

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday April 9th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday April 9th, 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
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Bill Covell, Chris DeSilva, Tracy Greenwalt, Earleen Hinton,
George Howe, and Chad Ryan.

Present via Zoom: Lynn Baylor-Zies and Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

City Clerk Cheryl Hilton started the pledge of allegiance.

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

Public Comment

None.

Proclamation

Mayor Ken Williams proclaimed the month of April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention month. Tracy Greenwalt with Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center thanked Mayor Williams.

Presentation

Chad Ryan with Fehr Graham presented options to the City Council regarding potential upgrades to the Headworks at the wastewater treatment plant. The Headworks at the plant works as the initial filtration system in the treatment of wastewater. He said the current system has outlived its life and is creating more work for city employees. He explained the improvements that would be made with the upgrades. In his presentation, he reported the project cost estimates as seven to ten million dollars. Principal forgiveness through the IEPA State Revolving Loan is possible. Mayor Ken Williams asked if the city qualified for other grants to help offset the costs of the project. Chad said he would get clarification on the grants that could be available.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the March 26th, 2024, minutes,
Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$59,545.96 and the current warrants as listed:

Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$35.64
Advanced Automation & Controls	\$240.00
AEP Energy	\$6,335.04
Cintas	\$111.24
Comcast	\$248.74
Corey Fry	\$51.13
Envision Healthcare	\$201.00
Epic Insurance Midwest	\$500.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$239.28
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$191.64
Frontier	\$117.58
Hawkins, Inc	\$866.16
Helm	\$14,793.36
Illinois Department of Agriculture	\$120.00
Jacob & Klein, Ltd	\$456.30
Ken Williams	\$27.87
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
MCS	\$145.00
Metropolitan Industries Inc	\$300.00
NAPA	\$170.44
No Stone Unturned Crystals & More LLC	\$225.00
NW Illinois Criminal Justice Commission	\$852.30
Oregon Community Unit School Dist. #220	\$11,558.24
Quill	\$124.16
Ray O'Herron Co	\$93.97
Republic Services #721	\$68.00
Republic Services #721	\$20,489.60
Rochelle Broadcasting Co	\$253.75
Snyders	\$247.23
Subsurface Solutions	\$143.21
Sundog IT	\$2,462.00
The Economic Development Group	\$1,825.20
Tonya Hardy	\$600.00
Uniform Den East, Inc	\$139.16
Village of Progress	\$1,280.00
Vos Marketing & Events	\$1,047.50
White Pine Mercantile LLC	\$395.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$3,871.65
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$364.99
	\$73,783.38

Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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

Business Items

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve Resolution 2024-03 Electric Municipal Aggregation Program, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said the existing program ends in 2024. This will allow the city to get bids and the best possible rate.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the Bid for 2024 Seal Coat Streets Project to A.C. Pavement in the amount of \$275,618.88, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Fehr Graham opened two bids at the bid opening on April 5th. A.C. Pavement submitted the lowest bid. They will complete seal coating on streets submitted by the Public Works Director as well as completing repairs from last year. Public Works Director Bill Covell said a fog coat will be applied to keep the dust down. He also stated the seal coat plan will be modified going forward as there are streets that have structural issues that need to be addressed.

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

Discussion Items

Final Thoughts and Comments on the Comprehensive Plan: Mayor Ken Williams said the Comprehensive Plan is a living document. The document is used on a regular basis and provides goals for the future growth of the city. The previous plan was completed in 2016 and many of the items on the plan have been accomplished. The new plan includes important items such as sustainability and walkability. He asked the City Council to review the plan, especially properties that are adjoining to the city and the surveys sent out by NIU Center for Government Studies. The surveys provide important information from residents as well as information from local businesses and neighboring homeowners. City Manager Darin DeHaan said this plan started with the Steering Committee and has been seen by members of the Planning Commission as well as the public. This is the seventh version of the plan.

Committee Reports

Economic and Community Development: Committee is working on incentives for new homeowners in collaboration with the Oregon School District.

Finance: Beginning to work on next year's budget.

Sustainability: On April 22nd, a Stakeholders Meeting presented by Region One Planning will be held at City Hall to discuss and get input from community representatives.

Tree Board: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the city has been accepted as a Tree USA City. Bill Covell will be ordering signs for all entries into the city. An Arbor Day Event will be planned. He thanked the City Council and the Tree Board for all the hard work put into creating the new ordinance.

Department Reports

Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins: Along with Child Abuse Prevention month, April is also Distracted Driver month. The department is working with IDOT and ISP to get information out about distracted driving. City officers will be heightening enforcement on those violations.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Public Works employees are attending a training seminar regarding street sweeping. He said within the next few weeks most of the department employees will have their CDL's and licenses for spraying weeds. He commended Scott and Jeff with the water/wastewater department for all their hard work at the treatment plant. He said Jeff has been extremely busy with JULIE locates but is doing an excellent job keeping up.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick: He said he has been collaborating with other municipal attorneys on a more efficient way of handling ordinance violations. He said the city may want to explore this as well.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Commended city staff for all their hard work serving citizens and completing projects.

Council Reports

Mayor Ken Williams: Thanked everyone. He said it has been one year since the City Manager position was voted on by the residents. He would like to meet with all Council Members to get their input on how the first year went with this position.

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

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

Adjourn: 6:16 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk