



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Great council meeting this past Monday! The Council made it through a lot of backlogged council items. Thanks to the Council for pushing through!

PERS - We submitted the request to the PERS side account. We have two years to make the payment. The City can get a match of **\$875,000** which makes this decision even better for Keizer.

Website – Our website implementation team will be kicking off in the next two weeks. This is a cross-departmental team working together for this project.

Economic Development – I had a few economic development bites this week. Good potential projects.

HPO Training – I sent out an invitation for two 2 ½ hour staff trainings for High Performance Organizations. The Council is invited to attend to learn more about our leadership philosophy and practice. HPO is not anything new, it's merely a packaging of the best contemporary management practices.

Fiber – City Attorney Joe Lindsay and I met with Ezee Fiber this week. They are company out of Texas who is interested in opening the Willamette Valley market. We sent them a copy of our most recent franchise agreement. It would be up the council to grant another franchise agreement, we just responded to the interest.

Liberty House – We received a request from Liberty House to recognize our Police Department at our next City Council meeting for the vital role they played in Liberty House earning national accreditation in January. We put them on the calendar for the 21st.

Background Checks – The City Recorder and Deputy Recorder prepared a process for initiating background checks with volunteers. They did an amazing job of documenting the process.

Keizer Little League Park – We had an all hands on deck walk-through of Keizer Little League Park on Wednesday morning. Public Works staff, myself, Clint Holland, Mickey Walker, the maintenance team for the Keizer Little League, and Councilor Parsons all walked through the park. It was really good for us to update our map of the drainage systems on site. Now that we have an update to the system, we can look at the facility as a whole for how to most effectively use the dollars we have to make improvements. I really appreciate all the historical knowledge (Clint and Councilor Parsons) along with the current knowledge (Haley Seth, Environmental

Compliance Coordinator and Robert Johnson, Parks and Facilities Division Manager) of how we manage water all together with both parties of the agreement.

Gold Star Memorial – A small group including Matt Lawyer, Mark Callier, Public Works Director Bill Lawyer, Councilor Parsons, and Mayor Clark met for a coordination of the project. I think we are looking at a Veterans Day target in lieu of the end of September. Mr. Lawyer got a really great bid on the footer and stem wall. It's possible we might go ahead and get that part done.

Mark Callier, Matt Lawyer and I met out at the site tonight to layout a life size scale cardboard cutout I made at home. It was helpful to get an idea of the orientation. I think we are going to go out again next week to get one more look.



Synthetic Turf Fields – City Attorney Joe Lindsay, Public Works Director Bill Lawyer, and I met with Keizer Community Fields to make the revisions discussed at our last meeting in the contract. I believe we are at an agreement that we can bring back to the City Council on the 21st.

Keizer Community Fields is putting on an easter egg hunt at the fields. See the graphic below.



Public Works

There will be a pickleball clinic on Saturday May 17th during Keizerfest from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on two of the courts at Keizer Rapids Park. There will also be an exhibition put on from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the same day. The clinic and exhibition game are being coordinated between the Keizer Chamber and the Salem/Keizer pickleball club.

The Army Corps of Engineers will not be draining Detroit reservoir this winter as previously reported. They contend they need more time to make sure they are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Planning

The review committee for the Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update Request for Proposal met this week and selected a consultant for the TSP project. The Oregon Department of

Transportation (ODOT) is administrating the grant and will be working directly with the selected consultant on the contracting phase to prepare and finalize the scope of work and budget for the project.

On Monday, Code Compliance Officer Ben Crosby headed up a cleanup effort to remove discarded and abandoned materials along the Parkway (which is outside of the city boundaries) that were created by persons experiencing homelessness. A huge thank you to the Public Works Staff (Mike Griffin, Street/ Storm Manager, Greg Hamilton, Municipal Utility Worker, Art Madrid, Municipal Utility Worker, and Brian Brogoitti, Municipal Utility Worker), and Police Department staff (Lt. Hein, Chief Copeland) for helping clean up the mess. **This was a great example of Code Enforcement, Public Works, and the Police Department collaborating to serve the Keizer Community.**

We had a pre-application conference with a developer that is looking to convert an existing single family home into a triplex or possibly a quadplex in an existing neighborhood.

Building permits were received this week for 3 different residential home conversions this week. In addition, a new duplex is proposed to be constructed on an existing lot that currently has a home on it located on Alder. They plan to demolish the existing house and build a duplex, with the possibility for a future partitioning of the property.

Code Compliance Officer Ben Crosby went out with the McNary JROTC graffiti abatement group on again Wednesday afternoon, to provide some additional training and guidance. We are excited to have these young men and women serving in our community, helping to keep graffiti down Keizer.

Police

Patrol Division

Officers located an occupied stolen vehicle parked at a location. The driver then backed up, rammed into the officer's patrol vehicle and eluded. We requested assistance by other agencies to locate the vehicle. The vehicle was located unoccupied, but the driver was ultimately located and taken into custody.

Officers responded to a residence due to the report of a disturbance. It was determined a male had been physical with individuals at the location and he was taken into custody.

An officer responded to a reported crash in a residential area where a vehicle crashed into some large boulders. The officer conducted a DUII investigation and ultimately, the driver was taken into custody.

Officers responded to a residence due to the report of a physical altercation which led to an individual going unconscious momentarily. Officers determined a male at the location kicked his foster parent multiple times, knocking him unconscious and was still kicking him while he was

on the ground. It was also determined the male head-butted his brother. The male was taken into custody.

An officer responded to a business reporting an individual as trespassing. Our officer arrived and determined the individual had warrants for their arrest and was in possession of a fraudulent \$100 bill. The individual was taken into custody.

Officers responded to a business due to a report of a male being verbally aggressive with staff. The individual was trespassed from the location.

Officers responded to another business due to a report of male being at the location where he had been trespassed from in the past. An officer made contact with the male, who was uncooperative, but was ultimately taken into custody. This individual was also issued a criminal citation related to a previous theft investigation.

Officers received a report from a business regarding two males who appeared to be attempting to walk out with shoes. Ultimately, the males were stopped by staff prior to exiting the building. The males purchased a pair of shoes and put the remaining pairs back.

Officers received a report from an employee at a business regarding a subject inside the store they believed was about to steal merchandise. An officer arrived on scene and made contact with a male in the driver's seat of a vehicle. The officer learned the male had multiple warrants for his arrest. During this time, the male put the vehicle in reverse and crashed into a vehicle passing behind him. The male sped off and our officers were initially unable to locate him. We later received information regarding where the vehicle was parked. The vehicle was located and found to be unoccupied. A short time later, one of our officers located the male walking and he was ultimately taken into custody.

An officer received a report of a pedestrian tunnel having been tagged with graffiti. The officer was able to identify the person responsible, who was taken into custody.

Officers responded to a business due to the report of it being tagged with graffiti. This investigation is on-going.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID):

Several detectives have been assigned background investigations to complete as part of our police officer hiring process. They will be working on completing these in the upcoming weeks. Detectives did integrity interviews with applicants for the Community Service Officer (CSO) hiring process this week. Detectives are working on a number of new sex offense cases this week.

Community Response Unit (CRU)

Detective Zavala continued to work with our city and outside agency partners to implement a GIS trespass mapping system with a goal of improving efficiency of the department in handling calls for service.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU):

Our Traffic Safety Officer returned from the DRE/DUII Traffic Safety Conference this week. He worked on getting caught up with multiple parking complaints throughout the city. He has started the planning process for the upcoming KeizerFest Parade coming up on May 17. He responded to what was initially reported as a hit and run this week. Through an hour-long investigation with the complainant, it was determined it was a minor crash where they were actually at fault. The caller was warned for initiating a false report to the police.

Property and Evidence Unit

Our Property and Evidence Specialist will be meeting with a body-worn-camera representative next week to view a demonstration regarding their evidence management system and how it functions with the body-worn-cameras. Last week, our specialist reached out to the Spokane, Washington waste to energy burn plant. This was done to inquire if we could utilize their services due to the closure of the nearby plant we have previously used. Our specialist worked with one of our detectives and the FBI, who has agreed to do a handwriting analysis for us on one of our cases.

Our Property and Evidence Specialist has an evidence viewing this week with the District Attorney's Office and the defense regarding a previous case. There was an annual audit conducted of the property/evidence room this week.