

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday April 25th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday April 25th, 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
City Administrator Darin DeHaan
Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

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

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck and Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Absent: Chief Joe Brooks and City Attorney Paul Chadwick.

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi started the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to approve the April 11th, 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 \$59,112.58 and the current warrants as listed:

Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$419.99
Aegis Construction, Inc	\$22,000.00
Ancel Glink, P.C.	\$60.00
Bill Covell	\$40.00
Brayden Schlaf	\$156.14
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$39.50
Byron Bank	\$804.57
Calibre Press	\$278.00
Casper's Home Inspection LLC	\$1,450.00
Cassandra Chapman	\$600.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$40.00
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$11,208.91
City of Oregon	\$50,400.00
Comcast	\$779.37
Comcast	\$826.17
ComEd	\$79.29
ComEd	\$543.70
Constellation NewEnergy, Inc	\$4,439.74
Devin DeHaan	\$40.00

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Dustin Runyon	\$40.00
E Lineup LLC	\$1,099.00
Ehmen	\$288.00
Ehmen	\$392.55
Euclid Managers	\$1,588.20
Fehr Graham	\$1,500.00
Ferguson Enterprises LLC #3325	\$91.80
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$1,740.56
Hawkins, Inc	\$2,227.36
I Fiber	\$340.00
Illinois EPA	\$58,374.60
Jacob & Klein, Ltd	\$320.20
Jasman Martin	\$400.00
Jasman Martin	\$1,200.00
Jayce Gusloff	\$40.00
Jeff Pennington	\$40.00
Jordan Plock	\$40.00
Joseph Brooks	\$70.00
Josh Lee	\$40.00
Josiah Flannagan	\$40.00
Kaleel's	\$150.00
Ken Williams	\$90.00
Kurt Wilson	\$65.00
Lexipol LLC	\$2,725.38
Liz Hiemstra	\$312.50
Lynn Baylor Zies	\$40.00
Maison Crawford	\$40.00
Manheim Solutions, Inc	\$2,592.00
Mark Nehr Korn	\$2,675.43
Mary Elliott	\$40.00
Matt Kalnins	\$50.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$65.00
Menards	\$89.50
Menards	\$299.70
Moring Disposal	\$20,515.70
Motorola-Starcom 21 Network	\$162.00
NAPA	\$1,150.96
Nicor	\$357.94
Oregon Snyder	\$486.27
Oregon VFW Post 8739	\$50.00
Polo Cooperative Assoc	\$4,378.10
Postmaster	\$768.00
Scott Wallace	\$11.29
Scott Wallace	\$40.00
Scott Wallace	\$248.96
Security Lock Inc	\$205.00
Skyler Bethel	\$40.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,036.03

Street Cop Training	\$598.00
Sun Life Financial	\$401.08
Tad Dominski	\$40.00
Terry Lester	\$40.00
Terry Schuster	\$65.00
The Economic Development Group, LTD	\$1,280.80
Tim Brechon	\$40.00
Tim Krug	\$40.00
Tonya Hardy	\$600.00
Verizon	\$466.69
Village of Progress	\$960.00
Ward, Murray Pace & Johnson P.C.	\$1,216.00
Zach McKean	\$40.00
Zions Bank	\$1,240.00
Zions Bank	\$8,483.50
Zions Bank	\$18,107.50
	\$242,547.33

Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2023-007 an Ordinance amending the Oregon City Code Chapter 2 as it relates to the change in the form of government to Council-Manager Form, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams asked if the Rules of Electronic Attendance on page six are a state requirement. City Administrator Darin DeHaan stated this section relates to the Open Meetings Act. The emergency declaration allows members of the city council to attend meetings virtually. Once this expires, the proper procedures will be in place per the ordinance. Mayor Ken Williams asked to amend section B that the members of the city council shall notify the City Manager or the City Clerk at least one hour prior to the meeting they desire to attend electronically. He also suggested removing paragraph D which requires a vote from the physically present quorum to allow the member to attend electronically. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said the Illinois Municipal League is working to change legislation to allow virtual attendance at meetings. Commissioner Terry Schuster stated he liked the fact that the public and non-voting members of the council could still attend electronically, which still increases community participation. Mayor Ken Williams discussed Section 5 Presiding Officer. He said previously, in the absence of the mayor, the longest serving Council Member becomes presiding officer. Since there is no longer a Vice President under the new form of government, does the council want to vote each time to select the presiding officer. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said in the new code, second in command will be the longest serving council member. Mayor Ken Williams also discussed the Depot/Museum Board. He said the wording in the code says one member of the city council will be an ex-officio member of this board as appointed by the mayor. The member who is appointed by the mayor could not vote. He recommended changing this to allow the appointed member to vote.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2023-007 and amend the original motion as follows, electronic attendance submissions as discussed and recorded by the clerk, 2.08.055 Presiding Officer amendments as discussed and recorded by the clerk, and

2.24.050 Depot Museum Board amendment as discussed and recorded by the clerk,
Seconded by Commissioner Melanie Cozzi.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2023-007 an Ordinance amending the Oregon City Code Chapter 2 as it relates to the change in the form of government to Council-Manager Form as amended, Seconded by Commissioner Terry Schuster.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve Ordinance 2023-009 an Ordinance amending Oregon City Code to Reflect Change in Government to Council-Manager, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-008 an Ordinance amending 18.12.050 Signs in Parkway. City Administrator Darin DeHaan stated with the recent storms there has been an influx in the number of signs being put on the terraces. There have also been issues with political and real estate signs. He received a request from Police Chief Joe Brooks to review the current ordinance. He noticed the sign ordinance was duplicated in the city code. One part of this amendment would remove the duplication. Garage sales and open house signs have a temporary window that allows them to be placed on the terrace. These signs must be removed after the event. The police chief expressed concern over the portion of the code that says both neighbors have to approve the placement of signs. Commissioner Melanie Cozzi asked if she were to place a sign on her terrace if she would need approval from her neighbor. Mayor Ken Williams said yes, according to the current code. The City Council agreed that placement of the sign would need approval from the property owner where the sign is placed. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said he would like the City Council to review the section regulating temporary advertisement signs.

Mayor Ken Williams stated the City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss potential legal matters and suits after the Mayor and Commissioner reports. No action will be taken.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said a new program to recruit businesses and citizens to adopt an inlet to keep it free of garbage was presented to the Sustainability Board by Steve Rypkema. The public works department will have flyers on hand to give to residents and business owners. The program will help keep garbage off the streets and out of the storm sewers. He also stated Mark Herman dropped off the Ganymede baseball schedule.

Public Works Director Bill Covell said the public works department continues to work on the deck at the Coliseum. He stated that the water/wastewater department received a Fluoride Award from the IEPA. He said this is an extremely hard award to receive. He thanked Jeff Pennington and the water department.

Commissioner Melanie Cozzi said a stage is being built at the Farmers Market location. City Administrator Darin DeHaan has been working with the fire department on the location for the stage. A list of construction materials is being created and Liz Hiemstra is putting together sponsorship forms to raise funding for the materials.

Mayor Ken Williams said City Administrator Darin DeHaan has been awarded adjunct of the year at Sauk Valley College.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to go into Executive Session at 6:04 pm, Seconded by Commissioner Tim Krug.

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

Commissioner Tim Krug moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

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

Adjourn: 6:25 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk