



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, April 3, 2023
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
Laura Reid, Councilor
Shaney Starr, Councilor
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor
Youth Councilor Angelica
Sarmiento Avendano

Staff:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Tim Wood, Assistant City Manager
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Andrew Copeland, Police
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

Absent:

Soraida Cross, Councilor
Robert Husseman, Councilor

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

a. PROCLAMATION

Mayor Clark read the proclamation.

**– Volunteer
Recognition
Month**

Daisy Hickman, on behalf of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, thanked Council for their dedication and ongoing volunteer efforts benefiting the City of Keizer and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

b. PROCLAMATION

Mayor Clark read the proclamation.

**– National Child
Abuse
Prevention
Month**

Tanya Hamilton, Family Building Blocks, *Vanessa Nordyke*, CASA Marion County, and *Kyle Tarr*, Liberty House, each shared information about child abuse, neglect and prevention and collaborating to identify and prevent child abuse, and urged everyone to visit [ParentsfortheFuture.org](https://www.parentsfortheFuture.org) to learn more.

City Manager Adam Brown introduced Jamie Hogland and Paige Zizzi from the Lava Dome Sports Complex.

**c. The Lava Dome
Presentation**

Ms. Hogland and Ms. Zizzi introduced other members of the Lava Dome project and explained that they have partnered with the Walker family to create an element-proof regional field for softball and baseball. They explained that the Lava Dome is a 501C3 that will provide scholarship

and sponsorship opportunities for all so that no one is ever turned away and that they have taken steps to become good partners with Keizer. They shared information about the Board and Youth Board, showed their concept of the dome which would cover four fields and be available for all kinds of ball, and explained that they will be raising \$10 million for Phase 1 and that this would allow the Keizer Little League fields to become ADA compliant, provide opportunities for vendors and create a hub for families. Phase 2 would turf and upgrade the remaining outdoor fields. The hope is to break ground in August with completion by March.

Mickey Walker, current manager of the fields, voiced enthusiastic support for this project and asked that the current contract for the fields be amended to include these large capital improvements.

Ms. Hogland and Ms. Zizzi then fielded questions regarding various aspects of the structure, susceptibility to vandalism, fundraising and grants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Keizer Cultural Center

Lore Christopher, Keizer, shared information about accomplishments of the Keizer Cultural Center noting that it is the only cultural center in the United States that includes four non-profit entities. She brought attention to the information in the Center's annual report, highlighted various events held at the Center, thanked Robert Johnson with the City for his assistance in grounds maintenance and suggested that the City take over the maintenance of the Center's grounds for economic and aesthetic reasons.

Kat Thoreson reported that the Keizer Public Arts Commission had approved works by Joel Nickel for the next gallery display and chosen Christina Patterson's Quilt submission for the 2023 Holiday Card. The Commission also approved expenditure of funds for the roundabout art, discussed utility box painting and received a compilation of art displayed in the gallery in the past fiscal year for possible purchase.

Tammy Saldivar reported that Traffic Safety-Bikeways-Pedestrian Committee has been working on updating the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan and Committee Purpose and had discussed responses to the Safety Action Plan survey, the possibility of having driver/cyclist classes and the Bike Skills Fair scheduled for June 10. Ms. Saldivar then asked Council to keep the committee informed regarding the Lava Dome project as it will undoubtedly cause an increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic and the committee wants to make sure everyone remains safe.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Clark acknowledged for the record written comments received from Marlene Parsons, Claire Juran, Kim Freeman, Colleen Busch, Betty Hart, Corrie Falardeau and Angelica Sarmiento Avendano, regarding naming the cow sculpture, and Kathy Lincoln regarding House Bill 3458.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

a. Verda and Chemawa Public Art

City Manager Adam Brown summarized his staff report. Mayor Clark provided additional information.

Councilor Starr moved that the Keizer City Council name the public art of whimsical dancing cows located in the traffic circle at the crossroads of Verda and Chemawa as 'Rosalie's Cows' and that the City Council direct staff to bring back amendments to either Ordinance 2020-813 or Resolution No. R2020-3060 clarifying naming responsibilities for future artwork. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Kohler, Starr and Juran (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Hussman and Cross (2)

b. State Capitol Funding Requests

Mr. Brown summarized his staff report and fielded questions regarding the impact of asking for funding for both projects and alternative funding opportunities. Mr. Walker fielded questions regarding possible increased income to the City.

Councilor Starr moved that the Keizer City Council authorize the City to apply for Capital Project Funding for the Keizer Rapids Park artificial turf sport fields project only. Councilor Reid seconded.

Mayor Clark noted that she was in favor of supporting both projects. Mr. Brown explained that the request made by Sports Enterprises, Inc. would be stronger if supported by a public agency. Councilor Kohler noted that he felt it inappropriate for the City to endorse a grant request from a private enterprise. Councilor Starr expressed opposition to including the Sports Enterprise project in the request.

Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Reid, Kohler, Starr and Juran (4)

NAYS: Clark (1)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Hussman and Cross (2)

c. Support for HB 3458

Mr. Brown summarized his staff report noting that the League of Oregon Cities supports the bill and staff is recommending support. Mayor Clark referred to a letter from Kathy Lincoln opposing the bill and provided additional information regarding the bill. City Attorney Shannon Johnson explained that this bill made sense from the City staff point of view.

Councilor Starr moved that the Keizer City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the Keizer City Council for House Bill 3458, a bill limiting post-review appeals through the Land Use Board of Appeals. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Kohler, Starr and Juran (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Hussman and Cross (2)

Mr. Brown noted that the Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association had indicated that they also supported this Bill.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing City Manager to Enter Into Right-of-Way Landscape and Vegetated Stormwater Facility Maintenance Services Contract with GT Landscape Solutions
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing City Manager to Sign Amendment Number 01 to Agreement with State of Oregon for Verda Lane: Dearborn Avenue to Salem Parkway Project
- c. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Thomson Reuters Clear Order Form
- d. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Award and Enter Into a Contract with R&G Excavating, Inc. for Meadows Well Filtration Project
- e. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Attorney to Sign Agreements in the National Opiate Litigation Settlement (Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart)
- f. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Public Body Work Order Contract with DePaul Industries, Inc. for Temporary Staffing Services
- g. Approval of March 20, 2023 Regular Session Minutes
- h. Approval of March 27, 2023 Work Session Minutes

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

AYES: Clark, Reid, Kohler, Starr and Juran (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Husseman and Cross (2)

OTHER BUSINESS None

STAFF UPDATES

a. Keizer Rapids Park All Weather Field Project Update

Mr. Brown shared a slide presentation on the turf fields in Keizer Rapids Park showing the current design, financials, project delivery and timeline. Public Works Director Bill Lawyer added that the parking lot and bathroom part includes a storage building and the new building is where the septic system is for the house so it works well for the house to be hooked up to the sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Brown noted that the Walkers are interested in scheduling and maintaining the fields but it could be done in-house with additional staffing. The field construction could begin in the summer but a better price would be likely in the fall. Discussion followed regarding volunteers

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participating in the project and donated materials.

Finance Director Tim Wood reported that the Budget document would likely be available the last week in April.

Lt. Copeland announced that Ryan Russell was the new Keizer Fire Chief and thanked Councilor Starr for attending the Citizen Academy which will conclude with a tour of the Jail and Dispatch. He noted that there will be an all-city Neighborhood Watch meeting on May 4 which will include information for every neighborhood.

Councilor Starr congratulated Chief Russell, praised the Rotary fundraising dinner and congratulated them on raising \$40,000.

Councilor Kohler shared information about the Community Dinner and the progress in planning Keizer's 40th Birthday party.

Councilor Reid praised the Keizer Rotary dinner, announced the first Heritage Foundation financial policy meeting and upcoming McNary Track meets and invited anyone interested to attend the Community Diversity Engagement Committee meeting.

Youth Councilor Angelica Sarmiento reported that several German Exchange Students are attending McNary for two weeks and announced that district festivals for band, choir and orchestra are coming up and Prom is this Saturday.

Mayor Clark reported on work being done with the Homeless Alliance, announced the opening of Yaquina Hall, urged everyone to complete the Safety Action Plan survey, and announced upcoming meetings and events.

Mayor Clark then thanked Councilor Reid for having her students submit videos for the "If I Were Mayor" contest. There were 22 submissions. She congratulated the various winners and noted that the top three winners would be invited to the April 17 Council meeting. The team of Elia Guernica Romero, Victor Ceja and Caesar Rodriguez will be advanced to the State competition.

AGENDA INPUT

April 10, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. - City Council Work Session

- City Council 2023-2024 Goal Setting

April 17, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session

May 1, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

~ Absent ~

Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

Councilor #4 – Soraida Cross

~ Absent ~

Councilor #2 – Shaney Starr

Councilor #5 – Robert Husseman

Councilor #3 – Kyle Juran

Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: 4-17-23