

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 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
- Police Chief Shawn Melville
- City Attorney Paul Chadwick
- City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Present via Zoom: Kyle Auman, Corey Buck, Jeff Helfrich, Rachel Jones, Dave Kent, Terry Plemmons, Joy Schuble, Andy Shaw and John Young.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

Kyle Auman with the Ogle County Health Department reported on distribution and vaccination within Ogle County. Around 3,000 people within the Phase 1A priority group have received the 1<sup>st</sup> shot of the vaccine and 566 people completely immunized. The Phase 1A group contains frontline healthcare workers and long-term care facility residents and staff. Priority group Phase 1B contains frontline essential workers and residents 65 years and older. This group contains about 22,000 people in Ogle County. Close to 5,000 people in the 65 years and older category have already registered to receive the vaccine. Funding, personnel, and vaccine allotments are factors in the speed of delivery of the vaccine. The Health Department is asking for patience from the public.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup>, minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$49,613.68 and the current warrants as listed:

Alpha Controls & Services	\$2,587.82
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Bonnell Industries	\$1,159.96
Buddy Jenkins	\$150.00
Byron Bank	\$113.16
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
Comcast	\$108.40
ComEd	\$1,275.81
ComEd	\$263.58
ComEd	\$3,690.15
Constellation NewEnergy, Inc	\$391.18
Dave Kent	\$40.00

Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Ehmen	\$420.25
Ehmen	\$125.00
Euclid Managers	\$1,763.97
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00
Harvard State Bank	\$899.21
Hawkins, Inc	\$277.45
I Fiber	\$340.00
IP Communications	\$707.24
James Morris	\$40.00
Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Joseph Brooks	\$40.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Julie, Inc	\$690.72
Ken Williams	\$90.00
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$1,328.31
Kurt Wilson	\$65.00
Layne	\$18,955.00
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Manheim Solutions, Inc	\$2,000.00
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
McCloud & Associates, LLC	\$1,000.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$40.00
Merlin Hagemann	\$1,444.27
Metropolitan Industries, Inc	\$2,878.00
Metropolitan Industries, Inc	\$2,896.00
Moring Disposal	\$18,150.00
Nicor	\$136.68
Nikolas Manthei	\$40.00
PDC Laboratories, Inc	\$296.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$4,633.27
Postmaster	\$574.00
Postmaster	\$41.70
Randy Cropp	\$40.00
Ray O'Herron Co., Inc	\$59.44
Sauk Valley Newspaper	\$77.05
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Shawn Melville	\$70.00
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$20,460.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$675.48
Stillman BancCorp	\$615.88
Sun Life Financial	\$382.58
Tad Dominski	\$40.00
Terry Schuster	\$65.00
Tim Krug	\$40.00
Verizon	\$591.76
Village of Progress	\$894.60
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$1,000.00
William Charles Construction Co	\$261.90
Zach McKean	\$40.00
	<b>\$155,981.94</b>

Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the NLC Service Line Warranty Program, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams examined the details of the warranty agreement and noticed repairs made from the shut off to the water main would not be covered under this agreement. The repair cost would be at the resident's expense since they are responsible for service from the main to the home. All Commissioners agreed more information is necessary to make a final decision.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to table the NLC Service Line Warranty Program, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2021-100 Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Amendment, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** Andy Shaw with Blackhawk Hills Regional Council reported a change in all property tax abatement areas within the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone. Although there will be no direct impact on the City of Oregon a change in the current ordinance is necessary. A metal manufacturing company will be moving into the old Nippon Sharyo building in Rochelle creating about 150 new jobs. Commissioner Terry Schuster said supporting this kind of investment in our county with modest incentives is a great thing and will likely benefit the city.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to table Ordinance 2021-101 Authorizing the Vacation and Sale of a Portion of Taylor Street, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams would like this tabled due to a technical error.

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

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the IGA with the Oregon Fire Protection District, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Melanie Cozzi expressed the benefits to the community. This agreement will allow for gatherings and events to occur along the riverfront area.

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

Mayor Ken Williams supplied information on three general obligation bonds. The terms and how these bonds are funded would remain the same. The City would save about \$145,000.00. Authorizing the ordinances will start the 30-day petition period.

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2021-103 "AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), in one or more series, taxable or tax-exempt, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$285,000 for the purpose of currently refunding the City's outstanding city hall roof loan and paying for costs related thereto.", Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2021-104 "AN ORDINANCE authorizing to issue Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds or, in lieu thereof, General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (said bonds being general obligation bonds to be issued in one or more series, on a taxable or tax exempt basis, for which property taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, may be levied, but

which are expected to be paid from the net revenues of the sewerage system of said City and sales taxes received by the City) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,835,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of refunding certain outstanding obligations of the City.”, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Terry Schuster said property taxes would not be used to pay for these bonds.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2021-105 “AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), in one or more series, taxable or tax-exempt, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 for the purpose of currently refunding the City’s outstanding street loans, financing various capital improvements within the City, and paying for costs related thereto.”, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Chief Shawn Melville reported the Police Departments end of year report is done and will be available to the Commissioners tomorrow. He complimented the Street Department on the great job they did with snow removal on the city streets. He has received many compliments from residents.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan thanked the Street Department, Police Department, and Water Department for the extra work done during a snow event.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson said everyone did a great job with the snow removal, downtown businesses also did a great job. He encouraged everyone to help each other.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi reported two watermain breaks that have been repaired by the Water Department.

Commissioner Tim Krug received many compliments on the great job the Street Department did with the removal of snow on the streets.

Mayor Ken Williams thanked the Street Department on a job well done. He is glad to see new businesses opening in the City. Locus is a new business that provides co-working space. It is a great addition to the City and is possibly the first in the region of this kind of business.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Adjourn: 6:29 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk