



**MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Keizer, Oregon**

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Dan Kohler, Councilor
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Roland Herrera, Councilor
Shaney Starr

Staff Present:

Wes Hare, Interim City Manager
Tim Wood, Finance Director
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

Absent:

Laura Reid, Councilor
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor

DISCUSSION

**a. Keizer
Community
Library**

B.J. Toewe, Vice President Keizer Community Library Board, introduced *Bill Leach*, President Keizer Community Library Board, and *John Goodyear*, Treasurer and former Director of Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service (CCRLS) as well as other members of libraries that would be speaking at the work session.

Ms. Toewe then read an Oregon statute related to libraries and explained that the Keizer Community Library (KCL) can and will be able to meet the CCRLS requirements and become a member. She shared historical facts about the KCL and noted that currently the KCL satisfies 8 of the 10 minimum library conditions set by the State of Oregon but it needs help from the City to fulfil the condition of having at least half of its support from public funds. Once the process required by the Oregon State Library has been completed, the library will meet a preponderance of the essential level of the Oregon Library Association Public Library Division standards, which will allow the KCL to become a full member of the CCRLS.

John Hunter, Executive Director of CCRLS, provided detailed information about CCRLS technology, services, standards and the application process. He noted that there is a broad consensus within CCRLS that the KCL proposal would meet all of the terms for membership. Mr. Hunter then fielded questions and provided clarification regarding requirements for membership, minimum conditions for libraries, the application process, statutory requirements that determine the most important minimums, CCRLS-provided

services and benefits, sustained library operations and the benefit to Keizer citizens of having a local public library.

Darci Hanning, State Library of Oregon Public Library Consultant, provided information regarding the basic level of service standard and services and resources provided by the State Library.

Mark Johnson, Director at Dallas Public Library, shared information about the benefits of being part of CCRLS and announced that the Directors support Keizer joining.

Christy Davis, Director of Silver Falls Library District, voiced the hope that Keizer would join the CCRLS, reviewed staff resources made available to members by the State Library and added to Mr. Johnson's testimony regarding the benefits of membership.

Ms. Toewe then reviewed the \$125,000 funding request from the Library noting that it would cover the cost of a full-time professional librarian, a half-time clerk, lease costs, a small amount of the book budget and part of the operating expenses. She noted that the \$10,000 the City currently provides is included in the funding request. Discussion followed regarding funding sources, future increases in cost, personnel, hours, operations and structure.

Bill Leach, President Keizer Community Library Board, noted that the Board was anxious to pursue this task and intended to provide extensive outreach and community involvement.

Lore Christopher, Keizer, expressed support for becoming part of the CCRLS, shared information about past efforts to join, and urged that no funds be expended until this issue has been approved by taxpayers.

Richard Walsh, Keizer, voiced support for this proposal, provided information about past efforts and requirements of CCRLS membership, and urged that the budget and plan be approved in writing by CCRLS before taking it to the voters.

Daisy Hickman, Keizer, speaking as a citizen and a library volunteer, shared information about the current library, community needs and the importance of having paid library staff and voiced support for pursuing CCRLS library membership.

Lisa Vasquez, Keizer, voiced support for pursuing CCRLS library membership and indicated that she would be willing to pay and did not see the need for taking this to voters.

Alexa Smith, Keizer, voiced support for pursuing CCRLS library membership and taking the issue to the voters.

ADJOURN

Mayor Clark adjourned the work session at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR:

Cathy Clark

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

~ Absent ~

Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

~ Absent ~

Councilor #2 – Shaney Starr

Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

Councilor #3 – Kyle Juran

Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: 04-18-22