

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday November 8th, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday November 8th, 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 Attorney Paul Chadwick
Sergeant Matt Kalnins
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Rachel Brunner.

Present via Zoom: Police Chief Joe Brooks, Corey Buck, Public Works Director Bill Covell, City Administrator Darin DeHaan, and Alexa Zoellner.

City Clerk Cheryl Hilton started the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the October 25th, 2022, minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$56,827.59 and the current warrants as listed:

Bergy's Automotive Inc	\$3,114.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$13,776.25
BNSF Railway Co	\$3,605.00
Bonnell Industries	\$585.47
Candice Rivera	\$279.31
CDW Government	\$2,312.50
Comcast	\$322.99
Ehmen's	\$1,200.00
Engel Electric co	\$7,888.00
Engelhart Motorsports Co	\$19,497.93
Envision Healthcare, Inc	\$228.00

Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$291.02
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$148.92
Fischer's	\$1,339.56
Frontier	\$369.84
Glenwood Center	\$450.00
IP Communications, Inc	\$634.28
James Taylor	\$160.00
Kaleel's Clothing	\$1,715.00
Kiesler's Police Supply, Inc	\$8,092.65
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$7,100.00
Martin and Company	\$340,254.38
Matt Pendergrass	\$750.00
Moring Disposal	\$68.00
O'Brien Civil Works, Inc	\$74,444.44
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Postmaster	\$31.40
Randy Cropp	\$33.93
Ray O'Herron Co Inc	\$840.00
Raynor Door Authority	\$234.00
Sauk Valley JiuJitsu	\$150.00
Wes Hughes	\$700.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$18,323.80
Wipfli	\$1,000.00
Zarnoth Brush Works	\$601.80
	\$510,603.27

Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve Ordinance 2022-115 Tree Preservation Regulations and amend the fines for sections 18.12.020 Trees and Shrubs in Parkway and 18.12.030 Injuring Trees and Shrubs, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Administrator Darin DeHaan stated the ordinance is required for the city to become a Tree USA City.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve a Façade Grant for John Ebens/Tipsy Hog, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Commissioner Melanie Cozzi commented on how nice the building looks now. Mayor Ken Williams said new windows and siding have been installed.

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

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the Job Description for Street Foreman, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: Commissioner Tim Krug said this just explains the job duties for the position and the position has already been filled. Public Works Director Bill Covell stated Dustin Runyon is already doing an excellent job. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said language in the city code will need to be changed from street superintendent to street foreman. He will have an ordinance prepared for City Council review at the next meeting.

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

Mayor Ken Williams said there is typically one City Council meeting held in the month of December. The normal meeting night would be on December 13th. He asked the City Council for their preference. Commissioner Terry Schuster stated the tax levy will be on the agenda for that night, so the earlier meeting will allow for any revisions that may need to take place. Mayor Ken Williams said the sole City Council meeting for December will be held on the 13th.

Public Works Director Bill Covell said he is very impressed with Dustin Runyon in his new position as Street Foreman. He also congratulated the water/sewer department for completing the work on the digester in-house.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan congratulated Dustin Runyon and thanked Sergeant Matt Kalnins.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson said things are going well with Code Enforcement Officer Randy Cropp. Mayor Ken Williams stated Randy Cropp and Casper Manheim, City Building Inspector, were working on some necessary processes and steps. He also stated the position will be a huge asset to the city. Commissioner Kurt Wilson said a report will be submitted to City Council monthly starting in January.

Commissioner Terry Schuster said the EAV estimates have been received. They are up about six and half percent which means the property values have increased. As a result, some of the tax levies will need to be lowered to keep them under five percent. The tax levy will be available for review at the next meeting. He also looked at other communities within Ogle County and the City of Oregon increased the most. He said it shows how interested people are in coming to Oregon. Mayor Ken Williams stated the city could go above the five percent increase however there is a more involved process.

Mayor Ken Williams reminded anyone who is running for office which occurs in April of 2023, to turn in their petitions starting December 12th. He is looking forward to a slate of remarkable people and people who are engaged and willing to put their fingerprint on the city.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

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

Adjourn: 6:40 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk