Council amends marijuana permit process

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

A relatively simple question split the Keizer City Council on Monday.

The first question didn't cause the issue: should a permit for a medical marijuana facility in Keizer expire each June 30 – regardless of when it was issued – as the ordinance approved last year reads, or should the permit be good for a year from the time it was issued? Councilors voted unanimously to change and have permits be good for a year.

The second question, however, was divisive: should the city grant a refund for someone who got less than a year's worth out of a current permit issued under the original timeline?

By a 4-3 vote, councilors went with issuing the refund. Mayor Cathy Clark joined councilors Amy Ripp, Roland Herrera and Dennis Koho in voting for the refund. Councilors Kim Freeman, Brandon Smith and Marlene Parsons voted against.

Ben Robison, owner of Alpha Alternative Solutions

• 485 Snead Dr. N., Joey and

Melanie Lucas, \$285,000

Anjanette Duke, \$260,000

• 7780 O'Neil Rd. NE, HSF

• 2099 Allendale Way NE,

Jeffery A and Alyssa M Maskal,

APPLIANCE

Lee Jr. \$317,000

Dev LLC, \$575,000

D Hunt, \$139,000

\$179,500

wrote to city attorney Shannon Johnson about the issue last month. In the letter dated May 19, Robison noted his state medical marijuana dispensary license is good for one year from the date of issue. With the city's \$2,000 annual permit expiring on June

30, Robison calculated that meant a loss of 169 days of validity since permit was issued last Dec. 16. Since

\$2,000

the

the

at 3700 River Road North, was known in December the permit would expire on June 30. Freeman picked up on that line of thinking.

> "It states fees expire June 30 in the ordinance," Freeman said. "Would he have not seen that date on the form?'

Johnson noted the date was indeed on the form. "(Robison)

knew in ad-

vance, he just

"Robison was ready to go and we weren't"

Keizer City Attorney

fee equates to \$5.48 per day, Robison requested both for a change in policy to the permit lasting for a year and a prorated rebate of \$926.10 for the value he lost.

Robison said he wanted to open his dispensary in February 2014 but blamed the delay on the city. City leaders spent several months last year figuring out what to do with marijuana dispensary rules and regulations.

Smith wasn't sympathetic to Robison's cause, noting it

didn't think it was fair," Johnson said, adding later that - Shannon Johnson, Robison "was ready but we

> weren't" to go into business earlier in 2014. Johnson also acknowledged most permits issued by the city are good for one year from the issued date.

Smith noted a past Systems Development Charges (SDC) issue at Hawks Pointe, when he was previously on council. "My position at the time,

and now as well, is you play by the rules in place at the time," Smith said.

Mayor Clark admitted the city was "charting new terri-

property transactions

\$2,227,342

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• 4280 Northside Dr. NE, Ryan and Jordan Bence, \$229,000 • 6135 Lauderback St. NE, McKnight-Allan Family Trust, \$174,500 • 7005 Pierce Dr. N., Federal Hm Ln Mtg Corp, \$0 • 4826 Ventura Lp. N., Robert I and Lesa, Dennis, \$204,4000

tory" with the current process.

one has a reason why we

shouldn't switch to the permit

running for one year," Smith

said. "Is there a reason not to

onded by Smith, to make the

to refund the \$926.10, with a

"I will be consistent with past votes," Smith said. "It's

subject to the rules in the

books at the time. That's

where I'll be voting this time."

Freeman again sided with

"It is on the application,"

Ripp had an opposing view.

those

she said. "When he signed

up he was aware. I would not

understand

thoughts," Ripp said. "But he's

now paid for the next year.

He's now overpaid, in my eyes.

In fairness to the business, it's

Smith expressing further dis-

satisfaction with the action

Thus the 4-3 vote, with

support that refund."

fair to give it back."

later in the meeting.

Koho made a motion, sec-

Then came Koho's motion

do that?"

change.

Smith.

second by Ripp.

"I would question if any-

• 830 Ventura St. N., US Bank Na Series 2006-nc2 Tr, \$214,720 • 1043 Rafael Ave. N., Federal Hm Ln Mtg Corp, \$124,325 • 1290 Rafael Ave. N., David Beddingfield, \$421,500

Photos of Keizer's Ag culture sought

The Keizer Heritage Museum is seeking photographs and tools from the public for an upcoming exhibit about agriculture in the greater Keizer area.

Photographs of summer picking by kids are particularly sought-pictures of riding the bus to crop fields, picking in berry and bean fields. Photographs of any kind of farming in the area are also invited.

Along with photos the museum is seeking farming tools for the exhibit.

Photos and tools can be donated to the museum or loaned for the duration of the exhibit.

To donate or loan, contact Tammy Wild or Pat LaRock at keizerhistory@aol.com.

Game night at Grange

The Keizer Grange, 441 Chemawa Road N., is hosting a game night each Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Participation is free.

• 783 Sandpipe Lp. NE, Glen R and Martha E Hughes, \$235,000 • 624 Fall Creek Dr. N., Barry G and Torrie L Culp, \$266,000 • 1505 Rock Ledge Dr. NE, Brian and Peggy Erland, \$229,000

• 7035 9th Ct. NE, Edward L Jr. and Cathy L Bergland, \$210,000 • 6782 Birchwood Ct. N., Patrick and Julie Yakis, \$199,000 • 185 Delta Ct. N., Randal L and Tina L Moore, \$315,000 • 5070 7th Ave. NE, William P Jr. and Lindsay, \$155,000

births

• Aubrey Heather Hamilton was born on May 28, 2015 at Silverton Hospital. The baby girl was 7 pounds and 8 ounces. The parents are Daniele Spragg and Austin Hamilton of Keizer.

• Sophia Jocelyn Rios Duarte was born on June 1, 2015 at Silverton Hospital. The baby girl was 7 pounds and 8 ounces. The parents are Brenda Duarte Reves and Alejandro Rios Alejandre of Keizer.

• Porter Michael Reeves was born May 18, 2015 at Salem Hospital. The baby boy 8 pounds 4 ounces. Parents are Jeffrey and Kathleen Reeves. Maternal grandparents are Timothy and Deborah Mosher of Salem. Paternal grandparent is Michael Reeves of Salem.

Playback featuring LGBTQ stories

Salem Playback Theatre will present Over the Rainbow Saturday, June 20.

In playback theatre, audience members tell stories about themselves which troupe players reenact with just a couple of minutes of preparation.

The evening is co-sponsored by Allies for Equality and features stories celebrating the LGBTQ community.

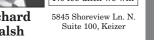
Admission is \$10 and the venue is Salem's Reed Opera House. For more information, visit www.salemplayback.org.





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Wayne Fagin (Lic. #6031) specializes in motor vehicle accident injuries. He graduated fro the Salem School of Massage in 1996.

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