



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy

Top left: The outgoing Keizer City Council poses for one last group shot Monday. L to R: Dennis Koho, Marlene Quinn, Joe Egli, Lore Christopher, Jim Taylor, Kim Freeman and Cathy Clark. Left: A nearly full house crammed into council chambers to applaud new and old councilors alike on Monday.

Above: Cathy Clark leads her first Keizer City Council meeting as the new mayor on Monday night.

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continue to sail this ship and keep it steady as she goes."

Ripp admitted after the meeting she was nervous before the proceedings began.

"This is the biggest privilege I've ever been given," Ripp said of serving. "I am beyond excited. I haven't been nervous about it until tonight. I am less nervous now."

Herrera has maintained from the start he put his 2011 incident behind him long ago.

"I'm ready to work hard," he said. "I appreciate the support of the people of Keizer.

I'm ready to get started. This has been a long time coming for me. I just wanted to take the high road."

Smith feels he's more prepared for his second term on council.

"I didn't know a darned thing the first time," Smith quipped. "This time I have the experience. I kept up to speed the last two years by being on the Parks Board and Storm Water Advisory Committee. Two years was not that much time off. It took me six months to decompress the first time I left council!"

Though he has the experience this time, Smith said he's not going to push for radical changes.

"I'm not the person who comes in with a list of things we ought to change," he said. "That's not me. I want to keep an even keel and keep a good thing going."

Monday's meeting was mostly ceremonial, as there was no public comment and no agenda items requiring approval. Councilors selected former mayor Dennis Koho to serve as the 2015-2017 council president (Marlene Quinn declined a nomination for the post).

Councilors were also appointed to various committees. Ripp was appointed to the Keizer Arts Commission, Keizer Festival and Events (along with Quinn) and Traffic

Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrians. Smith was appointed to the Audit Committee with Koho and Kim Freeman, as well as Planning Commission, SWAC (with Koho and Freeman) and Community Build Task Force (along with Quinn). Herrera was appointed as liaison to Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association and Iris Festival, as well as Keizer Points of Interest Committee.

As far as returning councilors, Koho was appointed to fire district quarterly meetings. Freeman was appointed to Personnel Policy Committee (with Quinn and Clark), West Keizer Neighborhood Association and Claggett Creek Watershed Council. Quinn

was appointed to the Parks Board and the Community Build Task Force fundraising committee (taking Christopher's place) and the Oregon Rail Study.

Clark was appointed to Economic Development and Government Affairs, Salem River Crossing Oversight Team, SKATS, MWACT, Keizer Heritage Association, SEDCOR Board of Directors and Mid Willamette Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Once those appointments were done, councilors selected their representatives to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, which oversees members of the various com-

mittees and groups in Keizer.

At the end of the meeting, councilors each appointed a person to serve on the Volunteer Coordinating Committee. Herrera appointed Mike Maghan, Quinn appointed Amy McLeod, Ripp went with Larry Jackson, Freeman chose Trish Crenshaw, Smith tabbed Lois Anderson, Clark went with Daisy Hickman and Koho chose outgoing councilor Joe Egli, which seemed to be a bit of a surprise to Egli's wife Shelly.

Due to Oregon playing for the national college football title Jan. 12, the council work session scheduled for that night was moved to Jan. 26 at 5:45 p.m.

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