

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday June 11<sup>th</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 June 11<sup>th</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 Kurt Wilson  
Council Member Tim Krug  
Council Member Terry Schuster  
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 George Howe.

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

City Manager Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Presentation**

Greg Gates with Lee Ogle Transportation System discussed the 10,000 square foot building project that will be located at the corner of Pines Road and Route 2. The building will house vehicles used to transport residents of Lee and Ogle County. Transportation services can be scheduled for community services such as doctors appointments, banks, and restaurants.

**Public Comment**

Marcia Baugous spoke to the City Council regarding trees in her terrace.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

**Approval of Warrants & Payroll**

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$61,645.00 and the current warrants as listed:

Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$99.73
Advanced Automation & Controls	\$24,875.00
AEP Energy	\$3,183.64
Arbor Day Foundation	\$129.50
Bill Covell	\$100.00

Carreno Landscaping	\$350.00
Chana School Museum Foundation	\$467.60
City of Oregon	\$728,000.00
Comcast	\$248.57
Dana Frager	\$68.21
Envision Healthcare	\$298.00
Fehr Graham	\$19,500.00
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$137.84
Fischer's	\$3,698.56
Foremost Promotions	\$420.72
Frontier	\$117.58
Galls, LLC	\$50.94
Hawkins, Inc	\$1,729.37
Helm Civil	\$2,426.67
Hey Tree Service, LLC	\$10,600.00
Illinois EPA	\$17,833.19
Illinois EPA	\$35,143.19
James Taylor	\$40.00
James Taylor	\$950.00
Kelsey Excavating, Inc	\$1,250.00
Layne	\$85,878.00
Lexipol LLC	\$2,888.90
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
MCS	\$145.00
MCS Advertising	\$25.00
Mel's Custom Graphics	\$1,280.00
Menards	\$269.54
Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers	\$75.00
NAPA	\$120.87
O'Brien Civil Works, Inc	\$337.50
O'Brien Civil Works, Inc	\$7,860.00
Ogle County Sheriff's Dept	\$1,700.00
Postmaster	\$824.73
Region 1 Planning Council	\$2,398.75
Republic services #721	\$68.00
Rogers Ready Mix	\$794.00
Rush Power Systems, LLC	\$2,338.49
Shaw Media	\$504.80
Snyders	\$796.84
Sterling Fence	\$4,245.38
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$750.00
Sundog IT	\$2,493.00
SuperValu	\$11.45
Thomas Reuters- West	\$125.38
Vos Marketing & Events	\$2,342.50
Waste Water Management of Northern Illinois	\$8,556.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$284.40
	<b>\$981,423.84</b>

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

### **Business Items**

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2024-006 Updating the Street Vendor provision of the Oregon City Code, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** City Manager Darin DeHaan said the old code did not transfer over and changes to language needed to be made. The code now includes definitions and language regarding food trucks. Insurance requirements, health department regulations, and days of operation will be added to the new application. The ordinance only regulates public property.

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

### **Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.**

None.

### **Discussion Items**

**Discuss Electronic Messaging Sign at Sarah Phelps Plaza:** City Manager Darin DeHaan said the current sign has been used as a message board for community events by many different organizations. Due to the sign being in the historic district, the city has applied for a variance of the city code. The variance request will be presented to the Planning Commission next week. The cost for the sign ranges between twenty-seven thousand and fifty thousand dollars. He asked if the City Council had any thoughts or concerns regarding the addition of the electronic sign. Mayor Ken Williams said the use of the sign should be limited to organizations, no commercial advertising. He also stated ARPA, Economic Development, and TIF funds could be used to fund the project. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the light of the sign is adjustable to control light pollution. Council Member Terry Schuster said this would be a great way to communicate city events and projects as well. Council Member Tim Krug asked about the possibility of sponsorships to help fund the project.

### **Committee Reports**

**Economic and Community Development:** Two empty store fronts will be filled soon.

**Finance:** Working on the budget.

**Sustainability:** Region One Planning will be at the upcoming Farmer's Market along with City employees for City Night.

**Tree Board:** A tree planting event is being discussed.

### **Department Reports**

**Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins:** The department received a grant to promote traffic safety.

**Public Works Director Bill Covell:** Curbs have been painted, signs for the Streetscape project have been approved, Sealcoating will begin in July, and the blower installation cost decreased by five thousand dollars.

**City Manager Darin DeHaan:** He said activity escalates for all departments this time of the year; he recognized city staff for the extra efforts.

**Council Reports**

None.

Mayor Ken Williams stated the City Council will be entering Executive Session to discuss the compensation of a specific employee. No action will be taken.

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to enter Executive Session at 6:10 pm, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

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

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

Adjourn: 6:20 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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