



**MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
Monday, November 28, 2022
Keizer, Oregon**

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the work session to order at 6:03 p.m. Attendance was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Dan Kohler, Councilor
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Shaney Starr, Councilor
Laura Reid, Councilor

Absent:

Elizabeth Smith, Councilor
Roland Herrera, Councilor

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Shane Witham, Planning Director
John Teague, Police Chief
Andrew Copeland, Police
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

DISCUSSION

**a. Responsible
Dog
Ownership
and Dog
Ownership
Assistance
Programs**

Telma Pombrol, Fences for Fido and Marion County Dog Services, shared information about the mission of the organization including protection, licensing, sheltering and returning or re-homing dogs in Marion County. She noted that volunteers were always needed, shared information about holiday programs and fielded questions regarding the organization, tethering, spay and neutering services, and loose dogs.

Chief Teague noted that if a dog is off-leash in a park, Keizer Police handles the call; if a dog is running 'at large' then Marion County takes care of it. The law requires enforcement by the County, but if it is in a city park, it falls under the City parks rules and is enforced by Keizer Police. Reports should be made through the police non-emergency number unless the dog is dangerous.

He suggested three options: (1) require that dogs are leashed on even numbered days, (2) City assume dog control from Marion County; (3) hire a park ranger to enforce the rules inside parks.

Joy St. Peter, Joys of Living Assistance Dogs, explained how dogs from this organization are trained noting that open spaces are important for training and that fenced dog parks can be stagnant and/or have untrained or unruly dogs in them that cause problems. She voiced support for the leash law but urged that loose open spaces be retained as well.

Discussion then took place regarding loose dogs in school yards, owner liability, enforcement, parks that could accommodate large open spaces for

off-leash dogs, designating areas for off-leash dogs on certain days of the week, dealing with unsavory dog owners, enforcement of park rules, and reporting infractions.

ADJOURN

Mayor Clark adjourned the work session at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR:

Cathy Clark

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

~ Absent ~

Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

Councilor #2 – Shaney Starr

~ Absent ~

Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

Councilor #3 – Kyle Juran

Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: 12-19-22
