

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday January 11th, 2022 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday January 11th, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.
The meeting was held 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: Jeff Pennington, Rich Rhoads, and members of the Oregon Fire Department.

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck, Mike Knoup, Terry Plemmons, Terry Schuster, Michelle and Todd Triplet, and Alexa Zoellner.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

No public comment.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to amend the order on the agenda to move approve 1st ARPA Expenditure – Oregon Fire Protection District to item 1 on the Agenda, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve 1st ARPA Expenditure - Oregon Fire Protection District, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The Oregon Fire Protection District is in need of an additional chest compression system for public health and safety and the safety of the individuals using the equipment in the amount of \$17,282.00. The Fire Chief would like to have a chest compression system in the first on site responding vehicle.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve the December 14th, 2021, minutes as amended to include the amount of the Tax Levy in the amount of \$717,132.75 as certified by the County, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Discussion: The minutes of the previous meeting did not include the amount of the Tax Levy. The County double checked the numbers, and they came up with a lower number than what was discussed at the December 14th, 2021, Council Meeting.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$54,546.92 & \$57,887.91 and the current warrants as listed:

Advanced Automation & Controls	\$3,925.00
Beesing Welding	\$30.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$17,311.12
Bonnell Industries	\$1,826.75
Butitta Bros Automotive- Oregon	\$3,329.55
Byron Bank	\$421.24
Byron Bank	\$346.13

Byron Bank	\$173.73
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,400.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$150.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
Cintas	\$59.90
CIT Trucks- Rockford	\$374.24
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$48,900.00
City of Oregon	\$127,264.62
Comcast	\$148.45
Comcast	\$158.35
Comcast	\$155.55
ComEd	\$438.50
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	\$3,677.37
Critical Reach	\$100.00
Darin DeHaan	\$150.00
Dave Kent	\$150.00
Dave Kent	\$40.00
Dixon Glass Co	\$2,437.77
Dustin Runyon	\$150.00
Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Ehmen's	\$1,012.55
Ehmen's	\$921.22
Ehmen's	\$181.00
Engel Electric Co	\$556.00
Envision Healthcare, Inc.	\$326.00
Euclid Managers	\$1,625.83
Fearer, Nye & Chadwick	\$6,361.64
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$178.77
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$475.88
Frontier	\$356.16
Gregory Spencer	\$150.00
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00
Hawkin's Inc.	\$265.00
Illinois Department of Agriculture	\$45.00
Illinois EPA	\$35,143.19
Illinois EPA	\$5,799.30
Illinois EPA	\$10.00
IP Communications, Inc.	\$1,273.50
IP Communications, Inc.	\$632.85
James Morris	\$150.00
James Morris	\$40.00
Jayce Gusloff	\$150.00
Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$150.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Joseph Brooks	\$150.00
Joseph Brooks	\$40.00
Josh Lee	\$150.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$150.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$95.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$40.00
Ken Williams	\$90.00
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$129.95

Kurt Wilson	\$65.00
Lynn Baylor Zies	\$150.00
Maison Crawford	\$150.00
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Manheim Solutions, Inc.	\$2,400.00
Martin Johnson	\$3,200.00
Mary Elliott	\$150.00
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$150.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
MCS Advertising	\$75.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$40.00
Menards	\$22.97
Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers	\$85.00
Mobile Electronics	\$488.24
Moring Disposal	\$18,974.50
Moring Disposal	\$63.00
Morton Salt, Inc.	\$5,717.60
Motorola-Starcom 21 Network	\$1,944.00
NAPA	\$371.40
Nicor	\$1,952.49
Nicor	\$410.64
Nikolas Manthei	\$150.00
Nikolas Manthei	\$40.00
O'Brien Civil Works, Inc.	\$197,084.68
Ogle County Clerk and Recorder	\$60.00
Oregon Snyder	\$86.39
Oregon Snyder	\$38.91
Oregon SuperValu	\$51.17
PDC Laboratories, Inc.	\$159.00
Pines Meadow	\$185.00
Postmaster	\$7.38
Postmaster	\$7.38
Postmaster	\$659.20
Quill	\$50.27
Rabbit Air	\$1,045.00
Randy Cropp	\$150.00
Randy Cropp	\$40.00
Ray O'Harron Co., Inc.	\$373.59
Rockford Tech-Systems, Inc.	\$137.27
Sauk Valley Newspaper	\$166.40
Scott Wallace	\$150.00
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Shawn Melville	\$150.00
Shawn Melville	\$70.00
State of Illinois Treasurer	\$12,880.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,036.03
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,271.12
Sun Life Financial	\$401.08
Tad Dominski	\$150.00
Tad Dominski	\$40.00
Terry Plemmons	\$150.00
Terry Schuster	\$40.00
Tim Krug	\$40.00
Uniform Den East, Inc.	\$267.95
Verizon	\$590.84

Visa	\$65.19
Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc.	\$25,377.85
Zach McKean	\$150.00
Zach McKean	\$40.00
	\$561,938.65

Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve a Raffle License for the Oregon Lions Club, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: Raffle starts the 28th of January and continues through March 24th of 2022.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve a Special Use Request from Christopher and Connie Glowacki for a Tourist Home located at 700 S. 6th Street, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: The request was unanimously approved at the last Planning Committee meeting to be a tourist home. Tourist home is the term used in the city code for an Air B&B.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve a Façade Grant submitted by Tim & Kim Krug for Main Street Machines, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Aye: Cozzi, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. Abstain: Krug.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve USDA Forest Service and Illinois Department of Natural Resources Urban & Community Forestry Partner Grant, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: Blackhawk Area Council aided in completing the application for the grant. The grant will help in the process of providing a new tree inventory to the city. The last tree inventory was completed in the 80's. A software system to allow the city to know where new trees have been planted and where there is a need for a tree on city terraces is also possible. The city is required to pass a tree maintenance ordinance and create a tree board to comply with the grant requirements. A tree board will help create the vision for the future.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2022-100 TIF Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Oregon and Merlin & Cindy Hagemann, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: The topic was discussed and approved at the last Council meeting. The ordinance creates a formal agreement between the City of Oregon and Merlin and Cindy Hagemann.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2022-101 Authorizing a Variance for 103 & 105 S 1st Street with a 20 Year Sunset, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The property is located in the riverfront zone. The intention is to add a blacktopped parking lot to the property. A 20-year sunset is placed on the property for people who want to develop existing property. This allows a jumpstart in the development of the riverfront zone. New developers will be able to see potential business opportunities and build according to the riverfront zoning.

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

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

Discussion: This is not a new liquor license. Todd and Michelle Triplet are purchasing Messie's Bar & Grill and have begun remodeling and repairing the building. They intend to create a more family friendly atmosphere. They plan to open by February 1st.

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

Mayor Ken Williams stated the Council will be going into executive session to review previous executive session minutes after Mayor, Officer, and Commissioner Reports. The City Council is required by law to review executive session minutes and decide if the minutes from those meetings should be released to the public. There will be no votes taken and is for discussion only.

Chief Shawn Melville stated with the snowfall, a few of the new downtown businesses were unaware of the snow removal requirements. He discussed with the owners the requirements and they took care of the issues. There were quite a few odd even parking issues as well. He also stated Officer Zachary McKean responded to a fire call at about 5:30 a.m. at an apartment in a downtown residence where he was able to put out a small fire in a resident's home as well as a dumpster outside the residence. Chief Melville commended Officer McKean on his response and bravery. Mayor Ken Williams thanked Officer McKean.

Commissioner Terry Schuster said there are a lot of events, weddings, banquets, and other gatherings within the city without a lot of places for people to stay. A need for lodging within the city is becoming a need. A hotel feasibility study will be the first step towards filling this need within the community.

Commissioner Tim Krug said the street department has been busy with snow removal. He also said with the 3rd Street Reconstruction coming in the spring he would like to see the 300 blocks of Jefferson and Madison added to the project. There could also be a possible reduction in costs if the 300 blocks are replaced during the 3rd Street Reconstruction project. Currently there are funds in the budget to complete the reconstruction. He will ask for engineering on the potential project and report back to the Council.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to open Executive Session to review Executive Session minutes at 5:59 p.m., Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to close executive session at 6:21 p.m., Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

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

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

Adjourn: 6:22 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk