

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday May 10th, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday May 10th, 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
Chief Shawn Melville
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: George Howe, Jeff Pennington, and Zach Resmann.

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck, Attorney Paul Chadwick, City Administrator Darin DeHaan, Terry Plemmons, and Alexa Zoellner.

Mayor Ken Williams started the pledge of allegiance.

Zach Resmann from Solar on Earth presented information about community solar power and the savings that are possible to the city as well as residents.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the April 26th, 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 \$54,431.77 and the current warrants as listed:

Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$17,311.12
City of Oregon	\$105.00
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Comcast	\$598.88
Dave Kent	\$28.00
Dustin Runyon	\$272.78
Dynamic Horizons	\$1,840.00
Ehmen's	\$707.50
Ehmen's	\$210.00
Envision Healthcare Inc.	\$240.00
Epic Insurance Midwest	\$500.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$580.73

Ferguson Enterprises LLC #3326	\$307.60
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$190.02
First Midwest Bank	\$1,925.60
Fischer's	\$736.21
Frontier	\$54.20
Frontier	\$411.95
Gruen, Gruen, & Associates	\$5,829.10
International Association Chiefs of Police	\$190.00
IP Communications	\$631.94
Jacob & Klein Ltd	\$304.80
James Taylor	\$160.00
K's Sports Bar	\$982.40
Manheim Solutions	\$2,400.00
Martin & Company	\$10,478.97
Moring Disposal	\$63.00
Nicor	\$850.01
Ogle County Sheriffs Dept	\$439.50
Oregon Park District	\$700.00
Oregon Snyder's	\$5.99
Pace Analytical Services	\$52.50
Pace Payment Systems Inc	\$5.00
Positive Promotions Inc	\$741.30
Postmaster	\$351.16
Ray O'Herron Co., Inc	\$73.34
The Economic Development Group Ltd	\$1,219.20
Uniform Den East, Inc.	\$249.61
Village of Progress	\$934.60
Zions Bank	\$28,456.00
	\$81,238.01

Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the Professional Services Proposal from Willett Hofmann & Associates for Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Improvement Project, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: The existing grit removal and screening device are in deteriorating condition and will need to be replaced. Willett Hofmann & Associates will develop the plan and submit the plan to the IEPA for approval. The city would qualify for a 15% principal forgiveness on the project.

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

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to award the Seal Coat Maintenance Project to Helm Civil, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: The seal coat project will include the east side of Oregon as well as Oregon Trail Road.

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 Matthew Pendergrass and the Hunt Club Oregon LLC, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The previous agreement was amended to clarify the payee.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to table a Façade Grant submitted by Mutts and Cuts, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Commissioner Terry Schuster stated there are inconsistencies in the dollar figures on the application form and the estimates that were submitted.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve a Façade Grant submitted by Hazel's, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: The sign is attached to the building. The previous sign had peeling letters. The new sign will be a permanent solution to this problem.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve a Façade Grant for River's Edge Experience, 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 Ganymede's Vintage Baseball Club, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: Everything is in order, and they will be selling tickets at Park East.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve a Liquor License for Cork & Tap, LLC, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: The license is under Cork & Tap, LLC name and is for the River's Edge Experience location on 1st Street. They will have no gaming machines.

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

Mayor Ken Williams presented the City Council with recommendations for Incentives for New Home Construction. He recommended to decrease the fees associated with residential water and sewer connections, sell water meters at cost, and waive lien fees for the next ten homes built in the Stonegate Ridge subdivision.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve for Fiscal Year 2023 to charge residential impact fees of two hundred fifty dollars each for water and sewer connection, three hundred or actual cost, whichever is higher, for water meters, and zero for city impact and waive the nineteen-hundred-dollar lien for the next ten homes at Stonegate Ridge, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Other communities offer similar incentives. The idea is to encourage homes to be built in Oregon instead of another community.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster presented the City Council with data regarding an increase to Video Gaming Terminal Fees. He recommended a cap at two percent based on the previous year's gaming income for each location that has video gaming terminals. Action may be taken at next meeting.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson said six homes were a part of the Community Clean-up Day. They hope to provide another clean-up in the fall.

Commissioner Terry Schuster said residents have noticed an increase in tax bills. The city tax rate has gone down however the value of homes has increased. There was a 4.64% increase in fair market value.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi reported Oregon together has been spreading mulch at Phelps Park. The Farmer's Market will be starting June 2nd. She also congratulated Dustin Runyon on attaining his Class C Water License which is necessary to run Oregon's water supply.

Commissioner Tim Krug said the street department has been running the street sweeper, helping with the spring cleanup, and working on sidewalk maintenance.

Jeff Pennington said Martin and Company is waiting to hear from Welch Brothers on the availability of the manhole for the repair on Rt 2.

Darin DeHaan asked Mayor Ken Williams to thank Cheryl Hilton for holding down the fort at City Hall while Lynn was out of the office.

Mayor Ken Williams also stated regarding tax rates, each township has a different tax rate, and the county has these rates available to review.

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

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

Adjourn: 6:27 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk