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house, a developer for some properties at Keizer Station, and Jonathan Thompson, a local business owner and chair of the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee spoke out again.

Thompson said at least one member of the chamber had spoken with each member of the city council in the intervening weeks about the public amenity issue.

“What we are asking is for folks to take a step back and

gather people around the table. Many of the issues are things we are concerned about as well, and if we get everyone around the table we can solve a lot of these issues,” Thompson said.

Thompson added that for small projects the 1 percent assessment might be only \$100, but that “it’s not that it’s \$100, it’s that it’s another \$100.” He was alluding to the various types of fees charged by government agencies throughout the state depending on the type of business, but did not delineate as to whether those fees were assessed at the city level or higher up the chain.

Roodhouse, who is helping

Kaiser Permanente develop a new dental office in Keizer Station, argued that Keizer Station should be exempted from the assessment if it went forward.

“We agreed to and helped design a number of public amenities. Keizer Station has paid its dues,” Roodhouse said.

After approving the ordinance without the public amenity assessment in a 6-1 vote, Councilor Amy Ryan defended her “no” vote.

“We are not being not business friendly, we are being anti-business. Government is kicking businesses’ butts on all levels. I feel like this is another fee. We have to help them, attract them and support them when they come,” Ryan said.

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The traffic stop occurred in the 300 block of Sunset Avenue North while additional officers served a search warrant on Smith’s residence at 3950 5th Avenue N.

During the search of the residence, investigators recovered four long guns, two of which were reported stolen to the Corvallis Police Department, body armor, packaging materials, scales, cash, 80 counterfeit \$100 bills, 6.9 grams of cocaine, three grams of methamphetamine, and approximately one gram of heroin. Smith is prohibited by

law from possessing body armor because he is a felon who has been previously convicted for a crime involving violence.

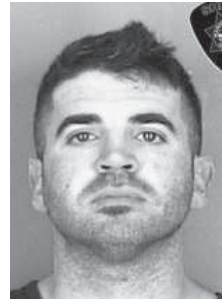
Officers also impounded Smith’s 2002 BMW 525i at the scene of the traffic stop after spotting a small plastic bundle, packaging materials cash, a used syringe, and a .45 caliber bullet in plain view. After obtaining a search warrant on the BMW, officers found \$5,400 in cash, 123 grams of heroin, 76.1 grams of methamphetamine, packaging materials and a loaded .45 caliber handgun.

Smith was previously

arrested on Sept. 28, 2016, when a search warrant was served on the same 5th Avenue address. He faced six counts of drug-related charges at the time, but pleaded guilty to only two – delivery of heroin and possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to five years active probation in November 2016.

Smith was charged with delivery of heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine, being a felon in possession of a firearm and body armor, and theft in the first degree.

Smith’s next court date has not yet been set.



C. Smith

City’s holiday card contest entries due by Nov. 17

The City of Keizer is now accepting submissions for its annual holiday card.

One piece of artwork will be selected by the Keizer Public Arts Commission to be reproduced as the City of Keizer’s 2017 Holiday Greeting Card. The artist who submits the winning piece will receive a \$100 gift card to Michaels Arts & Crafts.

Entries must be submitted to Debbie Lockhart at the Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Rd. NE., no later than 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17. Entry forms are available for download at www.keizer.org or may be picked up at the Keizer Civic Center office.

The winning entry will be selected by the Keizer Public Arts Commission based on established guidelines for public art in Keizer and relevance to the holiday theme. The artist with the winning entry will be notified by email or phone by Nov. 22.

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service prior to a past due account being assigned for collection. “This is a notice sent on our own letterhead giving the consumer a final 30 days to remedy their debt and deal directly with our client,” Robertson explains.

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