



MINUTES KEIZER CITY COUNCIL

**Monday, July 8, 2024
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
930 Chemawa Road NE
Keizer, Oregon**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Shaney Starr, Council President
Soraida Cross, Councilor
Kyle Juran, Councilor

Staff:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Tim Wood, Assistant City Manager
Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney
Melissa Bisset, City Recorder

Absent:

Robert Husseman, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor
Laura Reid, Councilor

YOUTH PEER COURT - PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

a. Presentation

Assistant City Manager Tim Wood provided the history of the City of Keizer Youth Peer Court. Emily Berry, Peer Court Coordinator, shared the importance of Youth Peer Court and explained how the program works. She shared that many of the participants chose to come back on their own time to volunteer as a jury member.

Mr. Wood reviewed the objectives of Youth Peer Court and the types of offenses that may be referred to Peer Court. He displayed a listing of the referrals from 2022 and 2023.

Discussion ensued on how seriously the youth participate in the program and how the jury holds their peers accountable.

It was noted that there was often an influx of cases in the fall as the majority of the cases occur during the summer.

Ms. Berry shared that parents are often involved in the Youth Peer Court process.

Ms. Berry explained the Youth Peer Court program beginning with the intake process. She shared the requirements of the program and how requirements are assigned.

It was suggested that there be a social media campaign to create outreach for parent awareness about the crimes committed by the youth. Ms. Berry shared that there had been only one repeat offender since 2022.

There was a question about the number of citations to young people that the Police Department issued.

Discussion ensued regarding potentially having an assigned Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) volunteer for appointment and adjudication of juvenile delinquency cases.

There was conversation to share information about the Youth Peer Court and providing educational outreach.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes approved: _____

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