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Further limits on early sales deal with the type of marijuana. The only allowed type of recreational marijuana would be a marijuana plant that is not flowering, as well as seeds, dried leaves and flowers of marijuana. Edible marijuana, processed marijuana of any type and other marijuana products are not allowed.

There was limited discussion on the topic.

"In regards to banning early sales, any direction or should we just leave that one to go with state regulations?" mayor Cathy Clark asked councilors, getting no response.

The most discussion among councilors came during discussion of taxation. Councilors had previously adopted a 0 percent

tax on medical marijuana and a 10 percent tax on recreational marijuana.

Information from the League of Oregon Cities showed a majority of cities in Oregon have adopted a 10 percent tax on recreational marijuana, while most cities have either a 0 percent or 5 percent tax on medical marijuana.

Johnson said House Bill 3400 allows cities to impose up to a 3 percent tax on recreational marijuana sold within city limits.

"If 10 percent is on the books now but the legislature only allows 3 percent, do we have to adopt 3 percent or do we not have to amend it?" councilor Brandon Smith asked.

Johnson suggested councilors may want to choose 3 percent or else face a challenge from a recreational marijuana user or facility that the city can't impose a 10 percent tax.

"My question is if you'd want 3 percent versus zero," Johnson said. "That's the basic gist."

Councilor Amy Ripp noted if Keizer drops to 3 percent while other cities stay at 10 percent or go higher, there could be unwanted consequences.

"I don't want to have it where everyone moves to Keizer for that," Ripp said.

Johnson suggested a wait-and-see approach.

"I think there will be a few places that want to push this, but very few," Johnson said.

Clark suggested keeping the 10 percent for now.

"Let's watch the other jurisdictions and see how they play out," the mayor said. "Leave it at 10 percent and wait. If other cities find 3 percent is too low, it would give us some legal background to say we already had it in place, which gives us a stronger legal foundation to stand on."

passerby, as no one was home at the time. Firefighters were on scene for more than an hour.

Rod Conway, KFD deputy fire marshal, said initial estimates of the damages were \$70,000, but "most likely it will be a total loss."

Four engines, one medic and one duty officer with 14 fire-

fighters responded. Salem Fire Engine 3 assisted with the fire, while an engine and medic unit from MCFD was at the station to cover other calls.

District officials remind residents they should always check their smoke alarms to ensure they work properly and to have an exit plan for escaping.

# MURAL,

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Commissioners and Brown spent a while coming up with the wording before finally agreeing on "Join Keizer's mural project 2016," with the city's web address ([www.keizer.org](http://www.keizer.org)) underneath it. Information will be put on the website explaining the project.

Day noted he will be making some repairs to the wall next week to get it ready for primer. The wall will also be pressure washed.

"It will sit there and encourage people to look at it," Jill Hagen said. "We won't start putting the mural on until the spring."

With the wording decided, Hagen then explained her updated conceptual drawing for the mural and put up a chart listing who will do what steps when. The mural is meant to depict the Keizer Iris Festival Parade.

The drawing incorporated images commissioners agreed since they were deemed to best represent the parade: pet parade, color guard, antique fire truck, the McNary High



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy  
A look at Jill Hagen's conceptual drawing of the mural, to be put up at Town & Country Lanes next summer.

School band, rodeo queens, classic cars, the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes float with mascot Crater, Spanish prancing horses and a flower box float. Police, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members and clowns will be interspersed throughout the mural.

There will also be various store fronts depicted and murals of all six Keizer mayors to date.

"This is great," Christopher said of Hagen's sketch.

Hagen emphasized the need for participation.

"I have a number of artists in the community already willing to do it," she said. "This is a community project. I want the community to be involved. I will be calling nine

or 10 people to help out."

Hagen gave a rough updated timeline for the project.

"This will be completed next July," Hagen said. "Hopefully we can start a call to artists in February, then do some of the base painting in March."

Christopher said another big recent community project has convinced her this can be done with community members.

"After the experience with the Big Toy, I would say this could totally work," Christopher said.

Day said he loved the concept, which will be stretched over the long bowling alley wall previously estimated by Christopher to be 140 feet wide.

"This is fantastic," Day said.

# FIRES,

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Upon arriving at the house firefighters found heavy smoke and flames coming from the rear of the home and backyard.

The fire was called in by a

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