

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 22nd, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday October 22nd, 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
Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton
Absent: Council Member Terry Schuster
Also Present: Earleen Hinton, George Howe, and Chad Ryan.
Present via Zoom: Lynn Baylor-Zies.

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

Mayor Ken Williams started the pledge of allegiance.

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

Presentation

None.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the October 8th, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$63,409.99 and the current warrants as listed:

Bev Olson	\$172.00
Bobcat of Dixon	\$48,799.06
Box Materials LLC	\$2,240.00
Brooks Jewelers	\$225.00
Butitta Bros Automotive - Oregon	\$42.39
Butitta Bros Automotive - Oregon	\$480.70
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,550.00
City of Oregon	\$5,500.00
City of Oregon	\$14,047.37
Coliseum Museum of Art, Antiques & Americana	\$3,494.36
Comcast	\$827.73
Comcast	\$872.81

ComEd	\$11,948.55
Dan Dietrich	\$20.00
Diane Brink	\$7.00
EM Benefits	\$1,734.83
Fehr Graham	\$8,160.00
Fehr Graham	\$8,329.00
Fehr Graham	\$27,300.00
Hach Company	\$1,161.21
Hackbarth Truck &Equipment	\$1,155.51
Hagemann Horticulture	\$220.00
Hagemann Horticulture	\$8,854.78
Helm Civil	\$522.00
Helm Civil	\$885.50
Helm Civil	\$956.73
ILEAS	\$60.00
Jacob & Klein, Ltd	\$547.55
Jane Koeller	\$20.00
Jen's Artisan Breads, Ltd	\$375.00
Kate Gross	\$8.00
Ken Williams	\$25.00
Ken Williams	\$54.94
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$475.57
Lynn Kaufman	\$11.00
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$25.00
Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers	\$500.00
Michael Meurer	\$10.00
Mis-West Truckers Assoc. Inc	\$188.00
No Stone Unturned Crystals	\$225.00
Oregon Depot Museum	\$7,807.04
P.F. Pettibone & co.	\$68.95
Polo Cooperative Assoc	\$4,217.12
Postmaster	\$771.68
Quill	\$132.74
Region1 Planning Council	\$1,707.09
Republic Services #721	\$20,550.40
Samantha Geeves	\$3.00
Shawn Melville	\$250.00
Slim & Hanks	\$12,711.50
Snyder's Pharmacy	\$558.23
Stillman BankCorp	\$2,036.03
The Economic Development Group	\$2,190.20
Verizon	\$567.23
Village of Progress	\$1,280.00
Zoro Tools	\$572.27

\$210,047.07

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Business Items

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve a Variance Request of the sign ordinance submitted by Lou Vanderwyst – Conover Square Mall – 201 N 3rd Street, Oregon, IL 61061 Parcel #16-03-176-009, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: Council Member Tim Krug said the variance was required due to the size of the signage. Mayor Ken Williams said there was a comment made during the Planning Meeting regarding the size and layout of the signage. City Manager Darin DeHaan said there was one no vote at the meeting.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the Appointment of Caleb Jenks to the Tree Board, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the board has lost a couple of members. Another member of the Tree Board recommended Caleb. He is also an employee of the Oregon Park District, and this may help create a partnership between the two groups.

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

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Annual Insurance Renewal Contribution and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Policy Renewal, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan stated there was an increase in the renewal cost. He said IMLRMA supplied two options, one of them being about ten thousand dollars less. He stated the cheaper option comes with risks. He said there is no way to know what insurance claims are going to be in the future and they could end up costing more than the ten-thousand-dollar difference in plan options. Council Member Tim Krug said damage from storms continues to increase. He feels that insurance costs are not a good thing to take a gamble on. Mayor Ken Williams said IMLRMA has been a good company to work with. The City Council agreed to stay with option one.

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

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

None.

Discussion Items

1st Reading Ordinance - Brush & Yard Waste: City Manager Darin DeHaan said this is a starting point for redefining what the public works employees pick up. It is also a chance to address how long yard waste bags sit outside before collection. The new contract with Northern Illinois Disposal is for every other week collection of yard waste. They would prefer that yard waste not sit out for long lengths of time because the bags

tend to deteriorate and make collection difficult. Council Member Kurt Wilson asked if brush needed to be tied or banded together. Public Works Director Bill Covell said having the bundles tied can be more difficult to collect and recommended not having brush bundles tied.

Committee Reports

Planning: None.

Economic and Community Development: Workshop on October 23rd.

Sustainability: Link to the Sustainability Plan has been added to the city website. Another community has reached out about our plan.

Tree Board: Addition of new member Caleb Jenks.

Public Art Commission: None.

Department Reports

Police Chief Matt Kalnins: Continuing hiring process. Interviews were held today, and Chief Matt Kalnins thanked City Manager Darin DeHaan for attending those with him. Mayor Ken Williams asked about Trick or Treat hours. City Manager Darin DeHaan said Trick or Treat hours are from 5pm – 8pm on October 31st. 13th and 14th Street will also be closed during those hours. They expect over five hundred people to trick or treat in that area, and it worked out well last year.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Congratulated employee Andy Silva on the new addition to his family.

City Clerk Cheryl Hilton: Petition packets can be turned in to the clerks office until October 28th at 5pm.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick: BNSF is ready to close on the property sold to the city in November. He has given BNSF the legal and they will draw up a deed to be recorded with the county.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: The company doing the LED sign at Sarah Phelps Plaza will be taking measurements tomorrow. Hopefully, the sign will be done by Candlelight Walk.

Council Reports

Council Member Kurt Wilson: While he was waiting to submit his petition packet he received feedback about the payment slot at City Hall. He said residents like being able to drop off their payments that way.

Mayor Ken Williams: Commended the public works department and the police department for all the hard work and collaboration during Autumn on Parade. He also thanked City Manager Darin DeHaan for 28 years of service to the City of Oregon. He also congratulated Andy Silva.

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Adjourn: 5:57 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk