

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 28th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday February 28th, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was held at the City Hall Council Chambers and on Zoom.

Present: Mayor Ken Williams
Commissioner Tim Krug
Commissioner Kurt Wilson
Commissioner Terry Schuster
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Administrator Darin DeHaan
Deputy Chief Matt Kalnins
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Public Works Director Bill Covell.

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck.

Absent: Police Chief Joe Brooks and Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve the February 14th, 2023, minutes,
Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$52,953.44 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
	\$240,410.33

Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Commissioner Terry Schuster moved to approve the Contractual Service Agreement with Liz Hiemstra, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

Discussion: Commissioner Terry Schuster stated Liz has been involved with the development of the Farmer's Market. In recognition of the hours that she has devoted to the Farmer's Market with no compensation, the city believes it would be worthy to approve a contract in the amount of five thousand dollars, paid over eight weeks. In the future, the hope is she will be able to offset this cost with revenue generated from the Farmer's Market

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

The City Council would like to set a date for a Working Session. The City Council discussed potential dates of March 16th, 23rd, or 30th. The working session will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Ideas for discussion may include the Capital Improvement Plan, street projects, and ARPA funds.

Public Works Director Bill Covell said the department is preparing for another potential storm. He commended the department for the great job they did with the last snow removal. He also stated there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the blowers at the treatment plant. Commissioner Terry Schuster asked about a potential road project on Monroe Street. Corey Buck said he will work with Bill Covell to see what the city would like done. Commissioner Terry Schuster stated the cost of Monroe Street will affect what other road projects can be done next fiscal year.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan complimented Deputy Chief of Police Matthew Kalnins. He said things have been working out well. He also said he has given Bill Covell the electrical specifications for the EV charging stations. The city also has a project lead contact with Blink to help coordinate getting the EV charging station installed.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson stated Moring Disposal reported a total of sixty-one thousand pounds of recycling picked up during the month of January. He has also asked Jim Pozzi with Republic Services to create a chart showing the garbage and recycling statistics over a twelve-month period.

Commissioner Terry Schuster said the city is preparing the budget for next fiscal year. The fines and fees schedule are also being reviewed as some of them have not changed in many years.

Commissioner Tim Krug said he is attending the meeting tomorrow regarding the two new blowers needed at the treatment plant.

Mayor Ken Williams said the welcome sign was not damaged by a vehicle. The posts on the sign had deteriorated due to age. The sign will be repaired and put back in place. He also said over the next few meetings the City Council will be reviewing many ordinances. Chapter two of the city code will be replaced with new code regarding City Manager Form of Government.

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

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

Adjourn: 5:43 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk