

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday February 23rd, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Wednesday February 23rd, 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
Lieutenant Randy Cropp
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Mike Arians, Roger Cain, Jeremy Ciesiel, Otto Dick, John Dickson, Joe and Julie Ebens, Mark Herman, Dave Kent, and Boy Scout Troop 52.

Present via Zoom: Commissioner Terry Schuster, James Morris, Terry Plemmons, and Alexa Zoellner.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson started the pledge of allegiance.

Mike Arians and Joe Ebens spoke against an increase in video gaming terminal fees.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the February 8th, 2022, 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 \$55,682.39 and the current warrants as listed:

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council	\$907.50
Butitta Bros. Automotive – Oregon	\$1,165.66
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,400.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
Chicago Elevator & Lift, Inc	\$477.00
Cintas	\$59.90
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$48,900.00
Comcast	\$149.95
Comcast	\$237.50
ComEd	\$661.11
ComEd	\$1,128.74
Constellation NewEnergy, Inc	\$3,646.36
Dave Kent	\$40.00
Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Ecolab	\$145.41
Ehmen's	\$150.00
Ferguson Enterprises LLC #3326	\$403.86
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$418.17
First Midwest Bank	\$1,925.60
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00
Hawkins, Inc	\$339.11
Interstate Power Systems	\$2,041.05

IP Communications, Inc	\$632.85
James Morris	\$40.00
Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Jennifer Blake	\$675.00
Joseph Brooks	\$40.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$40.00
Ken Williams	\$90.00
Kurt Wilson	\$65.00
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Manheim Solutions, Inc	\$2,899.00
Martin Johnson	\$200.00
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
MCS Advertising	\$75.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$65.00
Moring Disposal	\$19,610.20
Motorola-Starcom21 Network	\$1,944.00
MyGov, LLC	\$5.00
NAPA	\$74.96
Nicor	\$177.68
Nikolas Manthei	\$40.00
Northern Illinois University	\$360.00
NW Illinois Law Enforcement Executives Assoc	\$25.00
Ogle County Car Care Inc	\$25.00
Oregon Snyder	\$133.00
Polo Cooperative Associates	\$6,454.11
Postmaster	\$659.20
Quill	\$34.99
Randy Cropp	\$40.00
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Shawn Melville	\$70.00
Sjostrom & Sons, Inc	\$37,280.90
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$6,270.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,863.65
Sun Life Financial	\$401.08
Tad Dominski	\$40.00
Terry Schuster	\$65.00
Tim Krug	\$40.00
Verizon	\$549.16
Village of Progress	\$934.60
Water Solutions Unlimited Inc	\$2,032.00
William Charles Construction Co.	\$198.80
Zach McKean	\$40.00
	\$154,787.10

Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Roger Cain reported on the Council-Manager form of Government Task Force. He proposed the City Council form an ad-hoc committee to provide information to various groups within the community regarding changing the form of government. The city is currently a Commission Form of Government. The proposal would be to change to Council-Manager Form of Government. The committee would include John Dickson, Chris Martin, Rich Bunton, Melanie Cozzi, and Otto Dick. Roger Cain asked the City Council to recognize the ad-hoc committee and move towards attaining signatures for a referendum.

Mayor Ken Williams asked the ad-hoc committee to proceed to the next step with confirmation from the Council, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Commissioner Melanie Cozzi said she has seen a lot of consistency and progress in the projects that have been accomplished with the transition from Mayor-Council form of Government to Council-Administration. She endorses the change in government to Council-Manager form of Government.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2022-102 Amending City Code Ref Tourist Homes/Short Term Rentals, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve a Special Use for a Short-Term Rental submitted by Jeff Hinkleman for the property located at 303 S. 2nd Street parcel #16-03-185-005, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: This was unanimously approved at the Planning Commission meeting.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2022-103 Amending the Video Game Terminal Fee, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: A change in state law allows for municipalities to charge up to 250 dollars per video gaming terminal. The fee for the video gaming terminal is split 50/50 between the video gaming establishment and the video gaming operator. The City Council would like more time to make a decision on the increase in fees.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to Table Ordinance 2022-103 Amending the Video Game Terminal Fee, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve an IGA with the Oregon Park District, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: The intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Park District was a request to solidify a previous verbal agreement regarding the maintenance of the bridge sidewalk on Rt. 64. The Oregon Park District will continue to keep the sidewalk clear of snow, ice, and debris.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Oregon 220 IGA for the School Resource Officer, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The intergovernmental agreement was updated, and language was added regarding officer worn body camera protocol.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve the City Website Policy, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: The city has received multiple requests to put information and links on the city website. The City Website Policy will provide a clearly defined format to follow when receiving and making decisions on what is allowed on the city website.

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

Dave Kent announced he will be retiring on July 1st, 2022. Dave has been the Water/Wastewater Superintendent for the City of Oregon since 2011. He was also awarded Wastewater System Operations Specialist of the Year in 2021 by the Illinois Rural Water Association. Mayor Ken Williams said Dave has raised and elevated the water/wastewater department. He also thanked Dave for his years of service to the city.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said the handrails on the ADA Ramp at the Coliseum have been installed. They will be painted when the weather allows.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson said he is working with Casper Manheim on building permits for some homes in the city. He also stated that the city had 38,000 lbs. of recycling for the month of January.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick is working on the CMAAA Executive Director agreement.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi thanked Dave Kent for his service to the city. She has also begun working on the upcoming River's Edge Farmers Market.

Mayor Ken Williams thanked the Council-Manager form of Government Task Force. He stated that the City Council is a group of volunteers that are required to oversee day-to-day operations of the city per the Commission Form of Government. To transfer the day-to-day operations requirement to the City Administrator the form of government has to be renamed. Moving towards a Council-Manager form of Government will provide professionalism to the city.

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