

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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  
Commissioner Terry Schuster  
City Attorney Paul Chadwick  
City Administrator Darin DeHaan  
Police Chief Joe Brooks  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Public Works Director Bill Covell, George Howe, and Jim Pozzi.

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck and Alexa Zoellner.

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

Municipal Service Manager Jim Pozzi with Republic Services spoke to the City Council regarding the recent acquisition of Moring Disposal. He said he has been in the industry for almost thirty years. He said the recent changes should not affect how the cities garbage and recycling is handled.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$56,191.75 and the current warrants as listed:

AEP Energy	\$1,633.03
Beesing Welding	\$1,768.19
Bill Covell	\$40.00
Blackhawk Hills Regional Council	\$150.00
Bonnell Industries	\$1,886.51
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$156.37
Byron Bank	\$3,133.23
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,450.00
Cassandra Chapman	\$600.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
Chris Thiel	\$220.00
Cintas	\$65.66

City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$14,066.57
City of Oregon	\$72,400.00
Coilcraft	\$4,000.00
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Comcast	\$175.59
ComEd	\$23.37
ComEd	\$59.84
ComEd	\$295.46
ComEd	\$355.56
Constellation New Energy, Inc	\$2,914.47
Devin DeHaan	\$40.00
Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
Envision Healthcare, Inc	\$322.00
Euclid Managers	\$1,586.31
Fehr Graham	\$2,700.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$1,602.55
Fyr-Fyter, Inc	\$589.40
Gregory Spencer	\$40.00
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$2,129.83
Hometown Trophies	\$37.36
I Fiber	\$340.00
Jacob & Klein, Ltd	\$304.80
Jasman Martin	\$400.00
Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Joseph Brooks	\$70.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$40.00
Julie, Inc	\$430.68
Kaleel's Clothing	\$883.00
Ken Williams	\$84.29
Kurt Wilson	\$40.00
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Manheim Solutions, Inc	\$2,592.00
Martin and Company	\$4,140.50
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$40.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$65.00
Menards	\$1,149.99
Morning Disposal	\$20,330.10
Motorola-Starcom21 Network	\$162.00
Oregon Snyder	\$1,346.22
Pace Analytical Services	\$1,188.68
Physicians Immediate Care	\$522.00
Pines Meadow	\$32.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$4,285.52
Postmaster	\$718.08

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Raynor Door Authority	\$410.00
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Shaw Media / Sauk Valley Media	\$53.65
Standard Equipment Co	\$47.33
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,036.03
Sun Life Financial	\$334.24
Tad Dominski	\$40.00
Terry Lester	\$40.00
Terry Lester	\$3,000.00
Terry Schuster	\$65.00
The Economic Development Group, LTD	\$4,168.00
Tim Brechon	\$40.00
Tim Krug	\$40.00
Uniform Den East, Inc	\$190.85
Verizon	\$466.97
Village of Progress	\$934.60
Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc	\$472.00
Zach McKean	\$40.00
	<b>\$175,904.83</b>

Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve a TIF Agreement for Happily Handmade, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Terry Schuster said this is part of the Lease Subsidy Program which the city provides a portion of the lease up to a certain amount for the first year. This program helps the business get their feet on the ground and helps them be successful moving forward. This would be the third grant the city has approved.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Resolution 2023-2 a Resolution in Support of the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams said several years ago the county started an Economic Development group that included many communities in the county. Over the years the group has grown, and they are looking for ways to fund the program going forward. The city has agreed to provide ten percent of ARPA funds the city received towards supporting this corporation over the next two years. The city will provide \$23,500.00 in 2023 and \$23,500.00 in 2024. The county and each city involved will also be providing seed money to support the County Economic Development Corporation. A regional presence will help attract businesses to our county. City Administrator Darin DeHaan stated the City Council has already approved the expenditure of ARPA funds for this purpose, however an approved resolution was requested. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi

asked what other communities were involved with the corporation. Mayor Ken Williams said Byron, Rochelle, Polo, Mt. Morris, and Stillman Valley.

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

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the Job Description for Public Works Laborer, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** City Administrator Darin DeHaan said this is a new position and this person will float between the water/wastewater department and the street department.

Commissioner Tim Krug said this is a great thing that creates the city public works department instead of two separate departments. Public Works Director Bill Covell said there will no longer be a street department and a water/wastewater department, logos for Public Works Department are being created. Mayor Ken Williams said this is a huge leap forward from where we were, and he appreciates the team concept that the employees are creating.

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

Mayor Ken Williams presented Ordinance 2023-003 amending 8.04.110 Unlawful Consumption of Liquor as a first reading. He said the city does not allow alcoholic beverages on city property. This includes streets, sidewalks, and parking lots unless a special permit for a mass gathering is obtained. However, there are some circumstances where this may happen more often than the city would like to issue a mass gathering permit for each event. Limited consumption of alcohol has been approved for the Depot because it is a museum and event center. Limited consumption of alcohol will be allowed at the Coliseum and the drive-up bank locations as well. Events and dinners could be held at each of these locations in the future. He said this will be voted on at the next meeting.

Public Works Director Bill Covell said the department is fully staffed now. Three new employees were hired last week. The department is also preparing for the possibility of snow this week.

Police Chief Joe Brooks stated Terry Lester, the new police officer, has been training hard and he will begin working nights on Monday.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said he met with Corey Buck and Bill Covell regarding engineering and electrical work for the EV charging stations. The city's requirement is to have the conduit in place and supply power to the location. He stated the sidewalk work will be completed in house and have ADA access past the wellhouse. All the paperwork has been completed. Mayor Ken Williams asked if the charging stations locations would be ADA compliant with the width. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said yes, there is plenty of space to allow for this.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson said the garbage rate will increase fifty cents this year. Every year garbage rates increase fifty cents per the contract with Moring Disposal. There will be no additional increase over the fifty cents to the residents. Commissioner Terry Schuster stated there has been an increase of just over two percent over the last five years.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi said there is a need for sidewalks on 9th Street. She said there are a lot of kids that are walking on the street and this is a main cross route when they are leaving the school. She would like to ask for these places missing sidewalks to be prioritized. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said he has started working on the sidewalk replacement plan with the Street Foreman Dustin Runyon.

Commissioner Tim Krug said IDOT rejected putting barrier poles at the intersection of Rt. 2 and Rt. 64. City Administrator Darin DeHaan has been working with Police Department Administrative Assistant Mary Elliott on identifying traffic accidents that have occurred at the intersection since 2015. Mayor Ken Williams said a formal request with justification will be presented to IDOT for the request.

Mayor Ken Williams said as liquor commissioner he would like to address the liquor license fees for fraternal organizations in the future. He also stated construction of the Trestle Ridge development may begin this spring. Frontier will be providing door to door fiber-optic throughout the city. Homeowners will have the option to sign up for this service. Internet speeds available with this service from Frontier is five hundred meg to one gig. He said he is unsure of the start date. More information will be coming and will be posted to the city website. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi asked if Comcast was aware of Frontier running door to door fiber-optic. Commissioner Terry Schuster said Comcast offers service packages for multiple services and Frontier will only be offering internet service.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson said Covia does not have the capabilities to provide glass recycling.

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

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

Adjourn: 6:04 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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