

City could pay more than \$150K in Eppley departure

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The former Keizer city manager could receive more than \$156,000 in gross pay, before payroll deductions such as taxes, and benefits as part of a severance package after his resignation.

Chris Eppley resigned from his post after discharging his gun in his office in March. The council offered Eppley six months salary and a year's worth of insurance coverage as a severance package.

In accepting the severance, Eppley

released the city from liability for what city officials have called "a possible violation of his due process rights." A portion of Eppley's incident report stemming from the incident was published by this newspaper in late March.

According to Keizer's finance director and city manager pro tem, Tim Wood, Eppley will receive \$83,242 in salary, and insurance benefits possibly totaling \$32,343 at the current rates. Insurance coverage would end if Eppley finds new employment.

In addition to those costs, Keizer will pay out \$32,016 for Eppley's banked vacation time. A final contribution to Eppley's retirement program will total \$8,532.

The city will also pay an additional \$1,671 in payroll taxes this year to

cover Eppley's final months as the city manager.

After appointing Wood as city manager last week, the Keizer City Council announced that an interim city manager would be hired before launching a search for a new, full-time city manager.



Sunday, April 4

3:48 a.m. - Unauthorized use of motor vehicle in the 100 block of Garland Way N.

5:52 p.m. - Arrest for restraining order violation in the 5000 block of River Road N.

9:18 p.m. - Burglary in the 700 block of Plymouth Drive NE.

9:40 p.m. - Arrest for strangulation in the 5000 block of Lacey Court N.

Monday, April 5

3:53 p.m. - Arrest for shoplifting in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.

5:30 p.m. - Theft in the 4000 block of Rickman Road NE.

6:41 p.m. - Disturbance in the 3000 block of Partridge Lane NE.

Tuesday, April 6

12:14 a.m. - Sudden death in the 5000 block of Nordic Court N.

12:50 p.m. - Disturbance in the 3000 block of Partridge Lane NE.

1:46 p.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 4000 block of Shoreline Drive N.

Wednesday, April 7

12:01 a.m. - Mail theft in the 6000 block of Pierce Court N.

1:22 a.m. - Driving under the influence of intoxicants at the intersection of Dearborn Avenue NE and Verda Lane NE.

11:32 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.

3:31 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.

Thursday, April 8

11:05 a.m. - Shoplifting in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.

Friday, April 9

2:38 a.m. - Robbery in the 4000 block of River Road N.

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