

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday September 26th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday September 26th, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

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

Present: Mayor Ken Williams
Council Member Melanie Cozzi
Council Member Tim Krug
Council Member Kurt Wilson
City Manager Darin DeHaan
Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton
Absent: Council Member Terry Schuster
Also Present: Bill Covell, E.D. Etnyre Representatives, and Roger Howe.
Present via Zoom: Corey Buck, and Earleen Hinton.

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Council Member Kurt Wilson started the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, and Williams answered roll call.

Absent: Schuster.

Presentations

Mayor Ken Williams presented E.D. Etnyre and Company with a plaque and read a proclamation for the company's 125th Anniversary.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the September 12th, 2023, minutes.
Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$56,020.30 and the current warrants as listed:

Altorfer, Inc	\$12.50
Autumn on Parade	\$2,000.00
Carreno Landscaping	\$700.00
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,500.00
Cassandra Hawkins	\$350.00
Cintas	\$105.94
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00

City of Oregon	\$13,389.44
City of Oregon	\$50,400.00
Comcast	\$844.53
ComEd	\$469.87
Constellation	\$4,477.47
Dan Flanagan	\$5,444.00
Ehmen	\$471.44
Euclid Managers	\$1,305.70
Fehr Graham	\$1,352.00
Frontier	\$75.35
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$2,300.00
Hawkins. Inc	\$2,002.25
Hometown Auto Repair, LLC	\$88.93
Hometown Trophies	\$100.00
Ken Williams	\$50.00
Kurtis Wilson	\$50.00
Liz Hiemstra	\$312.50
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
Mark Miller	\$200.00
Mark Nehrkorn	\$600.00
Mark Nehrkorn	\$13,565.31
Marques Morel	\$200.00
Martin and Company	\$17,931.42
Melanie Cozzi	\$25.00
Menards	\$63.92
Menards	\$577.84
Plum Electric. Inc	\$3,000.00
Postmaster	\$8.56
Postmaster	\$310.00
Postmaster	\$330.00
Postmaster	\$832.32
Republic Services #721	\$20,344.80
Share Corp	\$715.65
State of Illinois Treasurer	\$660.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,036.03
Sun Life Financial	\$364.08
Terry Schuster	\$25.00
Tonya Hardy	\$600.00
Verizon	\$466.78
Village Bakery	\$21.44
Village of Progress	\$960.00
Visa	\$427.74
Walker Process Equipment	\$14,036.17
White Pines Mercantile, LLC	\$395.00
Willetts Hofmann & Associates	\$7,676.60
Willetts Hofmann & Associates	\$9,554.75
Wipfli	\$1,000.00
	\$192,322.33

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Business Items

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve a Short-Term Rental request for Kimber's Edge Properties for the property located at 207 S. 1st Street, parcel #16-03-183-005, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the property is located to the south of River's Edge Experience. Planning voted unanimously to recommend this to the City Council. He will be meeting with the owner on Friday to discuss the storage building in the front of the property. Mayor Ken Williams said the Short-Term Rental use fits the zoning requirements.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Ordinance 2023-016 Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Oregon, Matthew Pendergrass, and Hunt Club Oregon LLC. Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan stated the request was originally submitted as a façade grant. The Economic Development Committee thought a TIF agreement was more appropriate since the project was to create an outdoor seating area. He said it was a huge enhancement to the property.

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

Proclamations, Commendations, etc.

None

Discussion Items

Allowing Overnight Parking of Restricted Vehicles: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the code enforcement officer received a request to allow a construction trailer to sit on the street overnight. An ordinance was passed several years ago restricting overnight parking and has been strictly enforced since. Mayor Ken Williams said the Planning Commission discussed allowing construction trailers but not allowing boats and RV's. City Manager Darin DeHaan said if it is allowed, it would need to be attached to an active building permit with no extra fee. Council Member Melanie Cozzi asked if there are locations within city limits that allow RV parking for people visiting the area or residents. City Manager Darin DeHaan stated personal arrangements have been made with people who have large parking lots. There is nowhere in particular to direct people to. Council Member Kurt Wilson said the city is a recreational community. Mayor Ken Williams said there are two needs, one is for businesses coming to town to service residents and the other is servicing the needs of citizens who do want to leave early with their boat or RV. These are needs of the community and how do we balance that. Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins stated one potential issue is with large RV's as they take up a lot of space. He would also like to see safety cones, reflectors, and a visible permit for trailers. Mayor Ken Williams asked City Manager Darin DeHaan to make changes to allow temporary

permits for construction trailers and recreational trailers to the ordinance and present it to the City Council for review.

Committee Reports

Planning: Short-Term Rental Recommendation.

Economic and Community Development: Mayor Ken Williams said the property located at 125 S. 4th Street is in the process of being rehabbed. He also stated Rock River Studios is filming in the area again and are looking for film locations. Rock River Studios stated to Mayor Williams they appreciated all the help they received during filming and felt very welcome in the community.

Finance: None

Sustainability: Council Member Melanie Cozzi stated they are working on strategy for the Sustainability Plan before they meet with Region One Planning in October.

Tree Board: City Manager Darin DeHaan has started the Tree City USA application and is waiting for figures from Cheryl and Bill.

Public Arts Commission: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the committee is meeting on Thursday to review submitted murals. He also stated another member will be joining the committee.

Department Reports

Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins: Last week he attended a four-day conference for Police Chiefs. The police department is preparing for AOP.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Work on 3rd Street, North 2nd, and Monroe Street are wrapping up. The department is also working on sinkholes that were discovered. They plan to focus on AOP projects next week.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Thanked Bill Covell for working diligently to get the EV Charging project completed. Painting and the installation of bollards and signage will be completed soon. The grand opening for the Sarah Phelps Community Plaza is Saturday at 11:30 am. Beesing Welding is working on completing the fencing.

Council Reports

Council Member Kurt Wilson: Remembered Tom Miller and said he will be missed.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi: The last farmers market is being held Thursday. Mike Guzman with Country Financial is sponsoring Hoo Haven.

Council Member Tim Krug: Martin's are doing a great job; the streets look great.

Mayor Ken Williams: Said he worked many years with Tom Miller on the council and he will be missed. Tom Miller did a lot for the city for many years. He also stated the vision for the community plaza is coming to fruition and is very exciting.

Executive Session

Mayor Ken Williams said the City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss potential legal suits, there will be no vote after.

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve entering Executive Session at 5:58 pm, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Adjourn: 6:13 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk