

Multiple reports at council meeting

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The last Keizer City Council meeting was report time.

No fewer than three groups – West Keizer Neighborhood Association, Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association and Keizer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – all gave reports at the Feb. 16 council meeting.

New WKNA president Gary Blake and vice president Rhonda Rich shared duties with their report. Rich had been president for 10 years, but declined an opportunity to continue in that role in January. The neighborhood association serves 3,200 households in West Keizer.

“The service you provide is immense,” councilor Roland Herrera said. “If anyone wants to start one, you are definitely the model!”

Mayor Cathy Clark noted she had talked with a person interested in restarting a neighborhood association in southeast Keizer.

Mark Caillier, president of the GGNA, handled his report by himself. Most of his report focused on the GGNA’s annual Miracle of Christmas holiday fundraiser.

“One record was set: they handed out 37,000 candy canes,” Caillier said. “We don’t know exactly how many people go through each year, but that’s a good way to measure. It took people up to three hours to get through on busy nights like Christmas Eve and the weekends. We had lines almost out to Keizer Station.”

Among other things, the reigning Keizer First Citizen is in charge of the annual cleanup

at Keizer Community Center. This year’s fifth annual cleanup takes place Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

“We need about 100 volunteers,” Caillier said. “There is a lot of trimming to do this year.”

Jerry Wade and Paul Pfinister gave the CERT report.

“We’re having greater cooperation with Marion County Emergency Management and eight other CERT groups in the county, training with those folks,” Wade said.

Pfinister said giving up time is fine for CERT members.

“We’re happy to give it back to Keizer because this is our home,” he said.

Spring CERT classes start March 10 and run three hours a night for seven straight Thursday nights at the Keizer Fire District training room.

In other business Feb. 16:

- On the surface, it appeared the city was getting a new city engineer. After all, AKS Engineering and Forestry was selected. Previously, Bill Peterson with Peterson Engineering had held the role since 1985.

As it turns out, there was no change. AKS Engineering bought Peterson Engineering in late 2014.

“Bill Peterson is staying on as the city engineer,” Public Works director Bill Lawyer said. “Bill is now an employee of AKS Engineering and Forestry but is designated by them as the primary staff person for all city engineering needs.”

- A list of annual liquor license renewals was approved unanimously by councilors without comment. The list was forwarded to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Day care standards amended

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It was a big chunk of the council packet.

But it amounted to a minor text amendment that was approved with hardly any discussion at the Feb. 16 Keizer City Council meeting.

Councilors unanimously approved text amendments related to revised day care standards 5-0, with Kim Freeman and Dennis Koho absent.

“Though it looks like a lot, this is really a minor adjustment in our development code,” said Nate Brown, director of

Community Development for Keizer. “State requirements have changed what they’ll allow for home-based day care. This happened at the state law level some time ago. We are bringing it up because we’re aware there were several day care providers with up to 16 children, though city code limits it to 12.”

According to the staff report, there were 11 sections of the city code impacted. The changes increase the maximum number of children at a day care facility from 12 to 16.

“This is the result of changes in state requirements govern-

ing day care facilities which allowed for an increase in the number of children in day care facilities,” the staff report read in part. “The intent is to make the city’s standards consistent with state regulations. Each of the four sections also increase the threshold for a conditional use permit. No additional revisions of standards are proposed as there are adequate existing state requirements that regulate this type of use.”

Brown said impacts would be limited.

“There are no issues with misuse or indications going

from 12 to 16 would create any undue impacts,” Brown said. “This was taken to the Planning Commission to change the terminology and to change the number from 12 to 16 to make it consistent with state law. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to support the proposed text amendments.”

The only discussion was a question from councilor Amy Ryan about a couple of references to 17 or more being allowed. Brown said a commercial day care could have more than 16 children with a conditional use permit.

police scanner

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

- 12:04 a.m. – Sudden death on 5300 block River Road N.
- 8:24 a.m. – Arrest for stolen vehicle and hindering prosecution on 400 block Pine Street NE.
- 2:59 p.m. – Criminal mischief and vandalism on 400 block Chemawa Road N.
- 3:12 p.m. – Shoplifting on 6300 block Ulali Drive NE.
- 5:49 p.m. – Failure to perform duties of driver when property is damaged on 5000 block Elizabeth Street N.
- 7:04 p.m. – Traffic accident on 700 block Lockhaven Drive NE.
- 6 p.m. – Graffiti on 100 block Chemawa Road N.
- 7:04 p.m. – Criminal trespass on 5200 block Patrick Lane NE.
- 7:56 p.m. – Traffic accident on Chemawa Road NE and Stadium Drive NE.
- 8:03 p.m. – Telephone harassment on 1300 block Bent Grass Court NE.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

- 12:08 p.m. – Arrest for failure to appear on Chemawa Road NE and McLeod Lane NE.

- 7:49 p.m. – Arrest for contempt of court on 700 block Dietz Ave. NE.
- 7:54 p.m. – Criminal trespass on 5200 block Patrick Lane NE.
- 8 p.m. – Criminal mischief and crime damage on 200 block Sandy Drive N.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

- 2:50 a.m. – Physical harassment on 1100 block Alder Drive NE.
- 7:30 a.m. – Theft from a building 900 block Sagrada Circle N.
- 8 a.m. – Telephone harassment on 700 block Manbrin Drive NE.
- 9:17 a.m. – Criminal mischief and vandalism on 5200 block Ridge Drive NE.
- 12 p.m. – Arrest for telephone harassment, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and criminal trespass on 5200 block Patrick Lane NE.
- 12 p.m. – Criminal mischief and vandalism on 5200 block Patrick Lane NE.
- 3:05 p.m. – Traffic accident with injury on 5900 block Windsor Island Road N.
- 6:08 p.m. – Telephone harassment 600 block Cater Drive NE.

- 10:43 p.m. – Arrest for bench warrant on River Road N and Weeks Drive N.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

- 12:10 a.m. – Unlawful possession of methamphetamine on 3800 block River Road N.
- 2:16 a.m. – Arrest for DUII, unlawful possession of methamphetamine and property confiscated on River Road N and Cummings Lane N.
- 1 p.m. – Unlawful possession of methamphetamine on 5000 block Wittenberg Lane NE.
- 4:01 p.m. – Traffic accident with injury on Chemawa Road NE and Keizer Station Blvd. NE.
- 6 p.m. – Theft of motor vehicle parts on 600 Manbrin Drive NE.
- 8:52 p.m. – Traffic accident with injury on River Road N and Glynbrook Street N.
- 9:31 p.m. – Assault on 1300 block Stonefield Place N.
- 10 p.m. – Unlawful entry vehicle and intent to commit theft on 5000 block Briarwood Circle N.

SUNDAY, FEB. 21

- 3:06 a.m. – Arrest for DUII on

Dearborn Ave. NE and Bailey Road NE.

- 6:15 p.m. – Forgery-counterfeit currency on 6000 block Keizer Station Blvd. NE.
- 10:15 p.m. – Arrest for physical harassment on 900 block Delta Drive NE.

MONDAY, FEB. 22

- 9 a.m. – Identity theft on 900 block Leeward Court N.
- 9:45 a.m. – Accident on 7400 block Meadowglen Street NE.
- 10:33 a.m. – Shoplifting on 6200 block Ulali Drive NE.
- 11:41 a.m. – Shoplifting on 6400 block Keizer Station Blvd. NE.
- 5 p.m. – Arrest for physical harassment on 1900 block Chemawa Road NE.
- 5:30 p.m. – Graffiti on 2100 block Keizer Road NE.
- 7:21 p.m. – Arrest for disorderly conduct on 5000 Briarwood Circle N.
- 10:05 p.m. – Arrest for DUII and reckless driving on 3800 block River Road N.
- 10:59 p.m. – Accident on 5400 block Verda Lane NE.

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