

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday December 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 December 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 Tim Krug  
Commissioner Kurt Wilson  
City Attorney Paul Chadwick  
City Administrator Darin DeHaan  
Chief Shawn Melville  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

**Also Present:** Jeff Pennington.

**Present via Zoom:** Corey Buck, Commissioner Melanie Cozzi, James Morris, Terry Plemmons, Commissioner Terry Schuster, and Alexa Zoellner.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi started the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 \$52,248.19 & \$54,679.74 and the current warrants as listed:

Advanced Automation & Controls, Inc	\$3,466.25
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$16,484.97
Bonnell Industries	\$11,618.75
Bonnell Industries	\$779.74
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$502.26
Byron Bank	\$353.80
Byron Bank	\$1,399.73
Comcast	\$148.35
Comcast	\$232.00
ComEd	\$937.81
Ehmen's	\$7,300.54
Engel Electric Co	\$639.44
Envision Healthcare, Inc	\$286.00
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$190.02
Fischer's	\$492.66
Frontier	\$355.01
Illinois EPA	\$13,033.16
Martin and Company	\$164.64
MCS Advertising	\$75.00
Merlin Hagemann	\$1,477.24
Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers	\$75.00
Miss-Rock WPCO	\$40.00
Moring Disposal	\$63.00
MyGov, LLC	\$5.00
MyGov, LLC	\$5.00

NAPA	\$131.43
NICOR	\$685.43
O'Brien Civil Works, Inc	\$37,666.83
O'Brien Civil Works, Inc	\$104,642.12
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$300.00
Ogle County GIS	\$1,200.00
Ogle County Highway Department	\$225.00
Oregon Community Unit School Dist. #220	\$6,699.15
PDC Laboratories, Inc	\$887.15
Pennington Repair	\$1,567.05
Pines Meadow	\$198.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$5,292.22
Postmaster	\$580.00
Quill	\$72.96
Sjostrom & Sons, Inc	\$91,990.83
Sjostrom & Sons, Inc	\$4,286.05
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$22.88
Stillman BancCorp	\$667.26
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Comp	\$258,315.00
Verdin Company	\$630.00
Village of Progress	\$934.60
Waste Water Management of Northern IL	\$5,025.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc	\$18,850.70
Wipfli	\$750.00
	<b>\$601,805.03</b>

Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to Approve Ordinance 2021-125 Tax Levy, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to Approve a recommendation from the Economic Development Committee for a TIF Incentive Request for Merlin & Cindy Hagemann, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** The request is for a TIF incentive for the property located at 103 & 105 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street in the riverfront zone. The city would provide a 50% TIF incentive for the property unlike the 75% incentive which has been offered in the downtown area. \$50,000.00 of the TIF incentive would be granted up front and recovered at the end of the TIF.

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

The City Council discussed fees, insurance liabilities, fire codes, and building codes for Tourist Homes/Air BNB's. There is a growing popularity of Tourist Homes/Air BNBs within the city.

A façade grant application submitted by Commissioner Tim Krug for Main Street Machines was presented to the City Council for discussion. The application is to improve the front of the business. The façade grant could not be paid for with TIF funds since the property is not in the TIF zone. Previously façade grants were paid for with economic development funds. The City Council will vote on the submitted application with funding out of the economic development fund at the next council meeting in January.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi discussed the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee and its purpose to educate, advocate, support the environment while focusing on the cities economic and social growth. The committee will meet once a month and will be an advisory committee to the City Council.

Chief Shawn Melville said the second squad car was finally delivered after a 12-month delay.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said the brick and cement work on the ADA ramp at the coliseum has been completed as well as repair work to the sidewalk. The installation of the new door is scheduled for December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Railings will be installed as well.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson thanked Chief Melville and Casper Manheim for helping to get properties in town cleaned up.

Commissioner Terry Schuster wished everyone Happy Holidays.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Tim Krug said O'Brien's have finished 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Franklin Street. They will begin 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the Spring. He also commented on how nice the downtown lighting looks.

Mayor Ken Williams thanked everyone.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Roll Call: Ayes: Krug, Schuster, Wilson, Williams. Absent: Cozzi.

Adjourn: 5:51 P.M

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

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Ken Williams, Mayor