

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday March 9<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 March 9<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  
Chief Shawn Melville  
City Attorney Paul Chadwick  
Deputy Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck, Jeff Helfrich, Dave Kent, and Terry Plemmons.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

No public comment.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 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 \$58,390.55 and the current warrants as listed:

Biller Press	\$309.91
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$20,927.92
Bonnell Industries	\$12,754.00
Byron Bank	\$964.00
Central Bank Illinois	\$2,854.53
City of Rockford	\$42.00
Comcast	\$126.27
ComEd	\$5,920.58
Constellation New Energy Inc.	\$3,204.24
Ehmen	\$125.00
Envision Healthcare Inc.	\$242.00
Fischer's	\$116.64
Frontier	\$375.61
Harvard State Bank	\$899.21
IP Communications, Inc.	\$1,414.48
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$1,695.70
Lakeside International LLC.	\$1,630.22
MCS Advertising	\$75.00
Menards	\$4,705.45
Morton Salt	\$6,295.30
Nikolas Manthei	\$63.79
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Oregon Community School District	\$2,080.01
PDC Laboratories Inc.	\$289.00
Prescott Brothers Ford, Inc.	\$72.80
Ray O'Herron Co., Inc.	\$75.32

Raynor Door Authority	\$202.00
Sauk Valley Newspaper	\$118.30
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$21,740.00
Steven Varble Productions	\$250.00
Stillman Bancorp	\$1,181.37
The Police & Sheriffs Press	\$47.92
Uniform Den East, Inc.	\$103.35
Uniform Den East, Inc.	\$182.89
Verizon Wireless-Vsat	\$50.00
Village of Progress	\$894.60
	<b>\$92,089.41</b>

Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve the Contract for Services with Liz Vos, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Terry Schuster said in an effort to provide services to attract people to our community a contract has been created with Liz Vos. She will provide 8 hours of work at \$30.00 an hour for this calendar year. Liz has already begun updating the city's website as well as working on city newsletters and updating visitor brochures. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi said Liz has been extremely helpful with the Farmers Market events.

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

Street Superintendent Terry Plemmons provided a power point presentation on savings to the city since hiring an additional employee. Overall savings to the city is around \$23,000. The additional employee allowed much needed rest to staff during snow events without effecting day to day tasks and saved around 16 thousand dollars in contracted labor. Commissioner Tim Krug complimented the street department on a great job done this winter. He also said the additional employee allowed for overtime costs to be much lower.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2021-107 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2018-119 an Ordinance Amending Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Boundary, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams said a well-established developer, Hvarre, has 3 project sites to add to the enterprise zone. This will be a great opportunity for the city with the addition of 48 unit townhomes in 9.48 acres within the City. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi had concerns about environmentally friendly building materials. Corey Buck said the developer will have to submit a permit to the IEPA for proper run off into the river as well as follow any city codes. Mayor Ken Williams responded that they will be using a grass paving system to allow the fire department required access to the property.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2021-108 an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$1,900,000 for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Outstanding Obligations of the City, Financing Various Capital Improvements in the City, and Paying for Costs Related Hereto", Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams stated this is to refinance the 10<sup>th</sup> street loan and provide \$900,000 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> street project. The savings will be about \$87,000.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2021-109 an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2021B, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$1,835,000 for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Outstanding Obligations of the City and Paying for Costs Related Hereto. Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams stated this is to refinance the sewer and water bond. The terms for the loan remain the same with a \$37,000 savings. Commissioner Terry Schuster replied this is the same as refinancing the loan on your home to a lower rate.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2021-110 an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021C, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$285,000 for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Outstanding Obligations of the City and Paying for Costs Related Hereto. Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams stated this will refinance the bank loan for the City Hall remodel and provide \$18,000 in savings to the City.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to open Executive Session to discuss the BNSF Land Lease at 5:59 p.m., Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to close executive session at 6:08 p.m., Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the BNSF Land Lease. Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said he has 5 volunteers for the Walkability through Blackhawk Hills Regional Council. Commissioner Terry Schuster said this will allow the City to prioritize sidewalk work that needs to be done.

Commissioner Tim Krug said spring is on the way and Covid-19 cases are on the downswing.

Mayor Ken Williams said this was a very technical meeting and thanked Commissioner Terry Schuster and City Administrator Darin DeHaan for the many hours devoted to all projects. The Enterprise Zone is working out well for the City and the railroad car will be a nice addition. He commented that everyone is making a huge difference in the success of our community.

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

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

Adjourn: 5:57 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Hilton, Deputy Clerk