



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 15, 2021
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
Roland Herrera, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor
Ross Day, Councilor
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Laura Reid, Councilor

Staff:

Chris Eppley, 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. Volunteer of
the Quarter
Awards –
Keizer
Community
Food Bank,
Dennis Phipps,
and Jim
Johnson**

Mayor Clark announced that the recipients of the Volunteer of the Quarter award were the *Keizer Community Food Bank, Dennis Phipps* and *Jim Johnson*.

Numerous Food Bank volunteers joined Jim Johnson who shared information about the Food Bank and explained that it consists of five contributing churches: John Knox Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, St. Edward Catholic, Keizer Christian, and Clearlake Methodist. He added that the distribution chain of funds and food has been disrupted over the past year leaving the Keizer Community Food Bank struggling to make sure there is enough food for clients and enough money to buy what is lacking. He concluded with the announcement that the food bank is looking for a new home and requesting assistance in finding one.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Dylan Juran, Keizer, reported what took place at the most recent Parks Board meeting including discussion about Palma Ceia Park, ice storm damage, award of a matching grant for rubberized fall surfaces under exercise equipment and the upcoming Parks Tour on April 12. Public Works Director Bill Lawyer added that all parks are now open but some have areas that are still cordoned off.

Mark Caillier, Keizer, shared details of the Community Center Cleanup event noting that 107 people volunteered and 30 yards of debris was removed. He commended the Boy Scout who restored the gazebo and

thanked Matt Lawyer, Dorothy Diehl, Men of Action in Keizer and Randy Miller for their assistance. Mayor Clark commended the McNary Junior Air Force ROTC. Councilor Kohler thanked the Clearlake Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints for feeding the volunteers and Mr. Caillier for his commitment to the City.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mayor Clark went over the parameters for public testimony and shared a timeline of a recent incident in the City Manager's office.

James Hutches, Amy Ryan Courser, Susan Dunfee, Jessica Davidson, Claire Juran, Alicia Itzaina, Jim Tayler, Richard Walsh (via letter read into the record), *Marlene Parsons, Jonathan Thompson* (via letter read into the record) (all from Keizer), *T.J. Sullivan* and *Brandon Smith* (both from Salem), urged Council to use restraint in the matter of the city manager incident and allow him the benefit of due process. Those who knew Mr. Eppley praised him for his work ethic and his integrity.

Rich Rodriguez, Keizer, urged Council to fire Mr. Eppley immediately.

Robert Parsons, Keizer, thanked Public Works staff for their superior work in cleaning up the devastation caused by the recent ice storm, praised Council for their continued display of strong ethics, praised City staff for all they accomplish and thanked and praised Mr. Eppley for his past work, his devotion to Keizer and his high professional ethical standards.

Ramiro Navarro, Keizer, voiced concern that the city manager issue was being dealt with in secrecy and made the accusation that it is an example of systemic racism.

Lisa Cejka, Keizer, thanked Public Works staff for their work in cleaning up the devastation caused by the recent ice storm in Keizer Rapids Park.

Sarah Grantham, Salem, shared her thoughts about the detrimental effects of gun trauma, voiced concern about the recent gun discharge event at City Hall, and urged Council to uphold their policies.

PUBLIC HEARING None

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
a. Appointment of Councilors

City Attorney Shannon Johnson summarized his staff report. Mayor Clark appointed Dan Kohler and Kyle Juran to the selection committee relating to the proposals for management of the Keizer Little League City Park.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Disposition of Surplus Property (Police Department Vehicle)
- b. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Contract for Lockhaven Storm Drain Repair with Gelco Construction
- c. Approval of February 16, 2021 Regular Session Minutes

- d. Approval of February 22, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes
- e. Approval of March 1, 2021 Regular Session Minutes

Councilor Smith moved that the Keizer City Council approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Juran, Day, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilor Juran had nothing to report.

Councilor Reid reported on the recent Commissioner Breakfast, and announced the First Citizen Banquet and Spring Break and that students will be back in school after that.

Councilor Smith reported on the Council Rules and Procedures Work Group meeting and commended Mayor Clark for her State of the City Address.

Councilor Herrera thanked everyone who had attended the meeting, reported on meetings he had attended and announced upcoming ones, noted that McNary sports are taking place and urged everyone to continue wearing their masks.

Councilor Kohler reported on meetings he had attended, reported that Keizerfest is planned for the first week of August, and thanked the McNary ROTC and everyone who helped with the Civic Center cleanup.

Councilor Day reported on meetings he had attended, praised the Mayor's State of the City address, thanked volunteers assisting in the Civic Center cleanup, provided an update on training arrangements for the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, announced upcoming meetings and wished his oldest son, Jess, a happy 21st birthday.

Mayor Clark thanked everyone for their compliments on her State of the City address noting that Keizer is her favorite topic and she is proud to serve with Council, staff and volunteers of Keizer. She then shared information regarding various committee meetings and events she had attended and announced upcoming ones.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Manager Chris Eppley said 'hello' to his godson, Victor Muñoz.

City Recorder Tracy Davis announced that the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting had been cancelled.

Chief Teague reported that there has been a rash of thefts from vehicles lately and his staff wrapped up the case today.

Finance Director Tim Wood announced that the north side of Keizer can start using water again since their sewer reset has been established. He

urged residents who get a bill that seems out of order to contact the City.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Clark announced that emails that were sent to Council will be included in the follow-up packet and posted on the website.

AGENDA INPUT

March 29, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – City Council Work Session

- City Council Rules of Procedures

April 5, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session

April 12, 2021, 5:45 p.m. – Council/Parks Advisory Board Work Session

- Parks Tour

April 19, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - City Council Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

Councilor #2 – Ross Day

Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

Councilor #3 – Kyle Juran

Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: 04-05-21