

LESSONS: 'Even though it was different, we were serving'

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early, and might have closed it a day or two sooner, but he didn't want to add to the growing sense of panic at the time.

"Any time a local government closes its doors, it's a big deal and we wanted to be cautious about creating a sense of panic," Eppley said.

Another discovery the city made along the way is that it "can't rely on the resources of the private sector to be where they need to be, especially in terms of [internet] connectivity."

When city leaders made a switch to meeting via teleconferencing, there were many stumbles along the way in terms of the quality of connections and the ability of all councilors to participate via video.

City Finance Director Tim Wood said those issues were somewhat smoothed out when outside contractors were brought in to assist, but those services came with an additional, unplanned cost.

Overall, Eppley said he was impressed with how quickly and creatively city staff were able to pivot after all operations had to be reorganized under guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

LEGAL

One of the first things that had to happen for the city council to meet via teleconferencing was changing council rules to allow it. That fell under the purview of City Attorney Shannon Johnson who is continuing to look at how older rules might impact future emergencies.

In addition to that, Johnson is trying to keep an eye on how residents are using city facilities to make certain proper procedures are followed as the state crawls toward reopening.

Councilor Marlene Parsons said she was concerned when she was invited to visit a tournament at Keizer Little League Park during the weekend.

"There were some instances where adults were refusing to wear masks. I'm not sure how you can maintain it in a facility of that size, but I would never have attended it," Parsons said.

Johnson replied that they are monitoring the situation given the city maintains some liability for what happens at the park.

FINANCE

The city has already received a reimbursement of \$18,000 from emergency federal

money for expenses related to the pandemic including plastic shields for customer service stations, hand sanitizer stations, masks and other personal safety precautions.

Given the build up city employees remove from the plastic shields, "the city was probably 10 years behind needing those," Wood said.

He expects to apply for another round of pandemic-related reimbursements in the near future.

The pandemic changed other aspects of the city's financial transactions as well. As a result of a mass movement to online bill payment, the city will have to adjust its allocations for service fees related to those transactions.

However, one effect of the change was to dramatically reduce the amount of cash the city deals with.

"We received about \$35,000 in cash per month as recently as December 2019 and it dropped to \$3,000 during the pandemic. We don't expect that to come back," Wood said.

PLANNING

Shane Witham, interim community development director, took over in the middle of the pandemic, but said the switch to online permitting services actually made some interactions easier.

"It was a challenge for some people doing home

projects, but our contractors are pretty used to doing things online so that wasn't a huge shift for them," Witham said. "The community was very understanding of doing business online and through email. I felt that was good for our reputation at the city. Even though it was different, we were serving people."

HUMAN RESOURCES

Director of Human Resources Machell DePina said the pandemic has been a lesson in the importance of thoughtful communication.

"Every single person's position on the subject is a little bit different. We have those who believe it is no big deal and those scared to come to work and there is an opportunity for tensions to flare up," she said.

DePina said she checked in with most employees two or three times a week to make certain they had what was needed for them to feel safe and acted on concerns within hours whenever possible. She was also leading contact tracing efforts when potential COVID-19 exposures happened.

"That required multiple people in a room to think through all the possibilities," she said.

DePina also learned not to be overconfident when placing an order for a product online and expecting it to show up,

even when a shipping notice arrives in email. She is still fighting a Texas company for a refund over its failure to deliver soap/sanitizer dispensers.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bill Lawyer, director of Keizer Public Works, said his frontline staff were some of the hardest hit in terms of work disruption. To keep a pandemic from wiping out the entire public works department, the team split into two cohorts working four 12-hour days with four days off in between.

"Communication between staff was much more difficult. It relied on leaving notes rather than telling stories," he said.

While they managed to avoid infection so far, Lawyer said it was a relief to the entire staff to revert to a semblance of normal shifts.

"To do it on a longer term basis we would have to have more people," Lawyer said. "At most, we might be able to make it work six months."

The only major disruption to work plans was canceling an annual flushing of the water systems. Lawyer said it might lead to more complaints about dirty water, but he's in wait-and-see mode for the time being.

POLICE

Keizer Police Chief John Teague said the largest pandemic-related hurdle in

the department was getting some of the members of the department to take it seriously.

"These are officers who have worked with HIV and tuberculosis dangers for years," said Teague, implying the potential for another new virus to simply be taken as a run-of-the-mill concern.

Still, the department stepped back on some training efforts and reduced most vehicles to one officer at a time.

"When there were more, they masked up," Teague said. "The other mandate we had was they had to wear masks in public places and when they were invited into people's homes."

CIVIC CENTER

City Recorder Tracy Davis, who also serves as the manager of the community center, said events have been canceled since mid-March and reopening the center to public uses will likely mean additional fees for users.

"The guidance we have is very detailed and every event would require three additional staff to be on site," Davis said.

In addition to the traditional needs that come with using rooms in the civic center, one staff member would have to monitor the room being used and another would have to be stationed at the restrooms.

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION Probate Department

Case No. 20PB02961

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of DANIEL DELGADO,

Decedent.

Notice is hereby given that Adriene O. Delgado has been appointed personal representative. All persons

having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers attached, to the personal representative or his attorney, PHILIP T. KELLEY, at law offices of KELLEY-KELLEY, 110 North Second Street, Silverton, OR 97381, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative.

Dated and first published on July 17, 2020.

Adriene O. Delgado
Personal Representative

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION Probate Department

No. 20PB04578

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of

ROBERT WILLIAM WHITE, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of said estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Garrett Hemann Robertson P.C., 1011 Commercial Street N.E., Salem, Oregon 97301, or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of this court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative.

DATED and first published this 17th day of July, 2020.

Ryan W. White
Personal Representative

7/17, 7/24, 7/31

J. Kevin Shuba
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Garrett Hemann Robertson P.C.
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Salem, OR 97301

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY

Case No.: 20PB04247

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of: MICHELLE T. OHMAE,

Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kai D. Ohmae has been appointed Administrator. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Administrator at the offices of BROPHY SCHMOR LLP, 201 West Main St., Fifth Floor, PO Box 128, Medford, Oregon 97501, attorneys for the Administrator, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, Administrator, or the attorneys for the Administrator, BROPHY SCHMOR LLP. Dated and first published July 17, 2020.

Kai D. Ohmae
Administrator

7/17, 7/24, 7/31

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MARION COUNTY Probate Department

Case No. 20PB04651

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of:

DOUGLAS SCOTT PEETZ, Deceased.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that David Howard Peetz has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative c/o Robert Cole Tozer, Attorney at Law, 975 Oak St., Suite 615, Eugene, OR 97401, (541) 345-0795, within four months of the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney, Robert Cole Tozer.

DATED and first published July 17, 2020.

Personal Representative
/s/ David Howard Peetz

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DENISE MARIE VASFARET has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF CHARLES WILFRED ARNOLD, JR., Deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Marion County under Case No. 20PB04590.

All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the said Personal Representative at Stayton Law, PO Box 248, Stayton, OR 97383, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative.

Dated and first published July 17, 2020.

Personal Representative:
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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION PROBATE DEPARTMENT

Case No. 20PB02940

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MARGARET MARY WEAVER COLLATT, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOANN WALL has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGARET MARY WEAVER COLLATT. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative at:

Joann Wall
c/o Kueny Law LLC
3040 Commercial St. SE,
Suite 135
Salem, Oregon 97302

within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyer for the Personal Representative, Rebecca S. Kueny, 3040 Commercial Street SE, Suite 135, Salem, OR 97302.

Dated and first published on July 17, 2020.

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION

No. 20PB03911 - Probate In the Matter of the Estate of Nadine V. Patterson, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that by Order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Marion County, Probate No. 20PB03911, Kathleen M. Allison has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF NADINE V. PATTERSON, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to present such claims, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Sarah K. Rinehart, Attorney at Law, 117 Commercial Street NE, Suite 300, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court.

Dated and first published July 10, 2020.

Kathleen M. Allison
Personal Representative

Sarah K. Rinehart,
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OSB# 821142
117 Commercial Street NE,
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Salem, Oregon 97301
Attorney for Personal Representative

7/10, 7/17, 7/24

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