

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 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 Clerk Cheryl Hilton  
Also Present: George Howe, Tom Pacey, and Andy Shaw.  
Present via Zoom: Corey Buck, City Attorney Paul Chadwick, Earleen Hinton, and Liz Vos.

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

Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins started the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Presentations**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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 \$72,836.13 and the current warrants as listed:

Aaron Montoya	\$480.00
Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$286.90
Ancel Glink, P.C.	\$770.00
Bill Covell	\$480.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$480.00
Cintas	\$222.48
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00

City of Oregon	\$14,066.29
Comcast	\$797.30
Comcast	\$849.96
ComEd	\$28.71
ComEd	\$59.74
ComEd	\$178.33
ComEd	\$795.03
Constellation	\$3,571.02
Corey Fry	\$480.00
Devin DeHaan	\$480.00
Ehmen	\$326.11
Ehmen	\$455.22
Envision Healthcare	\$463.00
Eric Higby	\$480.00
Euclid Managers	\$1,677.38
Greg Spencer	\$480.00
Helm Civil	\$788.75
I Fiber	\$340.00
ILEAS	\$175.00
Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs	\$225.00
Illinois Public Safety Agency Network	\$3,342.00
Jeff Pennington	\$480.00
Jordan Plock	\$480.00
Josh Ellis	\$480.00
Josiah Flanagan	\$480.00
Ken Williams	\$58.07
Ken Williams	\$480.00
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$22.55
Kurt Wilson	\$480.00
Lisa Payne	\$480.00
Lynn Baylor Zies	\$480.00
Maison Crawford	\$480.00
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
Mark Nehrkorn	\$600.00
Mary Elliott	\$480.00
Matt Kalnins	\$840.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$480.00
Merlin Hagemann	\$1,968.73
NAPA	\$1,439.18
No Stone Unturned Crystals & More LLC	\$225.00
Postmaster	\$90.00
Postmaster	\$774.18
Quill	\$72.99
Republic Services #721	\$21,067.20
Scott Wallace	\$480.00
Skyler Bethel	\$480.00
Snyder's Pharmacy	\$322.78
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,036.03
Sun Life Financial	\$438.08
Sundog IT	\$2,579.00

Tad Dominski	\$480.00
Terry Lester	\$480.00
Terry Lester	\$2,000.00
Terry Schuster	\$25.00
Terry Schuster	\$480.00
Tim Brechon	\$480.00
Tim Krug	\$480.00
Tonya Hardy	\$600.00
Verizon	\$766.59
Village of Progress	\$960.00
Vos Marketing & Events	\$315.90
White Pine Mercantile, LLC	\$395.00
Wiggale	\$3,583.78
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$771.20
Zach McKean	\$480.00
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$239.98
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$597.13
	<b>\$92,278.59</b>

Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

**Business Items**

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve Ordinance 2024-001 and Ordinance amending Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Boundary, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** Andy Shaw presented information to the City Council regarding the boundary change. He said with the approval of the Invest in Illinois Act more acreage was put on the map. He said by expanding the boundary in certain areas of the city, commercial scale large apartment complexes will be able to use tax incentives to renovate the buildings.

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

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve a Façade Grant for Ken & Chris Williams, 410 W Washington Street, replace siding and windows, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** Economic Development funds will be used for this façade grant.

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

**Proclamations, Commendations, etc.**

None.

**Discussion Items**

**New Home Incentive Program:** Mayor Ken Williams presented a potential New Home Incentive Program to the City Council. The program would include collaboration with the Oregon School District. The idea of the program is to attract new home buyers to Oregon.

The incentive program would waive school and city taxes for the first three years after the home is built. The city utility connection fees would also be reduced. The newly built home also needs to be owner occupied. Council Member Terry Schuster said the program would financially stimulate the local economy.

**Request for a Bring Your Own Alcohol Ordinance:** City Manager Darin DeHaan stated he has received requests from local business owners of event venues and crafting spaces for patrons to carry in alcoholic beverages. He asked if the City Council would want to add an additional liquor license to include this type of request and asked them to reach out to him with any questions or feedback.

**Parking on Street After Snowstorm:** City Manager Darin DeHaan said a few individuals reached out to him about the current ordinance. He asked the City Council to consider changing the ordinance to two inches of snowfall instead of one inch. Discussion also included odd/even parking during normal business hours, the downtown historic district being exempt, and snow emergency notifications and when they end.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Public Art Commission:** There is a potential mural project coming up that will need the committee's guidance.

#### **Department Reports**

**Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins:** Thanked the Public Works Department, they did a great job with the snow cleanup.

#### **Council Reports**

None.

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to enter executive session to discuss potential legal strategy at 6:37 pm, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

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

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

Adjourn: 6:45 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk