

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

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday November 14th, 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, Christie Cox, George Howe, Mike Rock, and Rebecca Ruter.

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

City Attorney Paul Chadwick started the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members Cozzi, Krug, Schuster, Wilson, and Mayor Williams answered roll call. A quorum was present.

Public Comment

Christie Cox and Mike Rock both spoke to the City Council regarding the upcoming election. Rebecca Ruter thanked the City Council for welcoming her and her new business to the community.

Presentations

Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins spoke about the impacts the Safety Act is having on the Police Department. He spoke about procedural changes, funding for new regulations, and other concerns to the department.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the October 24th, 2023, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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 \$61,640.47 and the current warrants as listed:

Aaron Montoya	\$120.00
Advanced Automation & Controls	\$460.00
AEP Energy	\$1,158.22

Ashtin Bjorklund	\$30.50
Bev Olson	\$277.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$18,003.69
Bob Gobtop	\$33.00
Christy Sainio	\$29.00
City of Oregon	\$12,731.09
Coliseum Museum Art, Antiques & Americana	\$3,424.07
Comcast	\$248.55
ComEd	\$71.77
ComEd	\$376.59
Core & Main	\$364.56
Corey Fry	\$120.00
Countryman, Inc	\$2,205.00
Dan Dietrich	\$106.00
Dekalb Implement	\$101.98
Dekalb Implement	\$147.84
Dixon Paint Co	\$655.14
Ecolab	\$157.04
Envision Healthcare	\$217.00
Eric Higby	\$200.00
Essence Chemical Co	\$496.73
Fearer, Nye & Chadwick	\$7,026.64
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$448.95
Ferguson Waterworks #3325	\$3,473.00
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$158.82
Fischer's	\$4,206.70
Frontier	\$117.58
Gregory Spencer	\$240.00
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$4,429.83
Hawkins, Inc	\$426.08
Hometown Auto Repair, LLC	\$590.69
Illinois EPA	\$13,033.16
James Taylor	\$320.00
Joshua Ellis	\$120.00
Kate Gross	\$15.00
Ken Williams	\$55.96
Lexipol, LLC	\$7,324.91
Libra Farms	\$6.00
Linda Borneman	\$5.00
Lisa Payne	\$120.00
Liz Hiemstra	\$108.73
Lynn Kaufman	\$24.00

Marcie Poppen	\$122.00
Mark Nehrkorn	\$600.00
Martin and Company	\$1,650.00
Martin and Company	\$5,840.00
Martin and Company	\$6,931.93
Martin and Company	\$131,426.91
Martin and Company	\$370,531.45
McAuley Humphrey	\$12.00
Merlin Hageman	\$5,000.00
Michael Meurer	\$10.00
Morton Salt, Inc	\$4,206.63
Municipal Clerks of Illinois	\$55.00
NAPA	\$821.74
Ogle County Brewery	\$500.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Old National Bank	\$1,925.60
Oregon Chamber of Commerce	\$500.00
Oregon Chamber of Commerce	\$6,000.00
Oregon SuperValu	\$42.98
P.F. Pettibone	\$495.70
Pines Meadow	\$619.00
Postmaster	\$8.56
Postmaster	\$796.96
Quill	\$355.36
Ray O'Herron Co	\$1,716.67
Republic Services	\$40,713.08
Rogers Ready Mix	\$810.00
Secretary of State	\$173.00
Share Corp	\$819.87
Shaw Media/Sauk Valley Media	\$487.60
Snyders	\$594.13
Sterling Fence	\$1,492.06
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$500.00
Sue Cozzi	\$21.00
The Police & Sheriffs Press	\$17.60
Tonya Hardy	\$600.00
Uline	\$3,204.29
Uniform Den	\$219.30
Visa	\$790.78
Visa	\$906.35
Visa	\$3,666.63
Waste Water Management of Northern Illinois	\$17,460.00

White Pine Mercantile LLC	\$395.00
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William Thomas	\$43.00
Zions Bank	\$298,483.50
Zions Bank	\$124,347.50
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$434.87
	\$1,120,788.87

Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Business Items

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to Approve Ordinance 2023-018 an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing a TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Oregon and Beam Beauty Bar PLLC and Prompt NP Healthcare PLLC and Justine Beaman, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to Approve Façade Grant for Justine Beaman - Beam Beauty Bar at 125 S. 4th Street - New door and light fixtures, newly painted plywood, clean/repair existing brick and windows, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to Approve Façade Grant for Robert Massey for 408 W. Washington Street - New windows and door, new stone façade under windows, new trims, and finishes, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to Approve Ordinance 2023-019 an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing a TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Oregon and No Stone Unturned Crystals & More LLC and Rebecca Ruter for a Lease Subsidy Grant, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the subcommittee voted unanimously to approve this lease subsidy grant. This grant will help with the lease during the first year of operation.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to Approve Bid for Building Demolition at 401 S 2nd Street to Anthem Excavating & Demolition for \$104,000.00, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said this demolition is for the exterior outbuildings close to the river at the street department. The objective is to clean up the riverfront in hopes of future redevelopment. The first step of the process was to decide which buildings needed to be removed and a budget set. The first building to be removed is the most dilapidated building with the roof collapsing. The bid from Anthem Excavating came in so low that all the buildings and concrete that were part of the initial assessment can be removed. Public Works Director Bill Covell stated the concrete can be repurposed for other projects such as water main breaks. He has also spoken to the City of Dekalb where this company had done work and they spoke highly of the company.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to Approve Ordinance 2023-020 authorizing the City of Oregon to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: This is for the Headworks Project at the wastewater treatment plant. This is the screening process that keeps debris, rags, and other things out of the treatment plant. Staff spend a lot of time clearing this debris from the makeshift system that is currently being used. City Manager Darin DeHaan said this is a significant project and is estimated to cost around six million dollars. Many options have been looked at for funding this project and the first option is with an IEPA loan. Mayor Ken Williams said this paperwork has to be completed for the state. Nothing will be decided until all funding options are looked at. Council Member Melanie Cozzi said this project has been needed for many years. Public Works Director Bill Covell said the makeshift screening will freeze up this winter allowing debris to get into the pumps, causing a lot of damage. Depending on the funding of the project, this project could start in November of next year. City Manager Darin DeHaan said this project keeps increasing in costs.

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

Proclamations, Commendations, etc.

None

Discussion Items

None

Committee Reports

Sustainability: The meeting scheduled for the 13th has been cancelled. A couple that has recently moved to town is interested in joining the committee.

Tree Board: They will be meeting on the 25th at 5:00pm. Discussion will include the Tree USA designation for Arbor Day and tree planting.

Department Reports

Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins: Thanked the Public Works Department for all their help with Halloween.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Generators at City Hall are now online. City Hall can operate if there is a power outage.

Council Reports

Council Member Terry Schuster: The Jeep parade held during Halloween was a nice collaboration between community members.

Tim Krug: Asked if the EV Charging stations had been tested. Mayor Ken Williams stated yes. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he has been approached by three other communities and Sauk Valley College asking about this project.

Mayor Ken Williams: Enjoyed watching the kids downtown during Halloween. He said the event went well.

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal strategy pending litigation at 6:14pm, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

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

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

Adjourn: 6:33 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk