

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 22nd, 2021, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday June 22nd, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held in person at the City Hall Council Chambers and on Zoom.

Present: Mayor Ken Williams
Commissioner Melanie Cozzi
Commissioner Tim Krug
Commissioner Terry Schuster
Commissioner Kurt Wilson
City Administrator Darin DeHaan
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Matt and Lynn Kalnins, and Terry and Cael Plemmons.

Present via Zoom: City Attorney Paul Chadwick, Diana Early, Earleen Hinton, Dave Kent, Chief Shawn Melville, and James Morris.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson started the pledge of allegiance.

Jeannie Melady expressed concerns with the overpopulation of cats within the city. She has reached out to multiple organizations that have programs the city may be able to utilize. She is hoping to receive some support from the city.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan read a letter from John Dickson regarding the current driveway issues. In his letter he stated that gravel is a suitable surface for driveways and should not be required to be replaced with asphalt.

Officer Matt Kalnins spoke to the City Council regarding his position as the School Resource Officer with the Oregon School District. He explained the benefits of his role in the community. He believes it is important to establish trust and integrity between the police and the public. The SRO position allows him to provide support to staff and students daily. Mayor Ken Williams thanked Officer Kalnins and his family for the challenges they face concerning the position.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the June 8th, 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 \$53,293.86 and the current warrants as listed:

Azavar Audit	\$54.68
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$36.74
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,400.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$28.58
Cintas	\$59.20
CIT Trucks - Rockford	\$188.40
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$48,900.00
City of Rockford	\$19.00
City of Rockford	\$38.00
Comcast	\$108.40

ComEd	\$1,613.77
Constellation New Energy, Inc	\$2,833.74
Dan Flanagan	\$540.00
Dave Kent	\$40.00
Dixon Paint Co	\$1,930.62
Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Ehmen	\$316.88
Euclid Managers	\$1,763.97
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$1,300.00
Illinois EPA	\$35,143.19
Illinois Rural Water Association	\$519.72
IP Communications, Inc	\$641.02
James Morris	\$40.00
Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Joseph Brooks	\$40.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Ken Williams	\$90.00
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$75.77
Kurt Wilson	\$65.00
M & K Embroidery	\$150.00
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Manheim Solutions, Inc	\$2,000.00
Martin and Company	\$1,138.00
Martin and Company	\$58.17
Martin and Company	\$820.45
Mary Elliott	\$55.85
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$40.00
Merlin's	\$995.00
Metropolitan Industries, Inc	\$5,884.00
Moring Disposal	\$18,878.60
MyGov, LLC	\$5.00
Nikolas Manthei	\$40.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Pollard Water	\$37.00
Postmaster	\$275.00
Postmaster	\$597.60
Print Smith, LLC	\$225.00
Quality Ready Mix	\$1,280.25
Quill	\$140.13
Quill	\$66.98
Randy Cropp	\$40.00
Sauk Valley Newspaper	\$671.75
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Shawn Melville	\$70.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$675.48
Sun Life Financial	\$382.58
Tad Dominski	\$40.00
Terry Schuster	\$65.00
Tim Krug	\$40.00
Utility LLC	\$2,500.00
Verizon	\$591.87
Village of Progress	\$934.60

Wastewater Management of Northern IL	\$7,575.00
Willett Hoffmann & Associates	\$52,433.27
Zach McKean	\$40.00
	\$201,993.26

Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to Approve the Liquor License for Sparkle Fox Confections, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Discussion: Diana Early said she was drawn to the cities growing atmosphere and decided to open a retail location specializing in wine, chocolate, and other confections. She is hoping to open in July.

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

City Administrator Darin DeHaan recommended technical changes to the driveway ordinance. He said the previous changes had some unintended consequences. The new language would forego the requirement to convert an existing gravel driveway to asphalt. But still include the requirement for a gravel or asphalt approach to protect the city streets. Since the city would be requiring the approach to be either asphalt or concrete the Council discussed the idea of the city sharing the cost with the resident for the approach. Mayor Ken Williams asked Street Superintendent Terry Plemmons to provide the Council with estimates for the approach as soon as possible.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to Approve Ordinance 2021-115 Authorizing the Oregon City Code 18.16.040 House numbering move to Chapter 26 Buildings and Building Regulations, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Discussion: City Administrator Darin DeHaan stated the house number code was in an odd place in the code book.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to Approve a Raffle License for the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Chief Shawn Melville stated how proud he is of Officer Matt Kalnins and the position he holds as the SRO for the Oregon School District. Commissioner Terry Schuster said the impacts from Officer Kalnins position will be felt in the future with the relationships he is creating with the youth of the community.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan attended a meeting with ComEd. Some of the information is sensitive and he will share this information at the next department head meeting.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson thanked Chief Shawn Melville and his officers for the help with the ordinances.

Commissioner Terry Schuster will be providing budget and appropriation information at the next council meeting. He also said the city is paying off a few vehicle loans to save money spent on interest. The city will be purchasing two new squad cars as well. The purchase of the squad cars will be paid for out of the general fund and the admin tow fund. The admin tow fund is for the purchase of police vehicles. Paying for the vehicles with cash will save the city from paying interest charges. The city hopes to do the same with other departments.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi welcomed Dustin Runyon to the water department. She also said the water department is continuing to clean the sewers.

Commissioner Tim Krug said the street department has put down 12 tons of hot patch in preparation for the seal coating project. They are also helping IDOT complete the 2nd Street traffic count at the railroad crossing.

Mayor Ken Williams said there will be a rededication of Iron Mike on Thursday at 5:00 pm. Mike Bowers will be doing the honors of turning the water on to Iron Mike. Afterwards he hopes all can attend the Rivers Edge Farmers Market.

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

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

Adjourn: 6:30 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk