

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday May 11th, 2021 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday May 11th, 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 Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck, Kaycee Chadwick, Jeff Helfrich, Dave Kent, Terry Plemmons, and Liz Vos.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

Joseph Ring was present at City Hall and spoke to the City Council about the Farmer's Market. He questioned why his application for the farmers market was denied. He raises and sells grass fed beef. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi replied the criteria for meat production was not met. She said she would be happy to discuss the decision with Joseph at a later date. Commissioner Tim Krug asked Joseph if he had completed the set up for the processing station. Joseph said they are only processing meat for themselves and any product that is sold is processed by Eickman's.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the April 27th, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$49,690.86 and the current warrants as listed:

42 Tech Solutions, Inc	\$39.99
Aegis Construction, Inc	\$14,761.00
Azavar Audit	\$60.61
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$20,561.79
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$32.13
Comcast	\$290.45
Comcast	\$79.95
Constellation NewEnergy, Inc	\$2,837.14
Dixon Glass Co	\$19,000.00
Dustin Runyon	\$276.02
Ehmen	\$805.00
Ehmen	\$765.51
Envision Healthcare, Inc	\$216.00
Epic Insurance Midwest	\$500.00
Ferguson Waterworks	\$531.70
Ferguson Waterworks	\$2,467.71
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$216.28
First Midwest Bank	\$4,071.22
Fischer's	\$1,162.96
Frontier	\$378.68
Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall	\$125.00

IP Communications, Inc	\$648.00
Jacob & Klein, Ltd	\$292.50
James Taylor	\$120.00
Joann Bachman	\$385.00
MCS Advertising	\$75.00
Menards	\$12.65
Moring Disposal	\$63.00
Nicor	\$150.75
Nikolas Manthei	\$337.70
Oregon Snyders	\$48.57
PDC Laboratories, Inc	\$912.15
Quill	\$32.88
Robert & Cynthia Byrd	\$5,000.00
Roger Cain	\$108.83
Sirchie Finger Print Laboratories	\$87.80
Stillman BancCorp	\$1,181.37
The Bank of New York Mellon	\$32,977.50
The Economic Development Group, Ltd	\$1,170.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$31,768.04
Zions Bank	\$6,457.97
	\$151,008.85

Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to Approve Resolution 2021-5 Authorizing Electrical Aggregation on behalf of the City, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Commissioner Terry Schuster said the resolution is a continuation of a previous agreement that authorizes the Mayor to negotiate electrical supply contracts that are in the best interest of the City.

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

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to Approve Resolution 2021-6 for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said the City can not spend Motor Fuel Tax money without permission. Motor Fuel Tax funds are used for seal coating and other street projects. Street Superintendent Terry Plemmons said this is a yearly request and is usually run through Corey Buck with Willett Hofmann.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to Approve Ordinance 2021-111 FY 2022 Façade Improvement Matching Grant Program, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: Commissioner Terry Schuster stated that nothing has changed with the façade grant program. The only change is the grants would be paid out of the TIF fund instead of the Economic Development fund. Mayor Ken Williams said there are certain requirements that need to be met to use TIF funds.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster said there are several vacant storefronts in the downtown. Many new businesses struggle with lease rent. The City would like to offer a commercial lease subsidy program for new businesses. Applicants would need to provide an acceptable application, business plan, and marketing strategy. Mayor Ken Williams added that this program is only available for retail and may encourage new

businesses to choose Oregon over other communities. The program would allow up to \$600.00 towards rent per month. Chris Manheim is researching ways to promote this recruitment tool.

Chief Shawn Melville reported his department is beginning to get back to normal after a busy couple of months.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan has been working with Roger Cain to provide a display case at City Hall and is facilitating a presentation for some new artwork that will be filling an empty space on the City Hall building.

Commissioner Terry Schuster is working on a budget summary for the next Council meeting.

Commissioner Melanie Krug said bid openings for Phase 3 will be held at the end of this month. She also had a group of volunteers to help groom the farmer's market area. She shared pictures of the volunteers and improvements made during the cleanup.

Mayor Ken Williams will be involved in a zoom meeting on Friday with the nuclear plant. He also asked about the streetscape project on Washington Street. Corey Buck said we are waiting on IDOT to announce the ITEP grant recipients. The City is also waiting for an update on what the allocation for the American Rescue Plan funds can be used for.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Adjourn: 6:02 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk