

Hare hired as interim city leader

The Keizer City Council approved hiring Wes Hare, a former Albany city manager, as the interim city manager while the city searches for a permanent replacement.

Hare's contract with the city is expected to last between six and 12 months. His salary is \$14,153 per month, approximately \$81.65 per hour.

Hare's tenure with the city began Wednesday, July 7.

At an informal meeting with members of the council last month, Hare spoke about his experience as city manager in Oakridge, La Grande and Albany as well as time spent in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sri Lanka consulting on efforts to establish

local governments.

Hare replaces Keizer's former city manager who resigned in April, a month after discharging a gun in his office. Keizer Finance Director Tim Wood was serving as the city manager pro temp since April.



Hare

It the meeting last month, Mayor Cathy Clark asked how Hare would approach the job after an unexpected departure.

"What heals is consistent leadership from the council," Hare said. "What you are asking your city manager to do is hold staff accountable for good performance."

Volunteers needed for city committees

The City of Keizer is looking for volunteers to fill a handful of roles on committees and commissions.

The current openings are:

- A four-year term on the **Mid-Willamette Valley Community Development Partnership**. The partnership identifies regional community development priorities and facilitates regional, intergovernmental coordination of development initiatives. The board has detailed membership requirements with Keizer's assigned member being someone in the professional field. The board meets once a year at the Council of Governments building in downtown Salem.
- Two vacancies on the **Keizer Budget Committee**. Committee members assist in examining and analyzing proposed budgets for the City of Keizer.

Volunteers must be registered voters and Keizer residents.

• Three vacancies on the **Keizer Planning Commission**. Commissioners make recommendations to the city council on matters of future growth, development, and beautification. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. The composition of the commission must meet certain guidelines set by the state and commissioners must file a statement of economic interests with the Oregon Government Ethics Committee.

• High school students can volunteer as **youth liaisons** with a number of city committees. Anyone interested in applying for a position can pick up an application at Keizer City Hall at 930 Chemawa Road NE, access an electronic version at keizer.org or call or email Deputy City Recorder Debbie Lockhart at 503-856-3418 or lockhartd@keizer.org. Applications received by Wednesday, August 4, 2021 will be interviewed at the Thursday, August 12, 2021 Volunteer Coordinating Committee meeting.

McNary alum dies in crash

Jason Maghan, 40 and a former McNary High School student, was killed when his motorcycle collided with a turning car near Independence.

Maghan, who lived in Salem, was pronounced dead at the scene. The speed of the motorcycle is believed to have been a factor in the crash.

The incident occurred on Saturday, July 3, about 4:20 p.m. A caller reported a serious-injury crash on River Road South at the intersection of Riverside Drive South. Maghan's 2006 Kawasaki crashed into a 2015 Volkswagen Jetta driven by a 21-year-old from Jefferson.

An investigation found that the driver

of the Jetta was turning west on River Road South from Riverside as Maghan's traveled east on River Road. River Road was closed for about four hours during the investigation.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Independence Police Department, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Keizer Police Department, Marion County Medical Examiner's Office, Marion County District Attorney's Office, and the Polk County Fire District.

Body found in river

A group of kayakers found a dead body floating in the Willamette River about 2 p.m. Friday, July 2. Polk County Marine Patrol located the deceased male around river mile 72, just south of the Wheatland Ferry in Yamhill County.

The deceased was described as a 25-40 year old Caucasian male. The deceased had a cross with "RIP" tattooed on his right forearm.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office and Medical Examiner's Office are continuing to investigate the death and identify the individual.

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- Print-quality paper - newspaper, junk & office paper, and magazines
- Tin & Aluminum Cans Only - NO foil, trays, or scrap metal
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only - NO bags, tubs, clamshells, bubble Pak, or other plastics.

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