

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday March 12th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday March 12th, 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 Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton
Also Present: Bill Covell and George Howe.
Present via Zoom: Lynn Baylor-Zies and Alexa Zoellner.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster 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 February 27th, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$61,199.40 and the current warrants as listed:

Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$37.99
AEP Energy	\$5,811.39
Altec Industries, Inc	\$1,149.56
Blackhawk Hills Regional Council	\$1,007.52
Central Square	\$5,354.60
Certified Balance & Scale	\$1,554.00
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$12,816.33

Comcast	\$248.74
Ehmen	\$690.00
Envision Healthcare	\$229.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$332.74
Ferguson Waterworks #3325	\$1,611.06
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$148.60
Frontier	\$117.58
Galls, LLC	\$145.98
Hometown Auto Repair, LLC	\$662.97
Ken Williams	\$144.21
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$105.38
Mark Nehrkorn Mobil Furnishings	\$600.00
Martin and Company	\$12,930.00
MCS	\$145.00
Mobile Electronics	\$772.15
Nicor	\$523.00
North End Auto and Tire	\$225.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Oregon SuperValu	\$57.12
Postmaster	\$8.73
Postmaster	\$18.05
Radar Man, Inc	\$300.00
Region 1 Planning Council	\$3,823.75
Republic Services #721	\$68.00
Republic Services #721	\$21,067.20
Rock Valley Concrete Cutting LLC	\$1,750.00
Snyders	\$323.00
Something Bleu Bridal Boutique LLC	\$2,625.00
Sundog IT	\$2,542.00
Terry Schuster	\$372.60
	\$85,378.25

Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: Council Member Tim Krug asked what the City of Oregon payments were for. City Clerk Cheryl Hilton said the payments are transfers from one bank account to another. Council Member Terry Schuster said payments from the State of Illinois come into the general fund and then need to be transferred to another account, such as Motor Fuel Tax.

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

Business Items

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve Well #4 Pump Repairs – Estimate provided by Layne – Pull and convert existing line shaft pumping assembly, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Public Works Director Bill Covell said the pump is shaft driven, this pump will be the last one to be converted to a submersible pump. City Manager Darin DeHaan said this replacement will put the line item over budget, there are 3 remaining payments

to be made. He requested an increase in the budget for the line item 50-8820. The city would still be within the appropriated amount for that line item.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve a Façade Grant for Michelle Mongan/M. Mongan Décor – 1000 Pines Road – Repair/replace business signage, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan stated the funds would be used to repair the sign that is located on Pines Road. The city would be providing about thirty-seven hundred dollars. The budget of twenty-five thousand dollars for Façade Grants will reset for the next fiscal year on May 1st, 2024.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve a Façade Grant for Richard Haan – Bela’s Café – 317 W. Washington Street – Masonry and Window Repairs, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said the cost to repair the masonry and windows is about eighteen thousand dollars. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the owner initially looked at stucco for the building façade but was willing to invest more to maintain the look of the downtown and keep the brick.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve Ordinance 2024-003 Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the TIF Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Oregon and Trestle Holdings LLC, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said technical changes were made to include Ted Hvarre’s other LLCs in the agreement.

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

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve CMS CY2024-CY2025 Rock Salt Joint Participation Contract, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Public Works Director Bill Covell said this could potentially be a huge cost savings for the city. The public works department used one hundred and seventy tons of salt this past season. Roughly eighty tons of salt will be ordered if the participation contract is approved.

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

Proclamations, Commendations, etc.

None.

Discussion Items

None.

Committee Reports

Sustainability: The committee met with Region One Planning on Monday. The first two chapters of the sustainability plan are complete and ready to be reviewed. A stakeholder meeting has been planned for April.

Department Reports

Public Works Director Bill Covell: The public works department continues to work on sewer lines at the Trestle Ridge Subdivision, installation of the new blowers at the wastewater treatment plant, and the lead line inventory. Street sweeping will also begin soon. Upcoming road projects include chipping and sealing, South 9th Street, and mill and overlay of the intersection by Nash. Manhole adjustments will also be made by the department this year. Mayor Ken Williams asked to have the dates for these projects put onto the city website. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the Streetscape project will take place this year in conjunction with the repair work being done to Rt 64 by the State of Illinois. Bill congratulation Aaron and Skyler for attaining their CDL licenses and Jordan for receiving his spray license. Jeff and Scott are also attending training.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick: Received the final legal description for the purchase of the railroad property. He asked if the city is ready to continue the statutory process for the city to purchase real estate. Mayor Ken Williams asked him to proceed with the process.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: The Capital Improvement Plan is getting close to being completed. He also said he appreciates the city staff for all the good things they are doing.

Council Reports

Council Member Melanie Cozzi: Farmers Market applications will be ready tomorrow for the 2024 season. They have also applied for a grant with Etnyre to help with costs to run the Farmers Market. Liz Hiemstra is also interested in being the market manager again this year. Her contract will need to be renewed.

Mayor Ken Williams: Thanked everyone. A couple of promotions are being pushed out, one for tourism and another for come home to Oregon. The city would like to draw people back to the community that may have left to go to school or pursue other interests. He also said the city is well funded and we watch our dimes and pennies, so we do not have to ask the public for more increases.

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

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

Adjourn: 6:01 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk