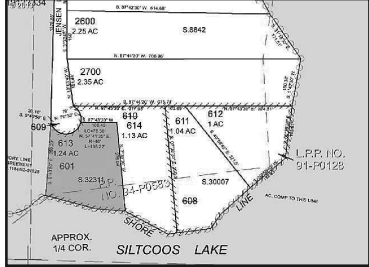


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Council from 1B

for communications during a time of emergency. The presentation by Pine was well received by the Council and the action item was passed. Next up for the new council was the consideration of the

appropriate rate of taxation for commercial distribution of recreational marijuana. While there are no businesses currently selling marijuana in Dune City, the Council decided on a three-percent tax rate after a short comment period. The most energized discussion of the evening was related

to an animal control ordinance that would require the licensing of dogs in Dune City. After the most animated debate of the night, a measure to disregard the ordinance was passed and dogs in the city are not going to be required to be licensed. The meeting also included reports and updates from City

Administrator Jamie Mills regarding ongoing tests for water quality emergency services and Public Works. The new City Council accepted Administrator Mill's reports and the meeting was adjourned. The next Dune City council meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

Hammon from 1A

Western Lane Ambulance District Operations Manager

Matt House said, "He was my mentor when I first joined the fire department." Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is investigating the accident

that occurred on the Ray Wells, Inc. construction site. "OSHA is required to investigate any on-the-job death," Barrett said. A celebration of life will be

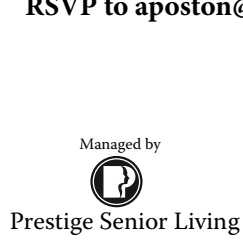
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Vision from 1A

"I would think a challenge for me moving forward is going to be getting everything compiled and where we are, what they want my role to be moving forward," Weese said. "Jo and Susy have been spearheading the effort, and they want to shift more of that to me."

He has lived in Florence since 2008 and previously in the Portland metro area.

"Even though I've been here nine years, people get to meet me in a different way," Weese said. "I'm excited about being able to get out and meet everyone and get people excited about doing different projects."

Weese is the husband of Florence City Recorder Kelli Weese. His past experience includes a degree in sociology with a minor in business from Oregon State University and being a medical technician and a full-time caretaker of his children, now 9 and 7 years old.

"As a parent, I'm good at multitasking," Weese said. "I'm good when a lot of different things are going on, a lot of different projects."

The Vision Keepers is a steering committee whose purpose is to pursue the Siuslaw Vision and its goals, and to help community members throughout the region move forward to achieve the "Vision for 2025."

"We probably have several goals for 2017," Lacer said. "The exciting thing about the vision is, it's so darn big. We've got all these fun things happening on a lot of different fronts, but one that I'm working on directly is the community calendar. One single calendar we can all go to in order to find and plan our events."

"That will happen in 2017." A brochure, now available at

Florence City Hall, Siuslaw Public Library, Lane Community College Florence Center and other locations, lists the Siuslaw Vision's six focus areas: Working People: Jobs; Happy People: Health and Human Services; Connected People: Public Services; Active People: The Outdoors; Educated People: Lifelong Learners and Creative People: Arts in Focus.

The Vision Keepers have working groups for each focal point, as well as 15 short-term action items.

"Tim will be working with the different groups that are making progress in those areas. They all funnel up to apply to the six elements," Lacer said.

Weese described it as coordinating efforts already in place, and keeping momentum going.

"My job will be to keep people motivated and keep volunteers involved. The idea is to keep everything in the forward focus and everyone excited about it," he said.

He added that it was about building a community of relationships.

"That's where I see a lot of my personal experience tying

in," he said. "My job will be to coordinate the individual efforts of the different Vision Keepers."

His experience in many of the six aspects of the Siuslaw Vision will also be beneficial.

Beaudreau said, "We're all in it together. ... I love that it has already snowballed and everybody is working on something. We're helping the snowball get a little bigger and inviting people to help people make it into an awesome thing."

The group intends to make regular presentations for community members to hear about progress and ways to get involved.

"There is a part in this grand vision for everybody," Lacer said. "We want to invite more people to find a niche where they can take part and follow their passion."

"I think we're on a good path," Beaudreau said. "With the addition of having a coordinator, we can be more productive and have more people involved in making the vision a reality."

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