

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 14th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday February 14th, 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 Administrator Darin DeHaan
Police Chief Joe Brooks
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Public Works Director Bill Covell, Randy Cropp, George Howe,
Matt Kalnins and family, and Josh Lee and family.

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck and Alexa Zoellner.

Absent: City Attorney Paul Chadwick

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to approve the January 24th, 2023, 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 \$57,192.59 and the current warrants as listed:

AEP Energy	\$2,994.05
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$17,428.77
Bobcat of Dixon	\$479.55
Bonnell Industries	\$874.12
Brayden Schlaf	\$149.97
Byron Bank	\$1,161.83
Byron Bank	\$1,392.79
Cassandra Chapman	\$600.00
Cintas	\$105.94
Coliseum Museum of Arts, Antiques & Americana	\$3,424.07
Comcast	\$388.83
ComEd	\$96.47
Ehmen	\$350.00
Ferguson Enterprises LLC #3325	\$211.52
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$1,830.18
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$169.80

Fischer's	\$1,690.14
Frontier	\$102.15
Hawkins, Inc	\$347.00
Helm Civil	\$911.63
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police	\$68.00
IP Communications, Inc	\$636.75
LOCiS	\$4,250.00
Long Shots Photography	\$175.00
MCS Advertising	\$75.00
Merlin Hagemann	\$1,673.37
Mid-West Truckers Assoc Inc	\$90.64
Moring Disposal	\$68.00
NAPA	\$805.59
Nicor	\$737.74
Ogle County Brewery, LLC	\$52,900.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Old National Bank	\$1,925.60
Oregon Community Unit School Dist. #220	\$6,374.14
Oregon Republican	\$39.00
Oregon Snyder	\$74.87
Pace Analytical Services	\$372.50
Peabody's Inc	\$19.38
Pomp's Tire Service, Inc	\$1,371.20
Quill	\$386.50
Rockford Cement Products	\$2,012.50
Steve Benesh and Sons	\$662.47
Water Solutions Unlimited Inc	\$2,500.00
Wiggale, LLC	\$3,106.29
William Charles Construction Co	\$229.50
Zach McKean	\$64.02
	\$115,386.87

Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Mayor Ken Williams swore in Josh Lee as a Sergeant for the City of Oregon Police Department.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve the Employment Agreement for Deputy Chief of Police, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Mayor Ken Williams swore in Matthew Kalnins as Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Oregon Police Department.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2023-003 an Ordinance Amending Section 8.04.110 Unlawful Consumption for Liquor, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said per city code, alcohol is not allowed in public places. The Oregon Coliseum and the Sarah Phelps Community Plaza will be exempt from the code like the Oregon Depot.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2023-005 Approving the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Oregon and Mobel Furnishings LLC and Mark Nehrkorn, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Commissioner Terry Schuster stated the location of the business will be across the street from City Hall. The city will provide funds through the TIF agreement to help the owner turn the location into a modern structure that can be used for retail. Since the business owner is doing the construction himself, he will receive a reduced rent rate. The business owner, Mark Nehrkorn, will have a furniture store in the location. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi asked if he would be applying for a façade grant as well. Commissioner Terry Schuster stated that he can apply for a façade grant. He also stated the TIF Agreement was approved unanimously through the Economic Development Committee. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said he received the application for the façade grant today.

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

Mayor Ken Williams presented a PowerPoint presentation to the City Council for the Sarah Phelps Community Plaza project. He said due to the storage tanks that are under the ground the surface cannot be disrupted by digging. The EPA did a phase one and two study to see if the tanks had any leakage and there was nothing found, the area was safe with no contaminates. Through a public-private partnership with local banks, the family restroom for the location was installed. There was a vision for the space to be used by the public however the funding was not there. There was a lot of discussion on how the space could be utilized by the public. The project will include updating the old drive through bank location into a green space for the community. The indoor space will be open with a refrigerator, sink, and updated counters. New sliding windows will be installed. Members of the community will be allowed to use the space for events such as First Friday's music events, citizen block parties, and Lions Club events. A deposit would be required for citizens to use the space. The exterior space will consist of large plants, creeping ivy and trees planted in containers, moveable outdoor seating, and a moveable fence enclosure. This will be a green space for our historic downtown. Funding for this project will be another public-private partnership. A foundation is providing one third of the funding. The city has applied for a grant and will provide two thirds of the funding. The amount funded by the city will be about fifty-six thousand dollars of ARPA funds. The ARPA funds can be used for projects that service the public. The Economic Development Committee approved this unanimously. A bid opening will be held and presented to the City Council for approval. Engineers will not oversee the project, the City Building Inspector will oversee the project, saving the city money. Mayor Ken Williams asked

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi to work with the Tree Board to provide recommendations on the types of trees and plants that would be best to create a green space in the location.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve the Expenditure of ARPA Funds for the Development of the Sarah Phelps Community Plaza up to \$60,000.00, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Public Works Director Bill Covell said the department is fully staffed and they are preparing for the potential of bad weather coming.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said he has received the specifications for the EV Charging Stations from Corey Buck. He is going to review these with Public Works Director Bill Covell and then move forward with the project. He also stated that he has spoke with Commissioner Melanie Cozzi about allowing the Boy Scouts to utilize the basement of the Coliseum. He said this is a fantastic organization for the community. There have been a few upgrades made to existing utilities. He said it will be good to have extra eyes on the building, such as to watch for leaks and other issues. The Boy Scouts will hold their meetings there and have storage space.

Commissioner Tim Krug commended Public Works Director Bill Covell on doing a great job.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi asked about holding another City Council Working Session. City Administrator Darin DeHaan will send out the list of topics that has been created by council members to review.

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Adjourn: 6:00 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk