

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 13th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday August 13th, 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 Kurt Wilson
City Manager Darin DeHaan
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton
Present via Zoom: Council Member Terry Schuster
Also Present: Bill Covell.

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

City Manager Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the electronic attendance of Council Member Terry Schuster due to a family emergency, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Presentation

None.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the July 23rd, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$61,723.25 and the current warrants as listed:

AEP Energy	\$3,261.00
Arm Scor Cartridge Inc	\$1,240.00
Black Diamond Plumbing & Mechanical Inc	\$165.00

Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$19,125.54
Cintas	\$111.24
City of Oregon	\$13,677.84
City of Oregon	\$13,831.81
Civic Plus LLC	\$2,835.00
Comcast	\$248.98
Constellation	\$1,002.40
Constellation	\$4,278.73
DeKalb Implement	\$683.22
Elevator Inspection Service Wisconsin LLC	\$150.00
Envision Healthcare	\$201.00
Eric Higby	\$2,000.00
Fastenal	\$25.50
Fehr Graham	\$10,189.00
Fehr Graham	\$47,700.00
Ferguson Enterprises LLC #3325	\$251.22
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$264.01
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$520.44
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$196.06
Fischer's	\$368.73
Frontier	\$91.33
Frontier	\$117.58
Glaus Industries LLC	\$8,950.00
Ground Penetrating Radar Systems LLC	\$2,100.00
Hach Company	\$1,959.50
Hawkins, Inc	\$2,460.31
Helm Civil	\$7,096.00
Highstar Traffic	\$1,192.70
Johnson Oil	\$17.71
Ken Willaims	\$33.07
Ken Willaims	\$2,842.81
Layne	\$36,858.50
Locis	\$4,074.00
Manheim Solutions	\$2,484.00
Mark Ambrose	\$200.00
MCS	\$145.00
Metropolitan Industries Inc	\$179.46
NAPA	\$24.57
Nicor	\$104.59
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
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Oregon Chamber of Commerce	\$140.00
Old National Bank	\$1,925.60
Oregon SuperValu	\$27.57
Postmaster	\$48.40
Quill	\$159.12
Republic Services #721	\$68.00
Rogers Ready Mix	\$89.04
Rogers Ready Mix	\$702.00
Shaw Media / Sauk Valley Media	\$51.85

Steve Benesh & Sons	\$4,560.95
Sun Life Financial	\$438.08
Sundog IT	\$2,496.00
Treasurer, State of Illinois	\$660.00
Visa	\$945.79
Visa	\$3,743.48
Zarnoth Brush Works	\$418.70
Zoro	\$71.30
	\$209,923.73

Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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

Business Items

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve Ordinance 2024-010 updating Section 2.16.06 Police, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said this ordinance was overlooked when amendments were made after the change in form of government.

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

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve Job Description for Chief of Police, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said changes were made to the educational requirements.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve the Appointment of Matthew Kalnins as Chief of Police, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Mayor Ken Williams swore in Matthew Kalnins as Chief of Police for the Oregon Police Department.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the Employment Agreement for Chief of Police, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Resolution 2024-06 regarding the Release and Non-Release of Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2024-009 Fireworks, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the Oregon Fire Chief attended training and learned that the fire department can not issue permits for fireworks however the city can. He said the city and the fire department would work together to issue permits. Council Member Melanie Cozzi expressed concerns of the negative effects on wildlife. Council Member Terry Schuster asked if there would be a limited number of permits issued annually. Council Member Kurt Wilson asked about time limits.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to table Ordinance 2024-009 Fireworks, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve Commercial Lease Subsidy Grant for Jen's Artisan Breads LTD, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the lease subsidy grant application was unanimously approved by the subcommittee.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to Approve Ordinance 2024-011 Economic Development Agreement between the City of Oregon, Jen's Artisan Breads LTD, and Jennifer Koertner, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to Approve Façade Grant for Jennifer and Nicholas Brooks – Brooks Jewelers – 113 N 4th Street, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said they will be updating the signage and rehabbing the old location.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to Approve Façade Grant for Noel Bruns – 4th and Long – 127 S 4th Street, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said this will allow the enhancements to continue in that area of town with Beam Beauty Bar just completing their façade project.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Board of Education of the Oregon Community Unit School District No. 220 and the City of Oregon for a School Resource Officer Program, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said a flat rate of seventy-five thousand dollars for the SRO was the only change to the agreement.

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

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

None.

Discussion Items

Bids for Curbside Waste Collection: City Manager Darin DeHaan said he would like the City Council to have an open discussion and ask any questions regarding the bids received for waste collection. Council Member Melanie Cozzi said she was concerned with every other week recycling. The City Council also discussed yard waste, bulk item pickup, rates, and references. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the bid materials received from each of the companies are available at City Hall for review.

Annual Audit/Financial Report: Mayor Ken Williams said the city had a clean audit and the city has a strong financial condition.

Intergovernmental Agreement-School District Property Tax Refund: Mayor Ken Williams provided information regarding a new residential construction incentive program. He said there has been a decline in population and school enrollments over the past ten years. He said over the last three years, zero new homes have been built within the city. The program would help attract new residents to the community. The program would rebate three years of property taxes and ninety percent of building fees. The program would run for twelve months, and the property must be within the city limits of Oregon. No more than ten properties would qualify for the program. He asked the City Council to review the information provided.

Pedal Bus Ordinance: City Manager Darin DeHaan said he received a request from the owner of the pedal bus. The owner would like to be able to operate at any time, not just during Autumn on Parade. The City Council discussed the interest in kid and team events, the storage of the pedal bus and how it is transported, parking, and the consumption of alcohol on the pedal bus. The City Council asked the City Manager to prepare an ordinance for review at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Economic and Community Development: Addition of new businesses.

Finance: Continue to formalize an ad-hoc finance committee.

Sustainability: Joyce Lewis with the Ogle County Health Department has joined the committee. A public presentation will be held September 4th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Tree Board: One member is resigning from the committee. There has also been more interest from residents in tree plantings in the terrace since the city held the Arbor Day tree planting event.

Public Art Commission: The mural at the Village Bakery has been completed. A celebration has been scheduled for Thursday at noon.

Department Reports

Chief of Police Matt Kalnins: Thanked everyone for their support.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Congratulated Chief of Police Matt Kalnins. The old street garage has been demolished, upcoming projects include milling, paving, and seal coating. Route 64 is scheduled to be started this week.

City Clerk Cheryl Hilton: Election packets are available to be picked up at City Hall.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: He connected Mike Mudge from Rock River Energy to a representative with US Solar. Mike reported solar credits could be made available to the city through US Solar and potentially save the city thousands of dollars. He hopes to have the contract available for review at the next meeting. Building code updates will also begin to be presented to the City Council for review. He congratulated Police Chief Matt Kalnins. He has had a significant impact on the community.

Council Reports

Council Member Terry Schuster: The Oregon Ganymedes Vintage Baseball team played in Detroit this past weekend and played in the championship game for the middle division. He encouraged everyone to look at their Facebook page. They have two more local games scheduled for this fall.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi: Congratulated Police Chief Matt Kalnins and recognized his positive impact on the community.

Council Member Tim Krug: Congratulated Police Chief Matt Kalnins.

Mayor Ken Williams: Congratulated Police Chief Matt Kalnins.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Adjourn: 6:27 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk