

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday April 26th, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday April 26th, 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 Terry Schuster
Commissioner Kurt Wilson
City Administrator Darin DeHaan
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
Chief Shawn Melville
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Tony and Blake Benesh, Mike Bowers, Tim Brechon and family, Michal Burnette, Tad Dominski, Mary Elliott, Mark Herman, Linda Hollis, George Howe, Matt Kalnins, Josh Lee, Donna Mann, Jeff Pennington, and Liz Vos.

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck, James Morris, Terry Plemmons, and Alexa Zoellner.

Commissioner Terry Schuster started the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve the appointment of Tim Brechon as a police officer for the Oregon Police Department, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Discussion: Tim is from Oregon and attended college at NIU. He was previously employed as a border patrol officer in Texas and recently served as a Sergeant on the Byron Police Department. Chief Shawn Melville stated there is a twelve-month delay in enrolling a police officer into the police academy. Tim's previous experience allows him to be out on the street in about a week since he is already certified.

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

Mayor Ken Williams swore in Tim Brechon.

Mayor Ken Williams presented the Oregon Chamber of Commerce with a check for \$7,500.00 for the Emerging Leaders Program. Liz Vos and Donna Mann accepted the check for the Chamber of Commerce.

Mike Bowers presented the Benesh Bench project for Phelps Park. Mike has been working with the Benesh family as well as Michal Burnett. The bench would be made of

repurposed materials and the Benesh family will be funding the project. The bench will be placed behind the Coliseum in Phelps Park.

Mark Herman spoke regarding the Oregon Ganymede Vintage Baseball Club. The club began as a way to bring attention to the Chana School. The club has been representing the City of Oregon for 17 years. They travel all over the country playing vintage baseball. They will have the opportunity to play against the Canton Corn Shuckers at the Field of Dreams movie site on May 27th. All are welcome to attend.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the April 12th, 2022, 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 \$54,560.30 and the current warrants as listed:

Ancel Glick P.C.	\$977.50
Byron Bank	\$2,924.27
C & R Services	\$5,742.50
Carreno Landscaping	\$475.00
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,400.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$48,900.00
City of Oregon	\$100.00
Comcast	\$149.95
Comcast	\$296.62
ComEd	\$544.54
ComEd	\$238.38
Constellation New Energy, Inc	\$4,012.65
Dave Kent	\$40.00
Dustin Runyon	\$5.06
Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Eastern Illinois University	\$70.00
Euclid Managers	\$1,625.83
Ferguson Enterprises LLC #3326	\$322.82
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$636.06
Goodyear	\$461.56
Green Sky Consulting	\$6,102.25
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00
Hach Company	\$1,528.68
Hawkins, Inc	\$2,296.33
I Fiber	\$340.00
Illinois Door Masters	\$508.02
Illinois EPA	\$58,374.60
James Morris	\$40.00

Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Joseph Brooks	\$40.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$267.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$40.00
Ken Williams	\$90.00
Kurt Wilson	\$65.00
Legacy Prints	\$5,730.00
Lexipol LLC	\$2,523.50
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$65.00
Mobile Electronics	\$80.00
Moring Disposal	\$19,610.20
Nikolas Manthei	\$40.00
NW Illinois Criminal Justice Commission	\$803.38
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
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Polo Cooperative Association	\$5,125.40
Postmaster	\$660.80
Quill	\$33.48
Randy Cropp	\$40.00
Ray O'Herron Co., Inc	\$132.48
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Secretary of State	\$10.00
Shawn Melville	\$70.00
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$54.54
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$3,067.50
Stillman BancCorp	\$172.25
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,863.65
Sun Life Financial	\$401.08
Tad Dominski	\$40.00
Terry Plemmons	\$766.00
Terry Schuster	\$65.00
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co, NA	\$350.00
The Police & Sheriff's Press	\$65.16
Tim Krug	\$40.00
Uniform Den	\$392.25
Verizon	\$552.69
Waste Water Management of Northern Illinois	\$19,800.00
Zach McKean	\$40.00
	\$207,728.98

Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2022-109 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Oregon and Rebecca & Adam Hazzard dba The Hunt Club, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Administrator Darin DeHaan said this agreement should be in the lease holders name and not Rebecca & Adam Hazzard since this agreement is regarding lease reimbursement.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to table Ordinance 2022-109 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Oregon and Rebecca & Adam Hazzard dba The Hunt Club, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2022-110 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Oregon and Jasman Martin and Mutts & Cuts, LLC, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The agreement is with a young entrepreneur trying to start a new business. The lease subsidy would help offset initial costs by covering a portion of the lease.

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 Tim Krug.

Discussion: The raffle is scheduled for June 23rd at the Oregon VFW.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve a Façade Grant for K's Sports Bar, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Commissioner Terry Schuster stated the building is outside of the historic district and the nature of the signage does not meet the current façade grant requirements. City Administrator Darin DeHaan advocated for more enticing entry points into the city. The council discussed changing the policy to expand to businesses that are not in the historic district. The economic development committee recommended approval to the City Council. The cost of the façade grant for K's Sports Bar would be around \$950.00.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Yea. Krug, Yea. Schuster, Abstain. Wilson, Yea. Williams, Yea.

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to Table the Façade Grant for Mutts and Cuts, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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 Wiggale for the property located at 400 W. Washington Street Parcel #16-03-159-018, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Discussion: The short-term rental is for one apartment located above the Ogle County Brewery and was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission.

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 Wiggale for the property located at 209 S. 5th Street Parcel #16-03-169-005, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: The short-term rental was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission.

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

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve a Variance submitted by Linda Hollis for the property located at 704 W. Washington Street Parcel #16-04-292-006, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The variance was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission to extend the concrete of a driveway for a car port.

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

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve Ordinance 2022-107 Amending Chapter 24.16.010 Parking Generally, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: The previous code allowed forty-eight hours to pay a parking violation, or a warrant would be issued. The change in the code now allows fourteen days to pay a parking violation. The Chief will also have the authority to send a letter after 14 days.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2022-108 Abate Tax on General Obligation Bonds Bond Series 2021, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Last December the council approved abating the taxes on the 2013 bonds. Additional bonds were obtained last year to renegotiate the interest on previous loans. The city has enough revenue to pay for the new 2021 bonds which allows for the taxes to be abated and not require a tax levy.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve Year End Transfers, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The transfers are internal transfers to cover payouts in other funds. This year's transfers are less than last years by about forty-five thousand dollars. The city had an additional seventy-five thousand dollars than what was budgeted. The revenue is deposited into the general fund and then transferred to other funds.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve a Consulting Contract with Manheim Solutions, Inc., Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: The contract between Manheim Solutions, Inc. and the city has been extremely beneficial and is a renewal of the current contract.

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

Mayor Ken Williams proclaimed the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Ken Williams presented a PowerPoint presentation on Council-Manager Form of Government. He said Oregon is a growing community that needs professional management. There would still be a mayor and four commissioners on the city council however the manager would be responsible for the day-to-day operations. The mayor and commissioners are currently responsible for day-to-day operations. A referendum on the November 8th, 2022, ballot is the next step where the community would vote on a change to Council-Manager form of Government. The mayoral election will take place on April 23rd, 2023, with the council-manager form of government taking effect with the first council meeting in May of 2023.

Police Chief Shawn Melville thanked the City Council for the approval of new police officer Tim Brechon.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan commended Chief Shawn Melville on his work to recruit new police officer Tim Brechon.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson continues to work with Casper Manheim to clean up ordinance violations. He also said the Community Clean-up Day is postponed until the 1st of May.

Commissioner Terry Schuster said he has been reviewing pre and post covid data regarding a potential increase in video gaming terminal fees. He will have a package put together for the council to review.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi said the farmers market is a month away and she continues to work on scheduling music and entertainment.

Jeff Pennington stated the water/sewer department responded to a call for a sewer backup on Jackson Street. The department jetted the line with no success. He said the cause of the backup was due to a break and separation in the pipe. The city does not have the equipment to do the repair in house. An emergency repair permit has been filed with the state to repair the manhole and the work will be completed by Martin and Company.

Mayor Ken Williams welcomed Officer Tim Brechon and said he is pleased to have him join 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: 6:41 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk