

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday April 23rd, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday April 23rd, 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 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
Absent: Council Member Melanie Cozzi
Also Present: Bill Covell and Charlene Coulombe.
Present via Zoom: Lynn Baylor-Zies and Alexa Zoellner.

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

Mayor Ken Williams started the pledge of allegiance.

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

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

Mayor Ken Williams proclaimed the month of May 2024 as Motorcycle Awareness month.

City Manager Darin DeHaan introduced Charlene Coulombe, the Ogle County Economic Development Executive Director to the City Council. Charlene shared information about her experience and background.

Presentation

City Manager Darin DeHaan presented Mayor Ken Williams with a plaque recognizing the City of Oregon as a designated Tree City USA.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the April 9th, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$59,336.50 and the current warrants as listed:

Ancel Glink, P.C.	\$1,255.00
Carreno Landscaping	\$1,050.00
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,500.00
Chicago WGN	\$7,500.00
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00
City of Oregon	\$11,777.81
Comcast	\$847.19
ComEd	\$248.91
ComEd	\$609.67
Constellation	\$5,418.05
Eastern Illinois University	\$70.00
Fehr Graham	\$1,240.00
Fehr Graham	\$41,000.00
Helm Civil	\$39,420.00
I Fiber	\$165.00
ICMA Membership Renewals	\$585.00
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police	\$121.00
Illinois Department of Agriculture	\$120.00
Ken Williams	\$50.00
LAI, LLC	\$35,986.28
Menards	\$312.64
Northern Illinois University	\$11,500.00
Physicians Immediate Care	\$105.00
Plum Electric, Inc	\$180.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$5,604.58
Postmaster	\$732.46
Ray O'Herron Co, Inc	\$127.06
Region 1 Planning Council	\$3,871.25
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$7,320.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,036.03
Sun life Financial	\$401.08
Terry Schuster	\$25.00
The Police and Sheriffs Press	\$17.60
Tonya Hardy	\$600.00
Trestle Holdings, LLC	\$2,840.62
Verizon	\$528.67
Visa	\$827.53
Visa	\$3,289.37
Waste Water Management of Northern Illinois	\$15,840.00
White Pines Mercantile LLC	\$1,609.79
Wipfli	\$1,500.00
Zions Bank	\$7,033.50
Zions Bank	\$19,010.00
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$879.89
	\$240,155.98

Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Business Items

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said Council Member Melanie Cozzi emailed suggestions to him that included changes to how items were prioritized, the addition of photos, and formatting changes. Mayor Ken Williams said he agreed with the suggestions from Council Member Cozzi.

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan with the suggested changes, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the Job Description for the Public Works Department - Laborer, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said GovHR is completing an update to city job descriptions. The laborer position was the first one to be updated.

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

Discussion Items

None.

Committee Reports

Finance: Transfers for the end of the fiscal year are less than last year.

Sustainability: On April 22nd, a Stakeholders Meeting was held with about twenty business and citizen representatives in attendance.

Tree Board: The Arbor Day tree planting scheduled for April 26th is going to be rescheduled to a later date.

Department Reports

Public Works: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the department is currently working on a tree limb that took out a transformer on the north end of town. The department is working on refreshing street signs and cleaning catch basins.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick: He is working on a revised purchase agreement for the abandoned BNSF railway line at the street garage. He said the city can move forward with creating an ordinance to purchase the property.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: He has been working with the Oregon School District on the Walk & Roll to school event. The event will be held on May 8th. The City is sponsoring trophies for the event.

Council Reports

Council Member Terry Schuster: He stated there is a small group of individuals focusing on bicycling and bicycle culture within the community. He said people need places to walk and bike safely. They would also like to add more bicycle racks.

Mayor Ken Williams: Thanked everyone for all the work put into the Comprehensive Plan. He also said there are two spring incentives that the city is working on, one for tourism and one for affordable housing. He reminded everyone to turn in their statements of economic interest forms.

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to go into Executive Session to discuss employment of specific employees at 6:01 pm, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

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

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

Adjourn: 6:25 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk