

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 9th, 2020 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday June 9th, 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: Corey Buck, Jeff Helfrich, Terry Plemmons, James Morris, and Kim Wetzel.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve the May 26th minutes with amendment, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said that the motion to approve to allow the grass paving system is missing from the minutes. It should read:
Motion to Approve Grass Paving System to Existing Ordinance 32-88. Approved unanimously.

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

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the May 29th, 2020 minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$47,688.71 and the current warrants as listed:

Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$18,912.91
Byron Bank	\$609.81
City of Oregon	\$4,132.50
Comcast	\$291.60
ComEd	\$48.93
Eastern Illinois University	\$70.00
Envision Healthcare, Inc.	\$225.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$781.18
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$206.16

Fischer's	\$355.60
Frontier	\$354.35
Illinois Rural Water Association	\$511.72
IP Communications, Inc.	\$667.37
James Taylor	\$300.00
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$635.78
Liz Vos	\$1,295.00
Martin and Company	\$23,280.00
Martin and Company	\$224.00
MCS Advertising	\$75.00
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Moring Disposal	\$18,015.00
Municipal Clerks of Illinois	\$55.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$120.00
Oregon Snyder	\$156.98
PDC Laboratories, Inc.	\$317.50
Postmaster	\$303.00
Radar Man, Inc.	\$267.00
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$52.74
Stillman BancCorp	\$827.62
Stillman BancCorp	\$353.75
Terry Plemmons	\$21.19
Tony Alfano	\$5,000.00
Utilly LLC	\$2,500.00
Visa	\$166.50
Visa	\$14.65
Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC	\$4,132.50
Wastewater Management of Northern Illinois	\$6,765.00
Welch Bros. Belvidere, Inc.	\$2,235.00
Wes Hughes	\$1,000.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc.	\$356.20
Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc.	\$89.05
Wipfli	\$12,475.00

\$108,275.59

Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Mayor Ken Williams accepted the resignation of Robin Etnyre from the Economic Development Committee.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said that he nominated her for the committee and that she is no longer able to commit her time and efforts to the committee.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to appoint Rick McCause to the Economic Development Committee as an alternate, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Discussion: Commissioner Terry Schuster said that Rick has been a contractor and builder for the community.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve Manheim Solutions, Inc. in collaboration with Hopkin's Solutions, LLC. Economic Development Consulting Agreement, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Commissioner Terry Schuster stated that the contract will be a continuation of last years contract. He also said that they have done a huge amount of work for our community. Many of the projects they work on take time and he wants to make sure that they have the time to see these projects come to fruition.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson started the discussion for the Citizens request for Mosquito Abatement.

Discussion: Commissioner Kurt Wilson said that he has had multiple residents reach out to him about mosquitos. He has contacted Cody with the Ogle County Health Department and an outside company called Clark Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. He also stated that Davis Junction provides mosquito spraying for their community. Commissioner Terry Schuster asked if there had been a significant increase in mosquito borne illnesses in the past and how was Davis Junction monitoring the success rate. Commissioner Kurt Wilson said that he would be in contact with the Ogle County Health Department and Davis Junction monitors success rate by resident feedback. Mayor Ken Williams asked if the Street Department would be able to spray for the City. Street Superintendent Terry Plemmons said that he has talked to the City of Rochelle because they purchased the equipment required to spray for mosquitos. He said that the machine would cost roughly \$15,000.00 and the chemicals would be another \$2,000.00. The chemical would need to be applied at least 4 to 6 times between the hours of 9 PM and 1 AM. This would require at least two city employees and the cost of overtime for those two employees. He believes that it would be a better idea to hire an outside service to do the spraying. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi asked if there is an organic option and was concerned about possible soil contamination. Mayor Ken Williams said that it would cost the City about \$19,000 for the street department to spray or \$13,000 to hire Clark. As of now the City is in a savings mode, there are concerns for funding this in the future. Commissioner Terry Schuster said that the public health fund has a surplus this year that could be used for mosquito spraying. This fund is usually used for a community service officer but due to loss of revenue the City will not be filling that position. Mayor Ken Williams said that for future years the City would have to find another revenue source if the residents wanted to continue spraying. He said a mosquito abatement district could be created and then would go to a referendum on the ballot. Commissioner Terry Schuster said that it would require the levy of additional property taxes and that letting the residents vote would provide a more accurate response than social media. Commissioner Tim Krug said that there is evidence that spraying for mosquitos could harm local wildlife. Mayor Ken Williams asked Commissioner Schuster and Wilson to explore additional information and report back at the next council meeting.

Discussion: Chief Shawn Melville said that there is a group organizing a protest for Friday June 12th. He has contacted the local businesses and believes this will be a peaceful protest.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said that outside communities are looking to us for guidance on how we implemented outdoor seating for the community.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson said that the fence around 601 S. 2nd Street, Paul Shaffner's home, has been taken down so that construction can begin.

Commissioner Terry Schuster said that the downstate stabilization program is an example of the work that Chris Manheim and Roger Hopkins are doing for the City. He has also provided a copy of the budget for members of the council and has met with and discussed the budget with the department heads.

Attorney Paul Chadwick said that he will continue to handle things by email.

Commissioner Tim Krug reported that the grant for Paul Shaffner was approved. The contact from the USDA will be taking pictures of the property and she has been in contact with all parties involved. Work should begin in about a week with a completion date of around 30 to 60 days. He also mentioned that the street department could use another full-time employee. He said that there are some streets in town that need to be completely redone.

Mayor Ken Williams said that changes to the capital improvement plan would need to be done before the city could move forward with construction on streets. He also said that the grant for Paul Shaffner should go through the City Administrator, so the USDA has one contact person for the City. He said he sees many people enjoying themselves downtown at the designated outside seating and thanked the community and the street department.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Adjourn: 6:13 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk