



**MINUTES**  
**KEIZER CITY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, April 4, 2022**  
**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  
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor  
Daniel Kohler, Councilor  
Roland Herrera, Councilor  
Kyle Juran, Councilor  
Shaney Starr, Councilor  
Laura Reid, Councilor  
Miranda Coleman, Youth Councilor

**Staff:**

Wes Hare, Interim City Manager  
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney  
Tim Wood, Finance Director  
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director  
Shane Witham, Planning Director  
John Teague, Police Chief  
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

**SPECIAL ORDERS  
OF BUSINESS**

**a. PRESENTATION**  
**– Confederated**  
**Tribes of Siletz**  
**Representative,**  
**Confederated**  
**Tribes of Grand**  
**Ronde**  
**Representative,**  
**and Chemawa**  
**Indian School**  
**Historian**

*Delores Pigsley*, Chairwoman of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, shared detailed information about the history of the Oregon tribes including treaties, reservations, relocations, and the importance of the land.

Historian *Bud Lang* explained that the Indian history goes back to the beginning of time and that modern history begins with the sovereigns in Oregon. He reviewed the history of land grants, treaties, confederating of the tribes, dismantling of reservations and confiscation of land. He also shared information about restoration acts that began in 1977 to remedy the bad policies, including Senate Bill 13, which mandates that Oregon history be taught in schools from the perspective of the tribes and gives in a broader education and better understanding.

*Sue Ann Reddick*, via phone, volunteer historian at the Chemawa Indian School, described her work advocating for the protection of the Chemawa Cemetery and the placement of the Chemawa land into trust. She shared detailed history of the school, the cemetery and the Kalapuya Indians, who were affiliated with the Chemawa tribe, including land disagreements, government policies, settlers and the effect of the 1850 Donation Land Act. She added that in recent years many tribes are experiencing a renaissance, restoring lost languages, renewing traditions and regaining tribal lands and rightful sovereignty.

**b. PRESENTATION - Fly Salem Update – Chair Brent Dehart – Fly Salem Steering Committee** *Brent Hart*, representing the Fly Salem Steering Committee, distributed an update regarding the ‘Fly Salem’ efforts, sharing the good news that low cost carriers are in expansion mode and four of them are interested in serving Salem and flying to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Phoenix and the Bay area. He shared information about grants, political support, advanced technology aircraft, funding, revenue, the carbon footprint, and partnerships. He shared information about all the uses of the airport and clarified misconceptions about the airport and past airline service and assured Council that the project is not asking for anything from Keizer.

**c. PROCLAMATION – Volunteer Recognition Month** Mayor Clark proclaimed April as Volunteer Recognition Month. *Daisy Hickman*, Chair of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, thanked Council for their continued dedication to the City and their ongoing volunteer efforts and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Jamie Davis*, Chair of the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee, inquired about the status of the Safe Routes to School grant application and possible safety measures for pedestrians on Chemawa Road. Public Works Director Bill Lawyer responded that the grant application had been submitted but no results received, and he has budgeted for a rapid flashing light on Chemawa at the existing crosswalk west of Rickman. Ms. Davis then reported that the Committee got a new member recently and plans to review the purpose of the committee at the next meeting.

*Matt Lawyer*, Claggett Creek Watershed Council, thanked Council for approving the fee waiver for the Soggy Day at the Park and shared plans for the event and details of the Civic Center cleanup event. He concluded with a happy birthday wish to Youth Councilor Miranda Coleman.

Mr. Lawyer also announced the upcoming Planning Commission Public Hearing regarding middle housing and changes to the Development Code and urged everyone to attend and provide input.

*Felicia Squires*, Arts Commission, shared information about recent actions of the Commission including the new gallery displays, award to Opal Fricke at Avamere for the 2023 Holiday Card Art, and future plans.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Mayor Clark acknowledged written comments received between March 22 and April 4: Kelsey Miller ~ Stand up for what is right; Kris Bifulco ~ Condemn racism in Keizer; Sarah Currin Moles ~ America’s Reawakening Tour; Lee Ogle ~ City response needed; Shaula Coulson ~ Keizer City Council; Angie Daggett ~ Questions for everyone; Heather Hawkins ~ Comments to Council; and Garry Whalen ~ Thank you for Joys of Living Assistance Dogs event.

*Samantha Nixon*, Keizer, a member of the confederated tribes of Grand Ronde, declared that she would never claim to speak for anyone, but speaks only for herself. She added that she is proud to be a resident of

Keizer and glad that the City does not have the right to limit free speech or the right to assemble even if she doesn't agree with a specific event. She encouraged everyone to get involved in learning about different cultures and shared information about pending legislative bills.

*Paula Guiles*, Keizer, representing the Keizer Community Library, shared information about the mission of the library, efforts made to promote reading and increase reading skills, and planned events.

*Steve Harrison*, Keizer, reported that he attended the Reawakening America Tour and there were no incidents, it was like a church revival. He noted that the audience was notified of tire damaging devices that people not attending the event put behind tires of cars belonging to participants.

Chief Teague explained that the devices were placed behind cars outside the fence and that the event was peaceful except for minor incidents caused by people from Portland. He explained that there were three different security teams: one that travels with the tour and two other professional teams hired locally. Proud Boys were outside the fence but left after a short time.

*Eric and Kay Branch*, Keizer, and *Ryan Kinnett*, Salem, voiced support for the development of an artificial turf soccer field at Keizer Rapids Park.

*Katherine Stone*, Keizer, voiced appreciation for Chief Teague at the Reawaken America Tour noting that the police did not discriminate about who they protected and served. She shared details about the security at the event, noted that attendees came from a variety of cultures, speakers spoke against racism and division, and everyone worshipped and prayed together.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **a. Town and Country BBQ Liquor License Application**

*Mayor Clark opened the Public Hearing.*

Interim City Manager Wes Hare explained that this is still being investigated by the Police Department so staff recommends continuing the Public Hearing to April 18.

Applicant Dawn Brundage shared information about the business.

*With no further testimony, Mayor Clark continued the Public Hearing to April 18.*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

### **a. Community Center Fee Waiver – Keizer Community Library**

Interim City Manager reminded Council that they had already heard the presentation from the Keizer Community Library and any other information is in the staff report. He noted that it has been the practice of Council to grant fee waivers for worthy community causes.

Councilor Smith moved that the Keizer City Council grant the request for a complete waiver of fees associated with this event, which is a \$300 rental fee plus a \$750 refundable deposit. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Herrera, Smith, Kohler, Starr and Juran (7)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)  
ABSENT: None (0)

**b. Draft  
Environmental  
Assessment –  
Confederated  
Tribes of Siletz  
Indians Salem  
Gaming Facility**

Wes Hare explained that the Environmental Assessment is 2700 pages and the decision for Council is whether or not they want to make a formal comment on it. His recommendation is that there is no need at this point.

Planning Director Shane Witham directed attention to his staff report and provided additional information regarding the process and other governmental agencies who are involved in the review. Following discussion regarding interstate exchange improvements, housing, and traffic impacts, Council agreed by consensus that there was no reason to make formal comments at the present time.

**c. RESOLUTION –  
Adopting the  
City of Keizer  
Council Rules of  
Procedure;  
Repealing  
Resolution  
R2021-3167**

City Attorney Shannon Johnson summarized his staff report noting that on page 1 under Section 2 the first red line, 'public' should be added between 'any' and 'meeting'. Councilor Reid requested that the Table of Contents be checked for errors.

Councilor Smith moved that the Keizer City Council adopt Resolution Adopting the City of Keizer Council Rules of Procedure; Repealing Resolution R2021-3167. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Herrera, Smith, Kohler, Starr and Juran (7)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)  
ABSENT: None (0)

**CONSENT  
CALENDAR**

- a. RESOLUTION – Appointing City Attorney Pro Tem; Repeal of Resolution R2011-2142
- b. Approval of March 21, 2022 Regular Session Minutes

Councilor Reid pulled item b.

Councilor Smith moved for approval of Item a of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Starr, Juran, Herrera, Smith, Reid and Kohler (7)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)  
ABSENT: None (0)

Councilor Smith moved for approval of Item b of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows:

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

**OTHER BUSINESS/ STAFF UPDATES** Planning Director Shane Witham announced the Planning Commission Public Hearing on April 13 which will cover House Bill 2001 text amendments.

Councilor Kohler requested that work sessions concerning finances be televised. Finance Director Tim Wood indicated that if staffing was available to run the equipment, the Library and Turf Field Work Sessions could be televised. Council agreed by consensus to televise both meetings.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS** Councilor Starr acknowledged the Keizer Rotary for the great event on Saturday night and shared information about recent Child Abuse Prevention Month activities.

Councilor Smith announced that on Saturday, April 9 the Keizer Food Bank will be collecting food for Keizer Network of Women (KNOW) for the holiday giving basket program and the McNary Grad Party will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts.

Councilor Kohler announced the Keizer Community dinner, Vietnam War Veterans Day, Child Abuse Prevention Month and various upcoming meetings and events. He expressed sadness for the homeless people killed and injured recently and thanked Rotary and those who helped make the April 1 and 2 event a safe one.

Councilor Reid shared information about the Salem Capitals basketball game and announced upcoming meetings.

Councilor Herrera thanked the Rotary, Tim Coburn for his service to the Fire District and the Parks Department for the new trees. He voiced dismay that people deleted comments from their Facebook pages and that a member of the Community Diversity and Engagement Committee had resigned.

Youth Councilor Coleman reported on the Rally for the Ukraine, Senior vs. Staff basketball game and a recent assembly at McNary. She also announced upcoming events including the Prom, spring sports, music festivals and Cancer Awareness week.

Mayor Clark reported on the League of Oregon Cities Policy Committee meeting on Transportation and announced upcoming meetings. She noted that the recent tragic deaths of the homeless shows how important it is to help our homeless and get them out of dangerous situations and into places where they can sleep and get the services they need.

**AGENDA INPUT** April 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – City Council Work Session – Keizer Community Library

April 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – City Council Work Session – Keizer Rapids Park Soccer Fields

April 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session

**ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

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Cathy Clark

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Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

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Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

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Councilor #2 – Shaney Starr

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Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

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Councilor #3 – Kyle Juran

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Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: 04-18-22