

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday September 10th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday September 10th, 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
Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton
Also Present: Bill Covell and Chad Ryan.

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

City Manager Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

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

Presentation

None.

Public Hearing

Mayor Ken Williams opened the public hearing regarding the planning, design, and evaluation of the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Chad Ryan with Fehr Graham said there is approximately one hundred and ninety-two total water line replacements necessary. He also stated they are asking for one hundred percent forgiveness on the loan from the IEPA. Mayor Ken Williams said this program is mandated. He also stated there could be no cost to the citizens for the lead lines that need to be replaced. Chad Ryan said the replacement will be from the water meter inside the residents' home to the water main if necessary. Access to residents' homes will be necessary. A preconstruction meeting will be held with residents, so they know what to expect. He also said it is in the best interest of the resident to participate in the replacement program. If they choose not to participate, they could be expected to pay for the replacement themselves. The cost for replacement is nine to twelve thousand dollars.

Mayor Ken Williams closed the public hearing at 5:49 pm.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the August 27th, 2024, minutes,
Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$58,174.46 and the current warrants as listed:

Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$74.98
Altorfer Inc	\$1,352.00
BNSF Railway Company	\$3,824.54
Brooks Jewelers	\$225.00
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$135.06
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$1,606.96
CDW Government	\$1,115.62
Comcast	\$248.98
ComEd	\$8,516.31
Dan Flanagan dba Flangan's Flatwork	\$2,270.00
Envision Healthcare	\$205.00
Ferguson Enterprises LLC dba Pollardwater	\$1,319.39
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$153.66
Fischer's	\$500.04
Frontier	\$117.58
Getz Fire Equipment	\$497.25
Grainger	\$855.22
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$4,100.00
Helm Civil	\$10,819.36
Highstar Traffic	\$2,182.50
James Taylor	\$420.00
Jen's Artisan Breads Ltd	\$375.00
Jen's Artisan Breads Ltd	\$1,155.00
Kelsey Excavating	\$6,029.00
Ken Williams	\$27.51
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$98.06
Liz Hiemstra	\$571.42
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
MCS	\$145.00
NAPA	\$100.51
No Stone Unturned Crystals & More LLC	\$225.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Oregon SuperValu	\$13.45
Postmaster	\$350.00
Quill	\$164.08
R.N.O.W.	\$320.84
Republic Services #721	\$68.00
Rogers Ready Mix	\$702.00
Standard Equipment Co	\$156.93
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$2,400.00
Sundog IT	\$2,473.00
Visa	\$504.88
Visa	\$549.81
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$80.79
	\$59,701.73

Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Business Items

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2024-013 Pedal Bus License and Operation, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said references to alcohol on the pedal bus were removed. Council Member Terry Schuster said page six still contains references to alcohol. Mayor Ken Williams asked City Manager Darin DeHaan to strike all references to alcohol from the ordinance.

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to amend the original motion and strike any provisions that allow alcohol, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2024-013 Pedal Bus License and Operation, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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: Council Member Tim Krug asked if permit numbers would be issued. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the number of permits would be limited by policy; it is not included in the ordinance. Council Member Melanie Cozzi asked about eliminating the cannon type explosives that make a loud boom due to impacts to residents, animals, and the environment. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he will discuss not having loud percussion type fireworks with the Fire Chief and any firework operator. Mayor Ken Williams suggested approving the ordinance as written and working with firework providers. If there are issues, the city council can revisit the ordinance and make amendments.

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

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

None.

Discussion Items

Food Truck Fees: Mayor Ken Williams provided estimated operational costs to local business owners which included property taxes, building maintenance, and utilities. He said food trucks do not have the same associated costs as the businesses who have invested in the community. He said a fee of twenty-two dollars a day would even the playing field for food trucks and put them on the same level as local businesses. Council Member Tim Krug asked where the revenue from this fee would go. Mayor Ken Williams said possibly economic development. Mayor Ken Williams said the fee would

not apply to food trucks at the Farmer's Market location or any food truck operating on private property. Council Member Terry Schuster said the reason for the fee is justifiable. The City Council was agreeable.

Community Solar: City Manager Darin DeHaan said US Solar is offering solar credits to the city, as well as the county and the park district. He said City Attorney Paul Chadwick is currently reviewing the contracts. He handed out a document that contained estimated savings to the city. One of the issues is the length of the contract is twenty years. He and City Attorney Paul Chadwick are working on language to terminate the contract if certain things happen. City Attorney Paul Chadwick said the city could be required to pay a fee to end the contract. Another concern is they do not have the ability to do thirty day or sixty-day net payments, which the city would need in order for the payments to be made with city council approval. City Manager Darin DeHaan said there are no guarantees. Attorney Paul Chadwick suggested the city meets with Mike Mudge for clarification of the program and contracts. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he would schedule a meeting, and he asked all Council members to submit any questions they had to him.

Committee Reports

Economic and Community Development: Planning an offsite meeting.

Finance: Budget to actual reports for next meeting.

Sustainability: Held the public presentation on September 4th. Lauren Kleve with Region One Planning will present the plan to the City Council on September 24th.

Tree Board: Jordan Plock will be joining the committee. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17th.

Department Reports

Chief of Police Matt Kalnins: The police department is accepting applications for two police officers. Chief Kalnins also said Officer Buckwalter's first week went well.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: RT 64 will be completed by the end of the week except for manhole adjustments. He thanked the public works department for the hard work and time that went into the water main break over the weekend. Fog coating will be done on the chip sealed roads. Council Member Terry Schuster asked if applying fog coat will increase the amount of time between chip seal projects for these streets. Bill Covell said yes. Council Member Melanie Cozzi said she has received complaints of dust from residents. Bill Covell said water was dumped onto these streets to help with the dust.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Complimented the public works department. He said they showed great teamwork while working on the water main break. He said he has had great interactions with the new police officer, Taylor Buckwalter. He believes she will be a great addition to the department and community. Bids for the LED message board at the Sarah Phelps Plaza are due tomorrow.

Council Reports

Council Member Melanie Cozzi: Thanked Chief of Police Matt Kalnins and Officer Tim Brechon for assisting a community member last week at the school.

Mayor Ken Williams: He said AOP is top of mind for most of the community right now and he is looking forward to it. The parade route remains the same as last year.

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

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

Adjourn: 6:31 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk