

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday November 23rd, 2021, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday November 23rd, 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 Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Administrator Darin DeHaan
Chief Shawn Melville
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Jeff Pennington & Alexa Zoellner.

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck, Steve Moring, Terry Plemmons, and Commissioner Terry Schuster.

City Clerk Cheryl Hilton started the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the November 9th, 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 \$56,412.83 and the current warrants as listed:

AC Pavement Striping Co	\$39,159.41
Airgas USA, LLC	\$581.14
Axon Enterprise, Inc	\$842.39
Bergy's Automotive	\$266.40
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$195.13
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,400.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
Cintas	\$60.60
CIT Trucks- Rockford	\$255.96
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$38,000.00
City of Oregon	\$48,900.00
City of Oregon	\$74,054.91
Comcast	\$218.40
ComEd	\$672.43
ComEd	\$832.14
Constellation New Energy, Inc	\$3,566.95
Dave Kent	\$40.00
Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Dustin Runyon	\$71.24
Ecolab	\$145.41
Ehmen	\$607.10
Ehmen	\$648.96
Ehmen	\$6,000.00
Euclid Managers	\$1,625.83
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00

Hawkins, Inc	\$1,086.18
James Morris	\$40.00
Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Joseph Brooks	\$40.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$40.00
Ken Williams	\$65.00
Kurt Wilson	\$40.00
M & K Embroidery	\$160.00
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Manheim Solutions	\$2,400.00
Martin and Company	\$352.88
Martin and Company	\$34,160.43
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$40.00
Menards	\$24.98
Midwest Truckers Assoc., Inc	\$450.00
Moring Disposal	\$421.23
Moring Disposal	\$19,015.60
Morton Salt, Inc	\$4,770.95
Municipal Clerks of Illinois	\$55.00
Nicor	\$141.06
Nikolas Manthei	\$40.00
O'Brien Civil Works, Inc	\$58,843.56
Ogle County Clerk and Recorder	\$60.00
Pennington Repair	\$876.62
Pines Meadow	\$319.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$5,038.06
Postmaster	\$664.00
Randy Cropp	\$40.00
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Shawn Melville	\$70.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$675.48
Stillman BancCorp	\$1,420.15
Stillman BancCorp	\$1,420.15
Stillman BancCorp	\$335.39
Sun Life Financial	\$401.08
Tad Dominski	\$40.00
Terry Schuster	\$40.00
The Home Depot Pro	\$165.66
Tim Krug	\$40.00
Verizon	\$595.12
Village of Progress	\$934.60
Waste Water Management of Northern IL	\$11,775.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$27,406.15
Zach McKean	\$40.00
Zions Bank	\$31,840.00
Zions Bank	\$38,783.50
Zions Bank	\$109,182.50
	\$577,893.73

Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to Approve a Variance Request from Merlin Hagemann for 103 & 105 S. 1st Street, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: Improvements will be made to windows, doors, and the parking lot. The property is located in the riverfront zone and will have a 20-year sunset.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to Approve a Special Use for Trestle Holding LLC, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to Approve Ordinance 2021-120 an Ordinance Establishing Curfew, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The curfew ordinance did not get transferred over to the new code book when the code book was previously reviewed.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to Approve Ordinance 2021-121 Amending the City Code to include Chapter 34 Fines and Fees, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: A chapter for fines and fees will be added to the code book. The fines and fees have already been adopted by the City Council.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to Approve Ordinance 2021-124 an Ordinance Abating Tax for General Obligation Bonds, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Conditions of the general obligation bonds allow the city to tax property to pay for the bonds, however since the bonds are paid for out of water/sewer fees the city does not need to collect property taxes for the bonds. The ordinance is required then to abate the taxes on the bonds.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster stated there was a six and a half percent increase in value with homes in the city. If the city continues to use previous rates for the Tax Levy the city would need to comply with the Truth-in-Taxation law. A recommendation to reduce the rate collected for the Audit and IMRF funds is suggested.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson spoke regarding a rate increase for Moring Disposal due to the increasing costs of recycling. The increase is built into the contract with Moring Disposal. The city has the option to pass the additional cost on to the residents or to cover the increase.

Chief Shawn Melville said after a 9 or 10 month delay the police department has received a 2021 Dodge Charger. Another squad will be delivered in a couple of weeks.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi said N 3rd Street has been blacktopped and reminded everyone of the upcoming Candlelight Walk event.

Commissioner Tim Krug said a subcontractor for O'Brien's will be striping tomorrow. Some areas will be barricaded due to a protectant sealer being applied. Drying time will depend on the weather. City Clerk Cheryl Hilton said City Hall will be closed Thursday November 25th and Friday November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Mayor Ken Williams reminded everyone of the next City Council meeting being held on December 14th. He also said Candlelight Walk will be held November 27th from 3-8 pm and the Christmas tree has been placed and the snowflakes have been installed in the downtown.

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

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

Adjourn: 5:56 P.M

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk