

# Finance dir. appointed city manager

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Tim Wood, Keizer's finance director, will serve as Keizer's city manager for the next 60 to 90 days while the city council searches for an interim city manager.

The announcement was made at a Keizer City Council meeting Monday, April 5. Wood has been the city's finance director for nearly five years.

"It was an easy decision to temporarily take on some additional responsibilities. That is because of the commitment of our staff, the city council and residents," Wood said. "We're determined to keep Keizer moving forward and doing the things that we do best."

Former city manager Chris Eppley resigned April 5 after discharging a gun in his office in early March. The city council allowed Eppley to continue working in the wake of the incident while an internal

investigation was conducted, but offered his resignation on Thursday, April 1. The council accepted the resignation at a special meeting later that day.

While Wood is serving as pro temp city manager, the council will begin a search for an interim city manager. Once hired, the interim city manager will serve until the council hires a permanent replacement.

The council unanimously passed a resolution establishing Wood as city manager. Wood received verbal encouragement from councilors Roland Herrera and Laura Reid as he stepped into the new role.

"I am confident that Tim will do what

is necessary and he is a good fit for that job," Reid said.

Mayor Cathy Clark said she would be contacting the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments to see what that organization could offer as far as guidance given that it also has recently selected a new director.

"We want a professional and someone with experience who already knows the job," Clark said.

She also offered encouragement for the city's administrative team.

"You are an amazing team for the quality work that you continue to bring to everybody in Keizer," she said.



T. Wood

# Council delays adoption of new goals, work plan

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Members of the Keizer City Council delayed adoption of its bi-yearly short and long-term goals at a meeting Monday, April 5.

Between adding an additional short-term goal of recruiting and hiring a new city manager, there was some consternation as to whether the council should only adopt the new goals or the goals and a work plan explaining how the council plans to move forward and achieve the goals.

"While I understand the value of the work plan, I am hesitant to adopt something that legally binds us to a course of action," said Councilor Ross Day. "Things may change."

Councilor Laura Reid offered a counterpoint.

"I think the work plan needs to be more

formalized because it is no less of a commitment. As with any goals, you don't commit to achieving the goals, but you commit to working on the goals and that needs to be part of what we are doing here," Reid said.

The council agreed to revisit the matter at its April 19 meeting and decide whether both the goals and the work plan would be adopted.

Short term goals on the docket for the council include:

- Recruitment and hiring of a new city manager.
  - Parks master plan update.
  - Community outreach.
  - A water rate structure study.
  - UGB studies and next steps.
- 1) Housing needs and disparity to home ownership.
  - 2) Employment.

- 3) Transportation
  - 4) Considerations in decision making.
- Emergency preparedness update.
  - City ordinance codification.
  - Community diversity engagement.
  - Council rules and procedures update.
  - Volunteer committee training.

Short-term goals are those the council hopes to complete within two years. Long-term goals are those expected to take more than 24 months.

Long-term goals to be adopted by the council include:

- Implementing a sidewalk gap repair program.
- An update of the Water Master Plan.
- Updating the Transportation System Plan.
- Continued UGB studies.
- Investigating funding for the River Cherry Overlay District.

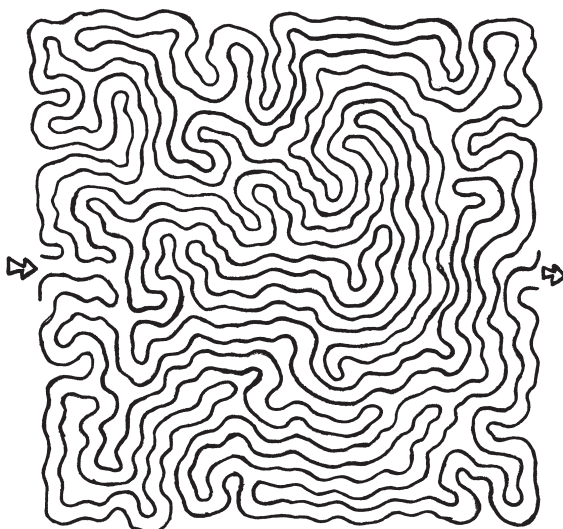
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## VOLUNTEER of the Week

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### LARRY JACKSON

#### Where and how do you volunteer?

"My volunteering has changed over the years. It's gone from being a volunteer firefighter in Keizer to coaching Little League teams to serving on the Keizer Chamber board. I have served with the city's Volunteer Coordinating Committee, Men of Action in Keizer (MAK). Helped KNOW serve the community with the Christmas Giving Basket program. I've gone into state correctional facilities and recovery facilities carrying the message of recovery."

#### Why do you volunteer?

"I do it because there was always someone that had done these things for me."

#### What does volunteering do for you?

"Has given me a wealth of new friends. A sense of belonging to the community where I have lived my entire life."

#### How would you get others to volunteer in their community?

"I have always tried to get others involved in the things I was volunteering for. Showing others how you can affect another person's life with a simple and easy task of showing up and giving back."