MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 21, 2019
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
Marlene Parsons, Councilor
Laura Reid, Councilor
Roland Herrera, Councilor
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor
Youth Councilor Christopher Wolfert

Staff:
Tim Wood, Acting City Manager
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Nate Brown, Community Development
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
John Teague, Police Chief
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

Absent:
Kim Freeman, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor

FLAG SALUTE
Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL ORDERS

OF BUSINESS

a. Travel Salem Presentation
Angie Onyewuchi and Irene Bernards shared information about Travel Salem noting that they are taking the conversation of tourism out into the region to share what Travel Salem is working on. Following the PowerPoint presentation they fielded questions regarding various aspects of the World Track and Field 2021 event and donated goods and services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Michael DeBlasi, Keizer, Chair of the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee reported that, in response to Council’s request, the Committee had discussed and crafted the following recommendation: To support allowing homeowners to install basketball hoops mounted in or behind the sidewalk or planter strip, subject to guidance and permit from the Public Works Department. Community Development Director Nate Brown reminded Council that they had already prohibited basketball hoops on the sidewalk and only allowed them in the street if they are in active use. However, with this committee action, staff can come up with standards to be implemented.

Zaira Flores-Marín, Keizer, reported that the Parks Advisory Board approved a grant request from Peggy and Jerry Moore for replacing
current garden beds with deeper ones and heard testimony from them regarding work that has taken place in the garden this past year. The Board is also working on developing a policy for dealing with neglected memorials and discussing security at Keizer Rapids Park. She shared information regarding recent park improvements and concluded her report noting that the Board is considering having a Parks Tour in the spring since the fall tour was cancelled. Mayor Clark noted that it could be put on the work session list.

Frank Hostler, Keizer, reported the he and Jeremy Grenz were sworn in at the last Planning Commission meeting and that Matt Lawyer and Crystal Wilson were elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. He explained that the Commission has been working on the strategies for providing for anticipated population growth and after lengthy discussion felt that the best option was to use the established Salem-Keizer UGB to meet Keizer’s 20-year needs and request staff to come back to the Commission with an Action Plan for moving forward.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Clark opened the Public Hearing.

a. ORDINANCE – Declaring a Lien Against Property Located at 1551 Sieburg Street Northeast, Keizer, Oregon and Directing 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 moved that the Keizer City Council adopt a Bill for an Ordinance Declaring a Lien Against Property Located at 1551 Sieburg Street Northeast, Keizer, Oregon and Directing City Recorder to Enter Such Lien in the Minor Lien Docket Pursuant to Ordinance No. 94-282 (Nuisance Abatement Procedure); Declaring an Emergency. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Parsons, Herrera and Smith (5)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freeman and Kohler (2)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of October 7, 2019 City Council Regular Session Minutes

Councilor Herrera moved for adoption of the Consent Calendar. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Parsons, Reid, Herrera and Smith (5)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freeman and Kohler (2)
COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilor Reid reported on the Social Media Roundtable hosted by the Liberty House, McNary Hall of Fame event and Homecoming game, and the Keizer Homegrown Theater play and announced the upcoming Festivals Advisory Board meeting.

Councilor Smith reported on the Home Builders Breakfast for Habitat for Humanity and the McNary Hall of Fame event.

Councilor Parsons reported that the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee had discussed different projects and how they would like to be part of the planning process and the Volunteer Coordinating Committee interviewed several candidates for open committee positions. There is still an opening on the Traffic Safety, etc. Committee and the Keizer Points of Interest Committee.

Councilor Herrera reported on various committees and events including the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Committee, Parks Board, West Keizer Neighborhood Association, Resilient Communities, Keizer United and McNary Hall of Fame and announced the first movie night at Keizer Elementary.

Mayor Clark reported on the Keizer Heritage Foundation, Strategic Economic Development Corp, and Coffee with Cathy, and announced upcoming meetings and events including the next Community Dinner.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Bill Lawyer reported on the status of the Shade Sail project at Keizer Rapids Park Big Toy.

Finance Director Tim Wood urged all residents to conserve water in order to keep their sewer bills low.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Clark read a letter from the Mayor of Gresham regarding the ‘Who We Are’ project, asked Council to consider who would be the ‘most interesting person’ and volunteered to accept this opportunity.

AGENDA INPUT

October 28, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – City Council Work Session – Emergency Preparedness
November 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – City Council Regular Session
November 11, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. – City Council Work Session - Cancelled
November 18, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

MAYOR: APPROVED:

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Cathy Clark  Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

~ Absent ~

Councilor #2 – Kim Freeman

Councilor #3 – Marlene Parsons

Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

~ Absent ~

Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: 11-04-19