

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 23rd, 2020 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday June 23rd, 2020, 5:30 P.M.
The meeting was held on Zoom, City Administrator Darin DeHaan was present in the Council Room at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ken Williams
Commissioner Melanie Cozzi
Commissioner Tim Krug
Commissioner Terry Schuster
Commissioner Kurt Wilson
City Administrator Darin DeHaan
Chief Shawn Melville
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Present via Zoom: Jeff Helfrich, Terry Plemmons, and Kim Wetzel.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the June 9th minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. No Nays.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the June 15th, 2020 minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. No Nays.

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$48,737.18 and the current warrants as listed:

Advanced Automation & Controls	\$230.00
Azavar Audit	\$86.14
Byron Bank	\$1,903.40
Byron Bank	\$356.27
Carreno Landscaping	\$5,700.00
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,400.00
Central Bank Illinois	\$2,909.12
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$48,900.00
City of Rockford	\$14.00
Colonial Flowers & Gifts	\$65.00
Comcast	\$178.35

ComEd	\$7,159.66
Constellation New Energy, Inc	\$4,653.52
Dave Kent	\$40.00
Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Ehmen's	\$2,415.20
Ehmen's	\$265.18
Engel Electric Co.	\$832.48
Euclid Managers	\$2,937.85
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$760.98
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00
Hach Company	\$1,197.54
Hawkins, Inc	\$1,241.43
Illinois State Police	\$58.25
James Morris	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Joseph Brooks	\$40.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Ken Williams	\$90.00
Kurt Wilson	\$65.00
Lexipol LLC	\$4,908.00
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Manheim Solutions, Inc	\$2,000.00
Martin and Company	\$162.44
Martin and Company	\$465.36
Martin and Company	\$14,900.00
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
	\$173,585.33

Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. No Nays

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the Mix Park Lease with Oregon Park District,
Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said that this is a renewal of the previous lease with the Oregon Park District. The City owns the property and the Oregon Park District manages the maintenance and use of the park.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. No Nays.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the Engineering Amendment No.2 to the Sanitary Sewer Lining Project Increasing the Construction Phase Service Fee from \$62,000.00 to \$72,000.00, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Commissioner Melanie Cozzi said that an additional \$10,000.00 was added to the original service fee because of the addition of work done on Jefferson Street.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. No Nays.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2020-107 Amending Chapter 32 Section 32-88, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Discussion: Commissioner Kurt Wilson said that this was a request from the Street Superintendent Terry Plemmons and was approved by the Planning Commission. Terry Plemmons said that when the grass paving system was added to Ordinance 2020-107, he noticed some things that he would like to have updated. The additions to the ordinance include asphalt with a minimum depth of 2 inches and the depth of Portland Cement concrete be at least 6 inches thick or 4 inches thick with wire mesh or reinforcement rod. Terry Plemmons has also had residents that are replacing their driveway ask to widen their driveway and have the gutter replaced at that time. An additional 2 inches in width was added to the ordinance and the curb replacement, if deemed damaged by property owner, would be at the property owners' expense. Commissioner Terry Schuster asked what the cost range would be. Terry Plemmons said it could range anywhere from \$350.00 to \$1,000.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. No Nays.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2020-108 Amending Chapter 44 Section 44-250, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The Planning Commission thought that subsection (d) of Ordinance 2020-108 amending chapter 44 section 44-250 regarding off street parking for new construction needed to be broken down for better clarification.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. No Nays.

Sub-Committee Commissioner Kurt Wilson and Commissioner Terry Schuster reported on the Mosquito Abatement.

Discussion: Commissioner Terry Schuster said that he would like to see a large majority of residents behind this program before moving forward. This will affect everyone in town since properties can not be exempt from overspray. City Administrator Darin DeHaan has received a few emails from residents and read 2 of them aloud. Commissioner Kurt Wilson said he would like to do a referendum to see how many residents are truly behind the spraying of mosquitos. He would also like time to educate himself on the different chemicals that are used in the spray. Many residents have concerns to butterflies and bees. Commissioner Terry Schuster said that there are thousands of communities doing this with no push back from the IEPA. Also, if the City puts this on the ballot it gives the City more time to educate themselves and the residents. Mayor Ken Williams asked what the cost would be to move forward to the ballot in November. Attorney Paul Chadwick said he was unsure of the cost, but the City would need to provide an ordinance to the County Clerk around September. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi asked what happens if the percentages of votes are close, would the referendum work as a case study or would the majority vote pass. Mayor Ken Williams said that if the referendum passed the mosquito abatement would be in effect. He also added that the City would have to create an ordinance for mosquito abatement, then 2 years later at a consolidated election it would be put on the ballot to establish the tax district to provide the funds for the spraying of mosquitos. Nothing would be immediate.

Discussion: City Administrator Darin DeHaan said that Liz Vos with the Chamber of Commerce has invited a local media station to Oregon to show that our City has a lot to offer. Good Day Stateline will be visiting local restaurants and businesses while they are here.

Commissioner Terry Schuster said that he is very thankful to the Chamber of Commerce for advertising our community and business to a larger population. The Cities role in the commercial campaign promotion has been to help with the Everyone is Essential campaign. The Economic Development Committee has released funds from the Everyone is Essential campaign to provide the funding for the commercial campaign with Good Day Stateline.

Commissioner Tim Krug talked about owners of rental property in town not being aware of delinquent renters and having water shut off at some locations. He also said that he has been enjoying the outside seating and thanked the Street Department for their hard work.

Mayor Ken Williams said that Commissioner Melanie Cozzi, City Administrator Darin DeHaan, and himself have discussed the delinquent water billings and it will be discussed at the City's Working Group Meeting. He also reminded everyone that the sidewalk ramps are being brought up to ADA compliance by the State of Illinois and is not a City project. He also said that Saturday June 27th at 8:45 in front of City Hall will be a ribbon cutting for the reopening of local businesses. July 9th, 2020 will be the bid opening for the new waterline and walkway. Economic Development Committee will meet on July 7th at 5 PM and the Planning Commission Committee will meet July 21st at 5:30 PM. He wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Matt Hansen with Willett Hofmann said that Phase 1 of the watermain project will be completed within the next month and be about \$57,000.00 under budget. He also said that the sanitary sewer lining project should be done soon as well and be under budget by about \$58,000.00. Phase 2 on 10th street will begin around Monday July 6th, 2020.

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. No Nays.

Adjourn: 6:07 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk