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Along with going on multiple conflagrations this summer, Keizer Fire District responded to a total of record number of 608 calls for service last month. Courtesy Getty Images

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Council pauses city manager search Additional delays possible

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The City of Keizer's search for a permanent city manager hit a snag Monday, with city councilors opting to delay the start of the search process for at least three weeks.

Councilors were set at Monday's meeting to approve a contract with The Greg Prothman Company, a recruiting firm selected to help the city find their next city manager. After close to an

hour of discussion, the council chose to push the contract approval to a Sept. 7 meeting.

"I'll be voting no and I think we all should," said Councilor Ross Day. "And I think we should just start over because this just feels like someone has lost the attention to detail."

The process of finding a recruiting firm has taken over two months, and by signing the contract Monday, the search for a permanent city manager

would have officially begun. Keizer has been without a city manager since April, when Chris Eppley resigned after discharging a gun in his office one month earlier.

In June, the city began looking for recruitment firms to help the city in the advertising, outreach, screening, interviewing and the selection of the position. The city received three eligible proposals, of which a committee comprised of the mayor, finance director and human resources director chose Prothman. The contract was set to cost

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