the work session, however he is concerned with the potential funding source for this solution.

Mayor Koho noted funding issues have not been determined at this time.

**Guy Amico, 4575 River Road North, Keizer** appreciated the comments made by Ms. Cofield, however he hopes this matter is not drawn out for another fourteen years. As a property owner in area "c" he is concerned that adequate access be retained to each of the individual properties. If access is denied or obstructed, this will adversely affect the value of the land. Mr. Amico asked the Council to place themselves in the positions of the property owners when considering this plan and delaying any decisions.

In explaining his concerns, Mr. Amico noted the quick response plan indicated Ridge Drive will be shut off from Lockhaven Drive. As a property owner in this area, this may make his commercial property inaccessible.

**Manny Martinez, 1747 Meadowlark Drive NE, Keizer** reminded the Council of his previous testimony regarding this development. As he becomes more aware of the plan, the less he likes it due to the lack of studies and information available when making decisions, especially cost analysis reports. As a member of the Planning Commission, Mr. Martinez has been confused on the reasons to rush the adoption of this plan. However, in his discussion with other members of the community he has determined individual political motives are pushing this project forward. He noted he does not have any proof of this allegation, however he believes this may be the motivating factor.

Mayor Koho pointed out this plan is not being used for political gain. The Council is trying to determine what is best for the community as a whole.

**Bill Wolf, 4055 Gary Street NE, Keizer** reminded the Council of other aspects of this plan which may be overshadowed by the large amount of discussion on area "a". One is the area north of Tepper Lane, which was not included in the Chemawa Activity Center plan previously. However, upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission this area has been included and designated as Industrial Business Park (IBP). This is a desirable designation to the surrounding property owners in the Gubser Neighborhood Association. Mr. Wolf noted further discussions and possible amendments could be made at a later time to relax the restrictions under the IBP zone.

Mr. Wolf pointed out there has been some discussion of removing area "c" from the Chemawa Activity Center, however he would strongly discourage the Council from doing so. He believes this area will compliment the other areas in the plan and will also provide assistance in dealing with the traffic issues upon development.

Responding to a question by Councilor McGee, Mr. Wolf pointed out a review of the Comprehensive Plan may be beneficial. However, the testimony of Ms. Cofield centered on the full amount of retail being allowed only in area "a" only. Mr. Wolf stated there is some retail designation in areas "b" and "d" also.

**Greg Lamb, 2323 Latona Drive NE, Keizer** noted he is the Gubser Neighborhood Association area 4 representative. The residents of this area do not wish to hold up any process, however heavy industrial uses in this area are not favorable. Furthermore, an acceptable traffic plan must be developed to avoid potential traffic hazards in this area. These issues must be resolved prior to adoption of the plan.

**There was no further testimony to come before the Council.**

**Mayor Koho continued the hearing until June 17, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.**

**ZONE CHANGE/COMP PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NO 95-04 (3-H CONSTRUCTION)**

**Mayor Koho reopened the public hearing continued from May 6, 1996.**

Mayor Koho and Councilor Watson noted they did not attend the May 6, 1996 meeting and have not listened to the tapes. They will be abstaining from the vote on this matter.

There was no testimony to come before the Council.

Mayor Koho closed the public hearing.

Councilor Keller moved a bill for an Ordinance in the Matter of the Application of 3-H Construction, Inc for a Zone Change from RS (Single Family Residential) to RM (Medium Density Residential) on a 5.5 Parcel Located South of Fir Cone Terrace Between River Road and Wheatland Road; Declaring an Emergency (Case No. ZC95-04). Councilor Beach seconded the Motion.

Councilor Miller expressed his concern with the additional traffic congestion this zone change may cause on Wheatland Road and River Roads. He pointed out the potential difference between an 88 unit multi-family residential area and a 24 single-family residential area will cause a significant traffic impact. Councilor Miller suggested imposing restrictions or specific conditions of access onto these roadways.

The Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Beach, Keller, McGee, and Newton (4)
NAYS: Miller (1)
ABSTENTIONS: Koho and Watson (2)
ABSENT: None (0)

Mayor Koho noted the Ordinance will be before the Council for a second reading on June 3, 1996.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

**RESOLUTION - USING TRANSPORTATION EQUITY FUNDS AS MATCH FOR PACIFIC NW HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR**

Mayor Koho explained the City of Keizer has been asked to pledge a portion of the transportation equity funds for regional high speed rail. He noted the funds are subject to Council appropriation and will be $75,494 or 10.66% per year, whichever is lesser for five years beginning when funds become available.

Councilor Miller confirmed that if transportation equity funds are not received, there will be no obligation to this financial commitment. Furthermore, it does not obligate future City Councils to this pledge.

Mayor Koho explained this statement of intent will assist Senator Hatfield in trying to obtain federal funding for the program.

Responding to a concern from Councilor Watson, Mr. Morgan pointed out the funds routinely received as part of the gas tax will be in tact. These additional funds are a result of a special legislative session which allocated funds to entities outside the Portland-Metropolitan area.

Councilor Keller voiced his concern these funds should not be considered bonus as noted in the staff report. He will not support the use of taxpayers money in this fashion.

Mayor Koho moved a Resolution In the Matter of Using Transportation Equity Funds as a Local Match for the Pacific Northwest High Speed Rail Corridor. Councilor Beach seconded the Motion.

Councilor McGee noted the staff report was very slanted by not pointing out any negative aspects of this proposed action. He suggested deferring any action until a full explanation is provided.

Mayor Koho explained immediate action is necessary in order to provide Senator Hatfield sufficient time to present this issue at the federal level. He sympathized there is not enough time to fully explore this option. Furthermore, staff did not have sufficient time to provide all aspects in the report.

Responding to Mayor Koho, Councilor McGee noted this issue was raised at a previous meeting. Therefore, adequate information should have been provided.

Councilor Watson, concurring the report is biased, expressed his desire for additional information. He pointed out studies have shown the need for additional transportation modes and this provides a commitment to that idea.

Councilor Newton noted he is in favor of the high speed rail project in this area. However, he is concerned with the location and specifics for the Keizer area.

Mayor Koho announced as part of the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation study he will continue to stay involved and support a location near Keizer.

Councilor Beach understands the concerns voiced by Councilor McGee, however he believes future alternative transportation modes are necessary for this growing area.

Councilor McGee stated he will be supporting the motion at this time in order for Keizer to be involved in future discussions on this issue.

The Motion passed as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION - REVERSING INTENT FOR TRANSIENT ROOM TAX - REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 94-762**

**Speaking on this issue was:**

**Mike Hart, 6955 9th Court NE, Keizer** pointed out he was on the City Council during the initial discussions on the transient room tax. A Resolution was passed in order to establish the intent to implement a transient room tax when the need for one arose. Mr. Hart believes this is not a business tax but revenue which will promote or assist in tourism development.

Responding to a inquiry by Councilor McGee, Mr. Hart noted a business tax would be considered a direct taxing of a business. This should be considered a fee paid by the tourist for the use of our facilities. Furthermore, Mr. Hart indicated the funds should be invested in community purposes to help promote the City.

Councilor Miller pointed out a transient room tax was not previously implemented only the intent to establish a tax once a hotel/motel was built in Keizer. He noted it is not necessary to have the intent on the record as it will not bind any future Councils in their decisions to impose or not to impose a tax. Councilor Miller indicated a transient room tax should be discussed at the time a building permit is issued for a hotel/motel complex.

Councilor Miller moved a Resolution Repealing Resolution 94-762 Establishing Council Intent to Impose a Transient Room Tax. Councilor Newton seconded the Motion.

Councilor Keller announced he has been the recipient of numerous inquiries and support for imposing a tax of this nature. He requested the intent be kept intact and when a motel is built in Keizer, further discussions can occur. This action will at least warn individuals of the City's intent to impose a transient room tax.

Councilor Newton voiced his concern with the implementation of a tax of this kind. He perceives it as discriminating towards a business that is not represented in Keizer at this time. However, if a transient room tax is imposed, a tax on other tourist designed businesses should also be implemented.

Councilor Miller reiterated this motion is only to repeal a Resolution of intent which does not bind future Councils in their decision to implement a transient room tax.

The Motion failed with the following votes:

AYES: McGee, Miller and Newton (3)
NAYS: Beach, Keller, Koho and Watson (4)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**The consent calendar consisted of the following:**

a. RESOLUTION - Setting Public Hearing to Revoke Claggett Creek Cemetery Comp Plan/Zone Change/Conditional Use

b. RESOLUTION - Awarding Bid for 1996 Street Resurfacing Contract

c. Approval of May 6, 1996 Regular Session Minutes

Councilor Keller moved for approval of the item on the consent calendar. Mayor Koho seconded the Motion.

The Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Beach, Keller, Koho, McGee, Miller, Newton and Watson (7)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

## OTHER BUSINESS

✱Mayor Koho thanked the community and the Chamber of Commerce for another successful Iris Festival event.

✱Mayor Koho reported recently he has discussed the concept of building a skateboard park in the Keizer community. There is some interest in the community to pursue exploring this project. Mayor Koho requested the Council's concurrence to work with groups in exploring alternatives in this matter. He hoped this facility could be built on public property, possibly at the Chalmers Jones Park, using private funds.

Councilor Beach pointed out the success of the Salem skateboard park and the lack of any youth facilities of this sort in the Keizer area.

Councilor Miller reported this issue was informally discussed at a recent Parks Advisory Board meeting. He pointed out there were several concerns voiced at the meeting in regards to this type of facility. Councilor Miller noted a formal presentation should be made to the board prior any decisions at the council level.

Councilor Watson voiced his concern with the liability aspect of this type of facility. He supported some sort of facility, however this would not be top on his priority list. Furthermore, he questioned the popularity of a skateboard facility in Keizer.

Councilor Newton concurred this issue should begin with a presentation to the Parks Advisory Board with a recommendation to the Council.

Councilor Keller noted one youth facility will not erase the need for additional youth activities in the community. He hoped there would be additional exploration for potential youth activities.

In conclusion, Mayor Koho indicated he will ask the interested parties to make a presentation and proposal to the Parks Advisory Committee on this issue.

✱Councilor Beach inquired of the maintenance of the south gateway area. He noted there is a immediate need for some repair and removal of weeds.

John Morgan, Community Development Director reported this area is within the City of Salem and maintained by the streets division of the Salem Public Works Department. Due to a recent accident at the site, an insurance claim is being pursued at this time. Furthermore, Mr. Morgan indicated he will contact Northwest Natural Gas who had previously volunteered to assist in the maintenance of this area.

✱Councilor Newton extended his appreciation to Chamber President Jim Keller and the entire Chamber of Commerce for their effort on the Keizer Iris Festival. This tremendous community effort lead to another successful Iris Festival.

✱Councilor Newton inquired of a recent letter to the editor in the Keizertimes which described a traffic stop by the Keizer Police Department. The letter was very negative of the occurrence. He requested an investigation into this incident and a report back to the Council.

Councilor Miller noted he had recently contacted the department regarding this issue and there were several instances in the letter which were exaggerated and some out of perspective. He had requested a report be prepared for distribution to the Council.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION** **There was no written communication to come before the Council.**

**AGENDA INPUT** Mayor Koho noted the agenda input items.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**Tracy L. Davis**
**City Recorder**

**APPROVED:**

**Dennis Koho-Mayor**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Councilor #1 - Jerry Watson**

**Councilor #4 - Carl Beach**

**Councilor #2 - Bob Newton**

**Councilor #5 - Al Miller**

**Councilor # 3 - Jim Keller**

**Councilor #6 - Jerry McGee**

**Minutes approved:**
July 1, 1996