

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 23rd, 2021 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday February 23rd, 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: Corey Buck, Jayce Gusloff, Ted Hvarre, Jeff Helfrich, Rachel Jones, Dave Kent, Chris Manheim, James Morris, Terry Plemmons, Andy Shaw, and a Court Reporter.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ken Williams opened the Public Hearing on the Closeout for the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program through the Community Development Block Group funds offered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity at 5:30 p.m.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick stated if a visitor wished to make a comment please identify yourself by name and address. City Council could also be addressed by utilizing the chat feature of Zoom as well. Those comments will be recorded in the record.

Chris Manheim stated he signed into the chat feature to document his attendance at the hearing. No other public comments were made.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to close the Public Hearing at 5:35 p.m., Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Mayor Ken Williams opened the public hearing to amend the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone map at 5:36 p.m.

Andy Shaw, Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Administrator, said the reason for the public hearing was for transparency to amend the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone map. Hvarre Development is creating a 48-unit townhome housing development in the City of Oregon. Ted Hvarre has submitted an application requesting sales tax abatement on all building materials.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson asked if a sidewalk was part of the plan behind townhomes 13-17. Mayor Ken Williams said yes but is on park district property. The City will need to have the property rezoned. Commissioner Terry Schuster said the walking path fits into the vision of the city creating a walking path from the railroad bridge to Rt 64.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to close the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m., Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the February 9th minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, Williams. Abstain: Schuster.

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$53,319.01 and the current warrants as listed:

Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$187.00
Blackhawk Hills Regional Council	\$880.51
Buddy Jenkins	\$150.00
Buddy Jenkins	\$112.50
Buddy Jenkins	\$225.00
Byron Bank	\$473.78
Byron Bank	\$119.88
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,400.00
Central Bank Illinois	\$2,909.12
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
Cintas	\$59.20
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$48,900.00
Comcast	\$77.34
Comcast	\$128.57
Comcast	\$108.40
ComEd	\$1,661.06
ComEd	\$7,107.13
Compass Minerals America Inc	\$7,120.72
Dave Kent	\$40.00
Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Euclid Managers	\$1,763.97
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$965.25
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00
Hawkins, Inc	\$331.00
Hector's Cocina	\$11,000.00
Illinois EPA	\$72,768.30
James Morris	\$40.00
James Morris	\$106.32
Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Joanne's	\$25,000.00
Joseph Brooks	\$40.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Ken Williams	\$90.00
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$47.27
Kurt Wilson	\$65.00
Layne	\$24,611.60
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Manheim Solutions, Inc	\$2,000.00
Martin and Company	\$945.26
Martin and Company	\$5,984.10
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
MCS Advertising	\$75.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$40.00
Merlin's	\$25,000.00
Moring Disposal	\$18,796.40

Morton Salt, Inc	\$5,061.44
Nathan Baldwin	\$234.38
Nathan Baldwin	\$337.50
Nicor	\$252.29
Nikolas Manthei	\$75.76
Nikolas Manthei	\$40.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Oregon Republican	\$39.00
Polo Cooperative Assoc	\$5,573.93
Postmaster	\$275.00
Postmaster	\$593.28
Postmaster	\$576.80
Randy Cropp	\$40.00
Sauk Valley Newspaper	\$91.00
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Shawn Melville	\$70.00
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$7,926.25
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
Traffic Control & Protection Inc	\$109.65
Uniform Den East, Inc	\$322.89
Verizon	\$591.94
Visa	\$131.55
Vos Marketing & Events	\$480.00
Water Solutions Unlimited Inc	\$1,936.00
Willett Hofmann & Assoc	\$7,600.00
Zach McKean	\$40.00
	\$301,007.28

Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2021-101 Authorize Vacating and the Sale of a Portion of Taylor Street , Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: Commissioner Kurt Wilson stated the ordinance passed though the Planning Commission unanimously. Commissioner Tim Krug said overall this will be beneficial to the City.

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

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to approve Ordinance 2021-106 an Ordinance Changing the Word Punish and its Derivatives to Penalized or Penalty in the Oregon City Code, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

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

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said there was a recent issue with a manhole on 10th Street. Funding and responsibility for storm sewer infrastructure needs to be addressed quickly as this is a public safety issue. Commissioner Tim Krug said neither the water department or the street department is equipped to do the repairs and repairs would likely need to be contracted out. Commissioner Terry Schuster recommended completing an inventory of all storm sewers and a maintenance plan be put in place for the future. Motor Fuel Tax funds could be used for the repair of the storm sewers or an additional utility fee added to provide

the revenue needed to maintain the infrastructure. This will be discussed again after an inventory and inspection of storm sewers has been performed.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said City Hall lobby will be opening on March 1st and all safety protocol will be followed.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson reported that Moring Disposal serviced 1372 homes and picked up about 46,000 pounds of recycling for the city. He also reminded residents that garbage and recycling containers can be put out on Tuesday night and need to be off the streets Wednesday before 7 p.m.

Commissioner Terry Schuster said Liz Vos has been very effective in her media and marketing ability and has already begun updating the Cities website, the antique shops brochure, and has begun working on the spring newsletter. She also has the capabilities of updating the cities Wikipedia account.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi expressed her appreciation of the cities Police Department at this time.

Mayor Ken Williams also expressed his appreciation for the Police Department, any loss in our community is really taken to heart.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual arrangement and negotiation on a contract with Burlington Northern, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

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

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

Adjourn: 6:28 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk