

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 24th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday October 24th, 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 Terry Schuster
Council Member Kurt Wilson
City Manager Darin DeHaan
Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Bill Covell, Chad Horner, George Howe, and Sally Moring.

Present via Zoom: Corey Buck and Earleen Hinton.

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

Mayor Ken Williams started the pledge of allegiance.

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

Presentations

Chad Horner spoke to the City Council regarding the upcoming election where he will be running for Ogle County Coroner.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the October 10th, 2023, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$68,991.58 and the current warrants as listed:

A.M. Floral	\$5,000.00
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,700.00
Cintas	\$111.24
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$14,186.91

City of Oregon	\$39,000.00
City of Oregon	\$50,400.00
Comcast	\$800.89
Comcast	\$850.76
ComEd	\$96.30
ComEd	\$567.05
Constellation	\$3,578.83
Ehmen	\$470.00
Euclid Managers	\$1,537.95
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$1,684.20
Flanagan's Flatwork Concrete	\$1,250.00
Frontier	\$77.33
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$8,953.18
Hawkins, Inc	\$1,087.71
I Fiber	\$340.00
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police	\$130.00
Illinois Municipal League Risk Mtg	\$93,404.07
Jacob & Klein, Ltd	\$436.65
Jordan Plock	\$274.04
Ken Williams	\$50.00
Kurt Wilson	\$25.00
Lexipol LLC	\$6,325.91
Liz Hiemstra	\$312.50
Maison Crawford	\$32.35
Matt Pendergrass Hunt Club LLC	\$5,000.00
MCS	\$145.00
MCS Advertising	\$150.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$25.00
O'Brien Civil Works, Inc	\$13,237.03
Oregon Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000.00
Polo Cooperative	\$707.50
Postmaster	\$4,351.32
Quill	\$829.26
Shaw Media/ Saul Valley Media	\$128.46
Sirchie Acquisition Company, LLC	\$96.80
Stillman BancCorp	\$82.31
Sun Life Financial	\$2,036.00
Synder's Pharmacy	\$438.08
Tad Dominski	\$346.49
Terry Schuster	\$25.05
The Economic Development Group	\$25.00
The Junk Removal Dudes LLC	\$1,746.60

Turnroth Sign Co Inc	\$3,944.77
Verizon	\$4,295.00
Village of Progress	\$466.74
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C.	\$1,075.00
White Pine Mercantile, LLC	\$88.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$395.00
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	\$18,180.93
	\$303,178.01

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Business Items

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the Short-Term Rental request submitted by Sally Moring for the property located at 309 S. 1st Street Parcel #16-03-186-004, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: The family is looking to create income for their mother. The use of the property as a short-term rental does not deflect from future development.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve Resolution 2023-6 Support of the Revival of the Twin City Zephyr, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said there has been interest in creating a route to provide Amtrac passenger railway car service to the area for many years. There are individuals looking to get local communities involved and to show support. The passenger service route would be from Chicago to East Dubuque.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2023-017 Amending Section 2.24.010 Planning and Zoning Commission [Removing a member of city council as a required representative on the Commission] and 24.16.010 Parking Generally [Allowing City Manager, Dir of Public Works, or Chief of Police authority to grant temporary parking of restricted vehicles] of the Oregon City Code, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said these changes were discussed previously. 24.16.010 will allow for staff to make verbal authorizations for temporary parking. The change to 2.24.010 allows Rachel Brunner to become a full-time member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve amendments to USS Ducks Solar, LLC Annexation Agreement, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said he has been working with City Attorney Paul Chadwick. The initial agreement was prepared by the landowners' attorney. USS Ducks Solar asked for a few language changes that included state regulated standards, terms of the agreement, and notary dates. Council Member Melanie Cozzi asked what happens if the property is sold. City Attorney Paul Chadwick said the new owners would honor the agreement.

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

Proclamations, Commendations, etc.

None

Discussion Items

None

Committee Reports

Economic and Community Development: A potential business is looking for locations.

Finance: City Manager Darin DeHaan said he is scheduling quarterly budget meetings with department heads. Mayor Ken Williams said the budget is a process and the new software will make the process easier.

Sustainability: Public Works Director Bill Covell said the final sweep of the EV Charging station should be completed in the next few days. The charging station should be live.

Tree Board: City Manager Darin DeHaan said he is finalizing the financial budget for Tree City USA.

Public Arts Commission: The chairperson of the committee would like to get the group together for a few upcoming projects.

Department Reports

Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins: Wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween. Trick or Treat hours will be on October 31st from 5-8 pm. City Manager Darin DeHaan said there will be street closures for 13th Street, 14th Street, Koontz, and Amber Drive this year. Public Works Department employees will be manning barricades. Council Member Terry Schuster said there will also be Trick or Treating at the downtown businesses on Saturday.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Jeff and Scott attended the Illinois Rural Water Conference in Rockford. There will be changes to IEPA requirements coming up. He also thanked Lisa and Cheryl for helping with the lead line project.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Thanked Council Member Terry Schuster for taking seasonal pictures of the downtown. These photos can then be used on the city Facebook

page and website. The city is also being featured in the Northwest Quarterly magazine and these pictures will be used for that as well.

Council Reports

Mayor Ken Williams: Wished everyone a safe Halloween.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Adjourn: 6:00 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk