

Amphitheater expenses approved

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Of the Keizertimes

There were questions about receipts dating back to 2010 and meals at fast food restaurants.

Ultimately, however, Keizer City Councilors agreed to reimburse Keizer Rotary Amphitheater LLC up to \$2,000 for expenditures in excess of revenue brought in by the amphitheater at Keizer Rapids Park last year.

Clint Holland, who runs KRA LLC along with Rick Day, had submitted a reimbursement request packet to the city. The packet included receipts for meals he'd purchased for his volunteers for work done at the amphitheater, with a number of the receipts being for fast food meals going back as far as 2010.

That led to an extended discussion about what receipts should be accepted and if there should be a financial limit on the amount of the reimbursement.

Susan Gahlsdorf, finance director for the city, noted staff compiled a summary sheet categorizing each expense in the packet submitted by Holland.

"I would ask council to identify expenditures eligible for reimbursement," Gahlsdorf said.

In response to a question from councilor Dennis Koho if there were at least \$2,000 – the amount councilors approved last July to reimburse KRA for – in expenses, Gahlsdorf qualified her answer.

"It depends on what you consider allowable expenses," she said. "We usually don't reimburse meals for volunteers. The meals (receipts) was puzzling to staff."

Councilor Brandon Smith asked what the figure would be if the meals and pre-2014 expenses were taken out of the picture. Gahlsdorf said expenses were a little more than \$20,000.

"If you repay the business and volunteer expenses, you will get to the \$2,000," she said. "It depends on which category you find acceptable."

City attorney Shannon Johnson gave a brief explanation of how the Summer Concert Series at the amphitheater has worked.

public hearings

The Keizer City Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 20 to consider a new liquor license application for Chipotle Mexican Grill in Keizer Station, located at 6198 Ulali Drive NE. The hearing takes place in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO
Council to annex park land
Keizer city councilors identified land the city wants to purchase and annex into the city. This will put Keizer Rapids Park within city limits.

10 YEARS AGO
Man pleads guilty to murder
With the victim's family and friends looking on, a Keizer man pleaded guilty to the October murder of a 38-year-old mother of two this week.

15 YEARS AGO
Biker gets \$16,500 after police contact
The city of Keizer paid \$16,500 to settle a lawsuit by a member of the Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club who was asked to take off a jacket bearing the club sign when he was at a city meeting last summer.

20 YEARS AGO
Chase ends in river tragedy for local teen
The death of 19-year-old John Paul Pope, McNary High School graduate, is still an open case.

"Clint has done a great job putting the concert series on," Johnson said. "Some staff time is involved and we waive the cost for the use of the amphitheater. He funds it through donations or concession stand revenue. Clint had asked for a grant since costs exceeded revenues. There is reimbursement, but he needed to show paperwork. Susan broke those costs out and let you figure what are the appropriate expenses."

Gahlsdorf said paying for all of the submitted expenses would be unique for Keizer.

"I view this as precedent of a situation," she said. "There's nothing illegal about paying these things. But when you have things like \$25 for NSF (non-sufficient fund) checks or corporation fees, this is precedent setting. This is not something we've done in the past."

Mayor Cathy Clark agreed the level of detail was new and wanted to make sure nothing illegal was being done if all expenses were reimbursed.

"Nothing here is orange jumpsuit level," city manager Chris Eppley responded. "This is purely council policy, what you want to agree to cover and if you'd be willing to cover similar things in the future."

Day felt the amount of detail wasn't needed.

"A lot of staff time has been wasted," he said. "I don't feel we need to set a precedent. We can do it entirely differently. Mr. Holland is a First Citizen for a reason. Mr. Holland does this as a labor of love. It's a minor loss each year. This year it was a loss of \$2,200. I think the way to approach this is what we really need is

an ongoing commitment from the city each year for \$2,000. We aren't spring chickens. Clint's getting tired of this."

Day said losing a little each year wasn't the end of the world, but a policy needs to be set for the future.

"As a private entity, we will pass it along at some point to someone else," Day said. "We will do what we can to find another person like Mr. Holland. He can't keep up at this pace. Instead of what items are allowed or not, instead of getting in sticky weeds, say the city will make a commitment to the operation. Give \$2,000 each year to whoever is running it. My hope by next year is to find someone to replace Clint. It's up to you if you want to continue the contract."

Holland said volunteers do much of the work around the amphitheater and he takes care of them.

"Most of it is not from when concerts are going on," Holland said. "We wash the stage, we clean the bathrooms. I've always been a believer that when you have people out to help you, if they go home for lunch, they don't come back. So I furnish the lunch. It's the way I've done things for years and it works really well. We've been there every weekend working on the area. We've had people there every weekend for the last three months."

Koho said Holland provided the requested evidence of what the costs were.

"Anyone who knows these two men (Day and Holland) or if you know the park, you know what they've done," Koho said. "To cut their loss of

\$2,000 is not unreasonable."

Koho thus made a motion to grant KRA up to \$2,000 as a result of the losses incurred in 2014.

Smith emphasized he understood the frustration for Day and Holland.

"I have all the respect in the world for what you two do," Smith said. "Mr. Day, if you were sitting on this side of the table, you would have to look at the expenses. We have the responsibility to look at the details. A DQ receipt from 2010 doesn't fly with me. I don't have a problem with \$2,000. In budget time, you're looking for every \$100. The \$2,000 is important. But I'm going to vote for this."

Councilor Amy Ripp noted the desire to see continued success for KRA.

"I want to make sure the bigger picture is looked at, which is what is brought to Keizer through this," Ripp said. "Thank you for not putting in a dollar amount per hour for what you do Clint, because we couldn't afford you."

Clark felt the conversation was important to have and "can put the questions to rest" while noting the work for staff and KRA.

"It's really helped answer some questions about how we're doing it and it adds some transparency," Clark said. "Thank you for this difficult exercise. The amphitheater started the process of getting people to the park. It's part of the cultural fabric now in the community. People plan their summers around the concerts. The seeds just had to be planted."

The mayor noted she didn't mind if a precedent was being set.

"We're giving back to the community," she said. "If we're starting a precedent and wonder where it should go towards, it's that volunteerism. I feel comfortable with that sort of precedent. It's towards a public asset and a community asset."

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Today in History
The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) is founded in New York City by philanthropist and diplomat Henry Bergh. — April 10, 1866

Food 4 Thought
"To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs." — Aldous Huxley

The Month Ahead
Saturday, April 11
Recital at St. Edward Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m. Soprano Sarah Zielinski, who recently received her master's in vocal performance from the University of North Carolina and pianist Debra Huddleston. Free admission.

Cherry City Comic Con, Oregon State Fair and Expo. Salem's first nerd fest. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, April 12. cherrycitycomiccon.com.

Jane Austen Faire at Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill St. S.E. 10 a.m.- 4p.m. Vintage and craft show. Free admission.

Upeycle Oregon, a festival highlighting reuse, reduction and upcycling through an art show, fashion show, hands-on activities. Artist reception 4 p.m. Oregon State Capitol building. Free admission. upeycleoregon.org.

Sons of Norway holds its monthly potluck at Salem Masonic Temple, 1625 Brush College Rd. N.W. at 6:30 p.m. Members and visitors are encouraged to bring items relating to Scandinavian heritage and history. 503-910-3302. sonthor42salem.or.org.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society meets at 10:30 a.m. at the Life Source Community Room, Candalaria Terrace (2661 Commercial St SE, Salem). Jerry McGee will speak about Oregon Trail pioneers coming to Keizer. For more information, call (503) 363-0880.

Monday, April 13
Keizer City Council work session, 5:45 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, April 14
Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Willamette Valley Women's Military League luncheon, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Delaney Madison Grill, 5745 Inland Shores Way N. 503-585-5910.

Free admission Tuesday at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Supports and Services Fair for people with intellectual and development disabilities, 3-7 p.m., Keizer Civic Center. Presented by Marion County Developmental Disability Services. Meet providers and vendors of disability services including housing employment, case management and adaptive equipment. Free. 503-361-2671. www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/DD/.

Thursday, April 16
Volunteer Coordinating Committee meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m. at Gubser Elementary School.

Book release reception at 6:30 p.m. for *Images of America: Keizer*, Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. NE. Author/editor Tammy Wild will sign copies.

Thursday, April 16 – Saturday, May 2
The Country Wife paints a frank picture of rakish hero who goes to any length to engage in scandalous liaisons with the wives of courtly colleagues. Willamette University, 900 State Street, go to willamette.edu/cla/theater for tickets information. For more information email tht-tix@willamette.edu or (503)370-6221.

Friday, April 17
The Ethos Percussion Group performs as part of the Grace Goudy Distinguished Artists Series, 8 p.m., Hudson Hall at Willamette University. Tickets range from \$5 to \$23. 503-370-6255.

Friday, April 17
All *My Sons*, by Arthur Miller, opens at Pentacle Theatre tonight. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Runs through May 9. Visit pentacletheatre.org for ticket information.

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More than just AWARE

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Kirstin Heydel reacts as she finds out, from Jasmine Cruz-Hernandez, the Center for Hope and Safety would be receiving a \$1,000 donation from Bob Rhoades and Woodburn's Legacy Financial at the McNary AWARE Club's In Plain Sight event Tuesday, April 7. For more on the evening, be sure to check out next week's Keizertimes.

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70% - Yes
30% - No

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Fri 4/10 64/45 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Sat 4/11 56/37 Showers possible. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sun 4/12 59/38 Showers possible. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Mon 4/13 57/38 Chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Tue 4/14 56/36 Chance of afternoon showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

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The Imitation Game (PG-13)
Sat 12:45, Sun 2:40, 7:40

Black or White (PG-13)
Fri 4:05, Sat 5:45, Sun 12:15

Into the Woods (PG)
Fri 6:25, Sat 12:15, 2:40, Sun 12:30, 5:30

Unbroken (PG-13)
Sat 3:00, Sun 5:00

Focus (R)
Fri 6:00, 9:00, Sat 6:50, 9:25, Sun 6:20, 8:25

Chappie (R)
Fri 6:45, Sat 7:10, 8:55, Sun 7:55

Unfinished Business (R)
Fri 8:50

Paddington (PG) Fri 4:00, Sat 12:00, 5:05, Sun 12:00, 1:55

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