



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

July 5, 2024

Adam J. Brown, City Manager

Electrical for KeizerFest– I have been working with the Chamber of Commerce and Public Works Director Bill Lawyer to get the electric moved for Keizerfest. It's cutting it short, but we are working hard to get everything done in time.

IYO Middle School Student Visit – We have started coordination of the visit of the middle school students from Iyo Japan in late August.

Safe Routes to School – As part of their safe routes to school program, the Council of Governments (COG) reached out to Keizer and Salem to see if we could assist with movement of Cycle Oregon's Bicycle trailers over the next school year. Cycle Oregon provides bicycles and the program teaches kids at elementary schools how to ride bicycles safely. We will be able to help them with the Keizer schools.

Turf Fields – I dropped in on the artificial turf field project at Keizer Rapids Park twice this week. It's looking very good. Turf is down on the east field and they were laying sand and pellets down. The turf on the other field is supposed to go down the week after the next.

The review committee is scheduling interviews and we hope to enter into negotiations with the preferred vendor thereafter.

PERS – After a follow up email, I did hear from PERS by email confirming that they will in fact process our corrections to the PERS accounts. Tim Wood, has been working on getting the City's active employees over to them. We have to review the settlement agreement and get that back to them. We may have to bring it to Council for review. I communicated with the retirees today.

Alcohol Licenses – We received notice from the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) that they will be changing the renewal policies for liquor licenses. It will be moved to a digital work flow and we will only have to return correspondence to them if the council does not want to endorse a renewal. So, the City Council will still have a look at it, but perhaps it will save us a little work on the back end.

Emergency Management – I was notified by Marion County Emergency Management that our funding for our emergency operations plan update is uncertain. I've asked them if we should just move forward with updates I made a year and a half ago that we have been waiting to adopt until they go through it with us with a professional.

Summer Concert Series – Our summer concert series partners (Chamber, Valor Mentoring, and Uptown Music) have been getting in all of their required paperwork. We will cross promote their material.

Public Works

Parks & Facilities Division

The contractor for the artificial turf fields at Keizer Rapids Park is working on placing the infill on the eastern field and are scheduled to have this field complete by the end of next week.

Street/Stormwater Operations Division

The contractor for the annual street resurfacing project will start work next week. They will be working on Dixon St., Keizer Rd. and Hasbrook Ave. next week.

Environmental & Technical Division

Our new GIS Technician, Michael Reed started work this week and has been busy getting acquainted with staff and our systems.

Police

Patrol Division

On Friday, June 28, 2024, Sgt. Olafson's day shift patrol team responded to a report of an armed robbery at US Bank, where a male produced what appeared to be a handgun and demanded money. The male got away with some cash and the investigation is ongoing.

Over the weekend, Sgt. Olafson's team handled multiple calls involving EDPs (emotionally disturbed persons) that appear new to the area. They also handled multiple burglaries that occurred within a short period of time. The suspect was not located and was likely a transient as he took some food from one location, had a meal at the other, etc.

Also, over the weekend, Sgt. Bigler's night shift patrol team handled multiple domestic disturbances. Officer Stupfel responded to a disturbance at one location on multiple occasions. While the incidents were initially deemed non-criminal, the same involved couple ended up driving through Salem, where the male allegedly menaced the female with a gun and was subsequently taken into custody by Salem PD.

Sgt. Bigler's team handled multiple fireworks complaints on Independence Day. There were three house fires reported, likely related to fireworks. In one incident, the resident placed non-dosed fireworks underneath the stairs in his garage, which was the cause of the fire.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

In the late afternoon hours of Friday, June 28th, Det. Lathrop was called out to assist Officer Kowash and the rest of Sgt. Olafson's team with the investigation of the previously mentioned robbery at US Bank. Det. Lathrop processed the scene and worked on collecting video evidence. The investigation is ongoing.

Det. Anderson celebrated her 30-year anniversary at Keizer PD this week. Det. Anderson was hired on July 1, 1994, as a Community Services Officer (CSO) and later as a police officer. Thank you, Det. Anderson, for your dedicated service to the City of Keizer for the past 30 years.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU)

As usual, Officer Powell enforced traffic laws around Keizer and investigated vehicle crashes and parking complaints. Officer Powell completed a traffic study on Oneil Road NE and started another one on the south end of Verda Ln NE as there has been a significant number of complaints of motorists speeding through these areas.

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