



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Community Engagement – I attended Chamber Greeters, Rotary, and the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVGOG) legislative gathering this week.

Council of Governments Legislative Gathering – Keizer was well represented at the MWVCOG legislative gathering at Chemeketa Community College. I believe all but one of our City Council was in attendance as well as myself.

Artificial Turf Fields at Keizer Rapids Park – On the heels of Monday's City Council meeting, Public Works Director Bill Lawyer and I, were able to meet with Mid-Valley Soccer Club and the Salem Women's Football Association. It went very well. We both left with a lot of questions answered and a plan to move forward.

Chamber Discussion – Mayor Clark, Councilors Cross and Juran, and myself met with the Chamber to talk about the first draft agreement we had sent at the end of last week. They did not have a lot of time to review it, but we talked through a few key topics and left the ball in their court to come back with a revision.

Community Prosperity Initiative – At Marion County's request we met to discuss the City's plans for the community prosperity initiative grant. This is the request for a permanent pavilion at Keizer Rapids Park. Some Council Members worked with the County to get the level of detail needed. It's at a level of commitment that it should come before the City Council, so I will be putting that on the September 3rd City Council Agenda.

Marion County HB4002 Town Hall – We had a strong showing at the County's rollout of their response to House Bill 4002. Six members of our City Council, myself, and one of our officers were in person for the rollout with the Commissioners, Sheriff, Health and Human Services Director and District Attorney. HB 4002 was the bill that corrected the legalization of hard drugs through Measure 110.

Rotary – I spoke to the Keizer Rotary Club on Thursday about our Parks System at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheater. We had a lot of participation and love for Keizer's park system from the Rotary. They have been a key partner with the City on many projects.

Rotary submitted their annual report which is required to be shared with City Council. They met the requisite number of volunteer hours and community donations required by their contract.

IYO Middle School Visitors – The guests from Japan arrived late Wednesday night and in Keizer Thursday morning. They will be here for a week with lots of activities all around the community.

Cordelio Power – It was exciting to finalize the purchase option with Cordelio Power. The Keizertimes covered it this week.

Human Resources – Keizer Police Department wrapped up background checks on two Police Officer candidates and is ready to extend offers.

PERS

Morones Analytics – We got the agreement signed and executed following the City Council meeting and I had a video meeting with their project leader before the end of the week. We sketched out a plan to get to work on having eyes on numbers.

Employees and Retirees – I got an email out to the Tier 1 and Tier 2 group this week. I explained to them PERS requirement to have a settlement agreement. They of course are very interested in that and we have shared it with them.

Pedestrian Flags – I met with two members of our Traffic Safety/ Bikeways/ Pedestrian Committee, at their request, to talk about pedestrian flags. It sounds like it has been requested and talked about before. I have experience with using pedestrian flags in another city I worked for and it worked well. These two committee members would like to do a proof of concept. They believe several neighborhood associations would really support a trial project.

Email and Phone Migration – We migrated our voicemail system and email this week, which is always bound to be a little bit disruptive. Everything on my computer went smooth without me having to do anything. All things considered it was a successful migration.

Public Works

Environmental

Trashy Tuesday - The event held this week was at Wallace House Park. We had:

- 16 volunteers
- 2 Loren's Sanitation Employees
- 2 City of Keizer Employees
- 1-hour of stewardship-litter clean-up & ivy removal
- 288.3 pounds of litter collected and disposed of the correct way!



Water - The Carlhaven East well pump failed last Sunday. Cascade Waterworks came out on Monday to pull the pump to and determine what caused the failure. They discovered that when they last installed the pump, in March of 2023, they made an error in the installation process, which resulted in the pump, motor and electrical leads needing to be replaced. Cascade Waterworks will be covering all of the costs associated with replacing the pump, motor, electrical leads and all of the labor necessary to get the pump back on line. We expect this work to be completed in the next couple weeks depending on the pump and motor availability.

Streets - The resurfacing contractor paved Joan Drive this week.

Parks – We purchased the goals for the artificial turf complex this week. We purchased eight goals, four of two different sizes. The cost was approximately \$27,000. We have some more equipment to purchase for football and lacrosse, but we don't expect that to be near as much.

The bleachers are up, the ADA parking spots and ramps are paved, and the aprons for the parking lot are finished.

Police

Patrol Division

Over the past week, patrol officers responded to a variety of calls. An attempt to locate a vehicle was dispatched to our officers and was initially believed to be a law enforcement agency in pursuit of a hit-and-run suspect. The vehicle pulled over after the officer activated their emergency overhead lights. It was determined the driver of the vehicle was being followed by the driver of a vehicle they had hit earlier.

Officers responded to a juvenile who was going through a crisis. Officers arrived on the scene, de-escalated the situation, and it resulted in a positive outcome.

Officers responded to a call where an emotionally disturbed person was reported to be trying to stab themselves with a knife. It was reported two adults were trying to restrain the individual. Ultimately, the individual was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Officers responded to a reported disturbance involving adult siblings. Officers arrived and quickly determined the involved parties needed to be separated. There was no probable cause to make an arrest. Officers stayed on the scene while some of the involved retrieved property from the residence and provided them with a battery jump start box to get their vehicle running so they could leave the area to prevent further escalation.

Officers responded to a report of an individual breaking into his ex's residence and taking her phone when she tried to call for police. Officers located the male who was arrested for burglary, theft, interfering with 911, and harassment.

An officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle initially stopped in the middle of the road but then began driving away. The vehicle began eluding officers who later terminated the pursuit of the vehicle. A short time later, officers located the vehicle which had crashed. Officers were able to quickly locate the driver who was taken into custody. It was determined the vehicle had swapped license plates and was stolen out of Salem.

Officers responded to a location due to the report of a male waving a gun in the parking lot. It was determined the male was yelling at himself while holding what appeared to be a lighter.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Detectives worked on various criminal investigations and applicant background investigations this week.

Community Response Unit (CRU)

CRU attended the Safe Streets Task Force meeting as well as the House Bill 4002 Town Hall meeting in Salem this week. CRU members have been focusing on completing projects and catching up on cases throughout the week.

Property and Evidence Unit

This week our Property and Evidence technicians toured other agencies' evidence rooms. This was done with the intent to improve our networking with other agencies and seek out ways to improve our property and evidence room. Our Property and Evidence technicians have been diligently working to close out a long ongoing case over the past year and recently accomplished the mission. This involved background checks being completed and communication with the Marion County District Attorney's Office.