

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday September 14<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 September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Kurt Wilson  
City Administrator Darin DeHaan  
Chief Shawn Melville  
City Attorney Paul Chadwick  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

**Also Present:** Jeannie Melady.

**Present via Zoom:** Corey Buck, James Morris, Terry Plemmons, Alexa Zoellner, and Liz Vos.

**Absent:** Commissioner Terry Schuster.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

Liz Vos, Oregon Chamber of Commerce director stated there were about 45 volunteers for the Community Clean-Up event. The group was able to provide services to 5 homes. She thanked many local organizations for their support.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$53,156.98 and the current warrants as listed:

American Leak Detection	\$500.00
Andrew Holm	\$100.00
Autumn on Parade	\$2,000.00
Azavar Audit	\$175.24
Blake Oil Company	\$404.10
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$20,425.85
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$150.00
Byron Bank	\$1,996.99
CDW Government	\$604.49
Cintas	\$59.20
City of Oregon	\$2,188.89
Comcast	\$128.40
Comcast	\$222.00
ComEd	\$106.82
ComEd	\$784.10
Constellation NewEnergy, Inc	\$2,836.81
Envision Healthcare, Inc	\$224.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$220.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$1,123.42
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$163.44

Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$226.82
Fischer's	\$2,561.66
Frontier	\$370.48
Grainger	\$1,342.90
Guist Agency, Inc	\$30.00
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$1,300.00
Hawkins, Inc	\$888.50
Illinois EPA	\$72,768.30
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$52.02
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Martin and Company	\$234.88
Martin and Company	\$425.32
McCloud & Associates, LLC	\$4,737.00
MCS Advertising	\$75.00
Moring Disposal	\$63.00
Municipal Code Corporation	\$2,250.00
MyGov, LLC	\$5.00
NAPA	\$2.89
Nicor	\$196.21
Ogle County Collector	\$3,134.46
Oregon Chamber of Commerce	\$6,000.00
Oregon Snyder	\$224.22
PDC Laboratories, Inc	\$1,039.00
Pete Salstrom	\$100.00
Quill	\$29.99
S R Products	\$500.00
Sauk Valley Newspaper	\$429.50
Secretary of State	\$10.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$1,443.50
Stillman BancCorp	\$675.00
The Police & Sheriffs Press	\$17.55
Traffic Control & Protection Inc	\$3,404.75
Village of Progress	\$954.60
Visa	\$643.66
Wes Hughes	\$2,000.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$6,283.10
	<b>\$148,885.08</b>

Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to Approve a Raffle License for Country Crossroads Quilt Guild,  
Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

City Administrator Darin DeHaan met with Tom Champley to discuss options for the feral cat colonies in town. They discussed a trap neuter return program through HOME Spay Illinois, a program located in Lisle IL. Dr. Champley offered to volunteer his time to perform the spay/neuter of the feral cats, but the city would need to provide a surgery/recovery location to house the cats until they are ready to be released. A surgical table and an anesthesia machine would need to be purchased. The city could also partner with Pines Meadow Vet Clinic. The cats would still need to be housed by the city as they will not allow the cats to remain on site after the surgery. The city would provide seed money to get the program started. The program would have to be run by a group of volunteers and they would have to apply for grants or find other sources of revenue to continue to fund the program. A formal program may be ready by the next City Council meeting.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan is working on getting the donated railcar to the property the city has leased from BNSF. The Depot Museum is also going to start a live feed of the railway activity. There will be a new bid for the ADA compliant ramp at the Coliseum. The fire department has also accepted the easement agreements for the river walk.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson has been working with Chief Shawn Melville to help get some properties in town cleaned up. Mayor Ken Williams would like to see the downtown snow program ready before we have bad weather. Darin DeHaan stated he is working with the Street Superintendent on snow removal for the city owned properties. More contractors are needed to handle the city properties, so they are completed in accordance with the ordinance.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick will be responding to a request from the Building Inspector.

Commissioner Tim Krug reported the street department had over 80 hours of storm damage to clean up. They are starting on some sidewalk repair projects and have trimmed the AOP Parade Route. The new parking signs have also been installed in the parking lots.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi said the water is being tested for the watermain work on Jefferson Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. She also stated there are only 3 more farmer's markets scheduled for this year.

Mayor Ken Williams said the downtown looks amazing and he sees the benches by Iron Mike being used.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:09 pm, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

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

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

Adjourn: 6:56 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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