

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday September 28th, 2021, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday September 28th, 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
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Jeff Pennington, Terry Plemmons, Stephanie Nissen, and Liz Vos.

Present via Zoom: City Attorney Paul Chadwick, Kathryn Ferb, Chief Shawn Melville, Commissioner Terry Schuster, and Alexa Zoellner.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson started the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi presented certificates of appreciation to individuals that helped with the census.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the September 14th, 2021, minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$55,640.89 and the current warrants as listed:

Azavar Audit	\$77.04
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$15,611.41
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$679.54
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,400.00
CDW Government	\$815.08
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
City of Oregon	\$146,075.64
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$48,900.00
Comcast	\$148.45
ComEd	\$153.70
Constellation New Energy, Inc	\$3,477.61
Dave Kent	\$40.00
Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Dynamic Horizons Computer Service	\$450.00
Ehmen	\$5,000.00
Euclid Managers	\$1,525.30
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$2,403.26
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$1,300.00
Hawkins, Inc	\$690.92
James Morris	\$40.00
Jason Tomasino	\$100.00
Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00

Jeff Pennington	\$665.06
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Joseph Brooks	\$40.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$40.00
Ken Williams	\$90.00
Kurt Wilson	\$65.00
Lakeside International, LLC	\$250.47
Manheim Solutions, Inc	\$2,400.00
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Martin and Company	\$146,075.64
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$40.00
Moring Disposal	\$19,015.60
Nikolas Manthei	\$40.00
Ogle County Board	\$1,260.18
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$5.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Oregon Chamber of Commerce	\$180.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$3,864.50
Postmaster	\$265.00
Postmaster	\$667.20
Prescott Brothers Ford, Inc	\$68.59
Randy Cropp	\$40.00
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Share Corp	\$175.29
Shawn Melville	\$70.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$615.88
Sun Life financial	\$401.08
Tad Dominski	\$40.00
Terry Schuster	\$40.00
Tim Krug	\$40.00
Uniform Den East, Inc	\$219.95
Verizon	\$591.08
Visa	\$582.66
Wes Hughes	\$14,250.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$2,086.65
Zach McKean	\$40.00
	\$428,632.78

Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve a variance recommendation to build an additional garage attached to an existing garage at 601 S. 5th Street Parcel #16-03-310-012, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve a Special Use Permit for an Air B&B at 403 S. 9th Street Parcel #16-04-248-002, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve a Tourist Home application for 403 S. 9th Street, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve a Request for Change of Plan Pay Estimate #1 for the Seal Coat Project by AC Pavement, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Additional supplies were needed to complete a 40-foot section by Monroe Street and a 20-foot section by the entrance to the city dump.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the Downtown Snow Removal RFP, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: A document and bid process has been created for snow removal and salting on city properties in the downtown area.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve a Liquor License request for Messie's Bar & Grill, Brian Wiley, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Messie's Bar & Grill already has a liquor license but requires a new license to be issued under a new name.

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

Northside BarbaQ LLC will be expanding to another location at 408 W. Washington Street. They will be operating as a bar location and has asked to change the class of their liquor license to A & A1. They will no longer serve liquor at the Northside BarbaQ location.

The city is working with Blackhawk Hills to apply for a grant for Tree City USA. The grant would be used to get an updated inventory of the city's trees. To qualify for the grant, the city must meet the following criteria: create a tree board or department, create a tree care ordinance, document support at or above a \$2 per capita minimum towards planting, care, and removal of city trees, pass an Arbor Day proclamation, and celebrate Arbor Day.

The City Council announced the consideration of combining the street and water/wastewater departments into a public works department.

Chief Shawn Melville said the police department will be working extra hours and be recruiting extra help for the upcoming AOP event.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick said he has looked over the bid work document, sent a letter to a property owner, and finalized the in-opinion letter for the purchase of the new street department truck.

Commissioner Terry Schuster has received and is reviewing the estimated tax values for the city.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson is continuing to work with Chief Shawn Melville and Building Inspector Casper Manheim.

Commissioner Tim Krug reported the street department has replaced 1,000 sq ft of sidewalks and intends to replace another 1,700 – 1,800 sq ft. They also hot patched the parade route and detour route for the

upcoming Autumn on Parade festival. He has also spoken with a resident and has offered to provide assistance for the resident's project.

City Clerk Cheryl Hilton said the city has received \$235,863.20 in ARPA funds.

Mayor Ken Williams said the Plan Commission will be holding meeting next month to discuss ARPA funds and hopes to see residents get involved in helping to plan for the use of the funds . He also stated Autumn on Parade brings a lot of business to the city. The reconstruction of Franklin Street, 5th Street and the 5th Street parking lot was postponed for the AOP Parade.

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

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

Adjourn: 6:11 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk