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**City of Oregon Council Agenda,  
Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:30 P.M.  
115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Public Option: Join Meeting via Zoom**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 7. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS AND PAYROLL**
- 8. BUSINESS ITEMS**
  - a. Approve Ordinance 2024-017 Tax Levy**
  - b. Approve Resolution 2024-9 Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the City of Oregon**
  - c. Approve Resolution 2024-10 Requesting the Denial of Solar Farm on Riverfront Property**
- 9. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC**
- 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
- 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a. PLANNING**
  - b. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
  - c. FINANCE**
  - d. SUSTAINABILITY**
  - e. TREE BOARD**

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- f. PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
- g. OTHER

## 12. DEPARTMENT AND OFFICER REPORTS

- a. POLICE
- b. PUBLIC WORKS
- c. CITY CLERK  
Meeting Date's/Holidays 2025
- d. CITY ATTORNEY
- e. CITY MANAGER  
City Manager's Report

## 13. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. MEMBER WILSON
- b. MEMBER SCHUSTER
- c. MEMBER COZZI
- d. MEMBER KRUG
- e. MAYOR WILLIAMS

## 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

A portion of the meeting maybe closed to the Public, immediately as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City of Oregon, and as permitted by 5 ILCS 102/2 (c)(11) to discuss litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the City which has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal of which is imminent and as permitted by 5 ILCS (c)(21) to review and approve closed session minutes and as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2 Collective negotiating matters. **Possible action after executive session**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday November 12<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 November 12<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 Melanie Cozzi  
Council Member Tim Krug  
Council Member Kurt Wilson  
City Manager Darin DeHaan  
Chief of Police Matt Kalnins  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Earleen Hinton, George Howe, and Chad Ryan.

Present via Zoom: City Attorney Paul Chadwick and Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

City Clerk Cheryl Hilton started the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, and Mayor Williams answered roll call. A quorum was present. Council Member Terry Schuster was present via zoom as a non-voting member.

**Presentation**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

**Approval of Warrants & Payroll**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$56,236.11 and the current warrants as listed:

Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$17,934.30
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$632.62
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Chamber of Commerce	\$200.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$10.80
Cintas	\$147.18
City of Oregon	\$360,000.00

Comcast	\$249.20
ComEd	\$6,195.72
Ecolab	\$166.46
Envision Healthcare	\$196.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$3,200.69
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$164.42
Fischer's	\$622.42
Frontier	\$226.06
Hach Company	\$794.85
Hawkins, Inc	\$1,721.57
Illinois EPA	\$13,033.16
Illinois Municipal League	\$99,911.34
JEG 360, LLC	\$1,370.60
Ken Williams	\$33.07
Ken Williams	\$50.00
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$124.86
Lexipol LLC	\$999.00
Locis	\$132.75
MCS	\$145.00
Menards	\$423.02
NAPA	\$228.77
No Stone Unturned Crystals & More LLC	\$225.00
Ogle County Clerk and Recorder	\$60.00
Ogle County Clerk and Recorder	\$60.00
Old National Bank	\$1,925.60
Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce	\$70.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$6,966.04
Postmaster	\$9.96
Republic Services #721	\$68.00
Republic Services #721	\$20,550.40
Shaw Media/ Sauk Valley Media	\$368.75
Shawn Melville	\$250.00
Snyder's Pharmacy	\$379.05
Stratus Network Inc	\$39.29
Sun Life Financial	\$299.84
Sundog IT	\$2,459.00
Terry Schuster	\$25.00
Uniform Den East, Inc	\$112.99
Verdin Company	\$720.00
Visa	\$751.48
Visa	\$3,084.93
Waste Water Management of Northern IL	\$16,560.00
Water Solutions Unlimited Inc	\$2,520.00
Zions Bank	\$124,010.00
Zions Bank	\$302,033.50
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$258.90
	<b>\$994,324.23</b>

Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

### **Business Items**

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve Ordinance 2024-015 updating City Code 14.24 Solid Waste, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** City Manager Darin DeHaan said technical changes were made due to the new garbage contract. Better definition to what the city will pick up regarding the brush program are also included in the changes. Information will be provided to residents to educate them on the changes made in the ordinance.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Ordinance 2024-016 abating Tax for General Obligation Bonds, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams said this ordinance is done every year. He said the city can pay the bonds with fees collected. If the city does not pass the ordinance, they automatically add this to the property taxes.

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

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

None.

### **Discussion Items**

**Pilot Solar Project:** Mayor Ken Williams handed out a map of the proposed location of the solar farm. He said the property has been zoned industrial since 1965. Many years ago, cities and villages placed industry on the riverfront. Cities and villages now see the value in riverfront property. He stated there are more suitable locations for solar. He said the city supports solar farms, just not on riverfront property. He said there is potential for environmental issues, sediment runoff, chemical leaks, and improper maintenance. The process for the solar project would start with the county, a public hearing would be held, and a meeting with the community that they join. They held a meeting at the Coliseum but there was no discussion, no public input or questions asked. He said he would like the council to think about this and have something in place, either a letter or resolution, stating the cities position. This could then be presented to the county for consideration. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he has stated the cities position on the river front property with the solar company. Council Member Melanie Cozzi expressed concern for the future growth of the city. She said this could potentially land lock the city for the next 40 years. Mayor Ken Williams said he will contact the city attorney for guidance on how to proceed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Planning:** Potential variance request from the Oregon Fire Department for expansion.

**Finance:** Working on creating a quarterly report to provide an overview to City Council.

**Sustainability:** Create the “next steps” at the upcoming meeting.

## Department Reports

**Police Chief Matt Kalnins:** Taylor Buckwalter is about a month away from graduation. She just completed her pepper spray class.

**Public Works:** City Manager Darin DeHaan said there will be an overview of Capital Improvement projects at the next meeting.

**City Clerk Cheryl Hilton:** Three petition packets were turned in for the upcoming election. There are two open council member positions available.

## Council Reports

**Mayor Ken Williams:** Stated he would not like to see the solar farm at the south end of town.

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

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

Adjourn: 5:58 P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Williams, Mayor

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



November 26, 2024

Payroll in amount \$56,096.13

Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$99.56
Airgas USA, LLC	\$306.70
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$17,934.30
Bobcat of Rockford	\$17.26
Box Materials LLC	\$960.00
Brooks Jewelers	\$225.00
Caspers Home Inspection, LLC	\$1,550.00
CDW Government	\$1,654.39
City of Oregon	\$5,500.00
City of Oregon	\$13,835.97
Comcast	\$827.73
Comcast	\$872.81
ComEd	\$284.87
ComEd	\$604.27
ComEd	\$3,426.66
DeKalb Implement	\$356.97
Dixon Glass Co	\$19,977.25
Ehmen	\$145.00
EM Benefits	\$1,731.77
Fehr Graham	\$1,910.00
Fehr Graham	\$106,000.00
Fischer's	\$557.20
Frontier	\$91.87
Galls, LLC	\$42.01
Gipper Farm & Gardens	\$12.00
Glenwood Center	\$450.00
Hawkins, Inc	\$2,556.62
Helm Civil	\$897.00
Illinois EPA	\$17,833.19
Illinois EPA	\$35,143.19
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$187.00
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
Menards	\$141.84
Mid-West Truckers Association	\$604.00
Municipal Clerks of Illinois	\$55.00
Nicor	\$79.08
No Stone Unturned Crystals & More LLC	\$225.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Ogle County Economic Development Corporation	\$23,500.00
Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce	\$1,500.00
Pace Analytical Services	\$2,920.10
Physicians Immediate Care	\$300.00
Postmaster	\$761.60
Quill	\$156.95

Stillman BancCorp	\$2,036.03
Sun Life Financial	\$358.22
Verizon	\$776.88
Village of Progress	\$1,280.00
Visa	\$1,551.55
	<b>\$274,888.84</b>

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City Manager





**TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-017**

WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREGON IN THE COUNTY OF OGLE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DID ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup>, DAY OF JULY 2024, HELD A PUBLIC HEARING AND PASSED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024. NOW, THEREFORE,

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREGON, ILLINOIS

SECTION 1: THAT THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2024, THE TOTAL SUM OF DOLLARS \$805,963.33 FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC PURPOSES MENTIONED IN SAID APPROPRIATION BILL AND IN THE RESPECTIVE SUMS AS FOLLOWS:

**ITEMS OF APPROPRIATION AND LEVY**

	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	AMT LEVIED LAST YEAR	CURRENT LEVY
<b>GENERAL CORP:</b>			
PUBLIC AFFAIRS	\$1,237,000.00	\$0	\$0
POLICE ACCOUNT	\$1,062,000.00	\$55,223.98	\$58,745.07
PUBLIC HEALTH	\$844,000.00	\$0	\$0
GROUP INSURANCE	\$515,000.00	\$55,223.98	\$58,745.07
STREET & ALLEY	\$1,925,000.00	\$55,223.98	\$58,745.06
CITY HALL	\$64,000.00	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	<b>\$5,647,000.00</b>	<b>\$165,671.94</b>	<b>\$176,235.20</b>
POLICE PROTECTION	\$524,000.00	\$201,130.63	\$266,015.40
AUDIT	\$50,000.00	\$14,586.05	\$0
CITY'S COST RETIREMENT	\$230,000.00	\$99,599.26	\$63,337.00
CITY'S COST SOC. SECURITY	\$100,000.00	\$56,371.72	\$33,251.93
TORT LIABILITY	\$310,000.00	\$141,061.94	\$164,676.20
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS	\$20,000.00	\$9,954.74	\$12,667.40
STREET LIGHTING	\$75,000.00	\$26,386.39	\$27,234.91
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$560,000.00	\$0	\$0
STREET AND BRIDGE	\$2,930,000.00	\$0	\$0
RECREATION	\$20,000.00	\$10,029.71	\$12,002.36
BAND	\$6,000.00	\$3,166.37	\$3,040.18
CIVIL DEFENSE	\$155,000.00	\$0	\$0
WATER/SEWER OPERATION	\$3,897,000.00	\$0	\$0

WATER/SEWER CAP IMPR.	\$2,500,000.00	\$0	\$0
PUBLIC PROPERTY CAP. IMPR.	\$475,000.00	\$0	\$0
COLISEUM	\$500,000.00	\$39,957.36	\$47,502.75
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$660,000.00	\$0	\$0
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$750,000.00	\$0	\$0
FARMERS MARKET	\$15,000.00	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$19,424,000.00</b>	<b>\$767,916.11</b>	<b>\$805,963.33</b>

SECTION 2. THE CLERK OF SAID CITY OF OREGON IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO FILE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY A DULY CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE.

SECTION 3. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE.

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APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR KEN WILLIAMS

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK CHERYL HILTON

PASSED AND APPROVED November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



Resolution 2024-9

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF OREGON

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon has determined that it is no longer necessary or useful to, or in the best interest of, the City of Oregon to retain ownership of the personal property hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined it is in the best interest of the City to dispose of the personal property:

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Oregon, Ogle County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the power of the City, and the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-76-4) and Chapter 2.28 of the Oregon City Code, the City Council finds that the following described personal property now owned by the City of Oregon is no longer necessary or useful to the City, and the best interest of the city will be served by its disposal:

See attached Exhibit A

Section 2. The City Manager or his designee is authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the aforementioned personal property now owned by the City of Oregon through trade-in, private sale, auction, or other means, as approved by the City Manager.

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to convey and transfer ownership and/or title(s) to aforesaid personal property upon payment in full.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in a manner provided by law.

Section 5. The City Clerk will maintain a list of the disposed personal property according to State record retention laws.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Oregon November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Absences \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

List of Surplus Personal Property

**Police Department**

**Make/Model Number**

Glock 27

KXN942

Glock 27

KZE331

Glock 23 Gen4

BHUR969



Resolution 2024-10

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DENIAL OF A SOLAR FARM ON RIVERFRONT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon (hereafter “City”) is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is the legislative body of the City; and

WHEREAS, a solar farm is being considered on 73 riverfront acres on our southern border, PIN 16-10-176-004; and

WHEREAS, 100 years ago, cities placed industry on the riverfront. It was a mistake; and

WHEREAS, today the cities of Rock Falls, Sterling, and Dixon are spending millions of tax dollars to fix that mistake, recognizing the economic potential in residential, commercial, and recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, today we recognize there are more suitable sites for solar and industry that do not conflict with critical ecosystems or community interests; and

WHEREAS, solar farms are not pollution free and have been shown to cause sediment runoff and chemical leaks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon does not want to see the legacy for our future generations follow the same mistakes made 100 years ago.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Oregon, Ogle County, Illinois respectfully requests any application for a solar farm on the above-described property be denied.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Oregon November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Absences \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk



## 2025 City of Oregon Council Meeting Dates

**Council Meeting Dates for 2025: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 PM  
Held in the Council Chambers at the City Hall Building  
115 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Oregon, IL 61061**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 14	5:30 p.m.	July 8	5:30 p.m.
January 28	5:30 p.m.	July 22	5:30 p.m.
February 11	5:30 p.m.	August 12	5:30 p.m.
February 25	5:30 p.m.	August 26	5:30 p.m.
March 11	5:30 p.m.	September 9	5:30 p.m.
March 25	5:30 p.m.	September 23	5:30 p.m.
April 8	5:30 p.m.	October 14	5:30 p.m.
April 22	5:30 p.m.	October 28	5:30 p.m.
May 13	5:30 p.m.	November 12 ( <b>Wednesday</b> )	5:30 p.m.
May 27	5:30 p.m.	November 25	5:30 p.m.
June 10	5:30 p.m.	December 9	5:30 p.m.
June 24	5:30 p.m.		

There will be one Council Meeting in December.

The City of Oregon’s Economic Development Committee Board meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the City Hall Building.

The City of Oregon’s Planning Committee Board meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City Hall Building.

**2025  
City of Oregon  
Meeting Dates**

**Held at the City Hall Building  
115 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Oregon, IL 61061**

**ECDC**

**Planning/Zoning**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 7	5:00 p.m.	January 21	5:30 p.m.
February 4	5:00 p.m.	February 18	5:30 p.m.
March 4	5:00 p.m.	March 18	5:30 p.m.
April 1	5:00 p.m.	April 15	5:30 p.m.
May 6	5:00 p.m.	May 20	5:30 p.m.
June 3	5:00 p.m.	June 17	5:30 p.m.
July 1	5:00 p.m.	July 15	5:30 p.m.
August 5	5:00 p.m.	August 19	5:30 p.m.
September 2	5:00 p.m.	September 16	5:30 p.m.
October 7	5:00 p.m.	October 21	5:30 p.m.
November 4	5:00 p.m.	November 18	5:30 p.m.
December 2	5:00 p.m.	December 16	5:30 p.m.

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## **CITY OF OREGON LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2025**

January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	Wednesday	New Years Day
January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Monday	President's Day
April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Friday	Good Friday
May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Monday	Memorial Day
June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Thursday	Juneteenth
July 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Friday	Independence Day
September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	Monday	Labor Day
October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Monday	Columbus Day
November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Tuesday	Veterans Day
November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Thursday	Christmas Day





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## CITY OF OREGON

115 N. 3rd Street, Oregon, IL 61061

Phn: 815-732-6321/ website: cityoforegon.org

To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council

From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Manager

**DATE: Nov 26, 2024**

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – **Nov 9, 2024 – Nov 22, 2024**

### Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- Thank you to Skylar and Corey of the Oregon Public works crew for helping with the Candle Light Walk Christmas tree. I know it was a long afternoon but the bucket truck was a huge help to get things ready for this great event.



- I attended the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council board meeting. They are working on a larger variety of projects that will benefit our region. I look forward to becoming more involved as a board member.
- Chris Manheim and I attended the ICSC webinar on Leveraging Economic Incentives. It was a very informative discussion and included a lot of strategies we already deploy for economic development. We are utilizing ICSC to create a list of target businesses for our community.

- I attended a zoning meeting at the Ogle County Zoning office in reference to a potential project in the mile and ½ range outside the City. I do not see any conflict with the project as presented.
- Big thank you to Devin with our Public Works Department and Dr. Champley for another successful round of TNR with our feral cat program. The resident was able to trap a mother and a set of kittens who were all treated and then released back. This program helps to control our feral cat population.



- Chief Kalnins and I conducted an interview with a possible candidate for patrol officer. We still have one open position with the Police Department.
- I continue to work on the development of the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation. Our treasurer is currently working on the next fiscal budget which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee soon. The next membership payment for the City of Oregon will be scheduled for August 2025. We continue to strategize on housing as well as other areas of development throughout Ogle County and Oregon.
- I attended my second meeting for the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District. I have learned a great amount of information for the board of directors. I'm in a great position to share pertinent information about Oregon and other organizations that I'm involved in.
- Mayor Williams and I met with Rochelle officials to consider an IGA for a potential agreement on a service. Once I get some details worked out this IGA will come to the City Council for approval.
- I made some minor adjustments to the Tax Levy which has now passed Mayor William's review and will go to city council for approval..

- I continue to work on salary projections for staff as it relates to the FOP contract negotiations.
- Bill Covell and I interviewed a candidate for our open position for the Water Department. We just have the one opening in public works.
- Thank you to Public Works for removing the damaged trees from the McDowell Parking Lot island. New trees will be planted there soon.
- We have been working on next year's marketing strategies.
- I wanted to say congratulations to Ogle County Board Chairman John Finrock. He had decided not to run for county board for another term and will end his term as Chairman this month. I have enjoyed working closely with John over the past few years as we developed the Ogle Co. Economic Development Corporation. "John, thank you for your thoughtful leadership over your tenure on the county board. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed!"
- I was excited to provide a presentation to Oregon Rotary on the City's current and future projects and accomplishments. Rotarians had some great questions about sales tax, solar and other items.
- I attended the ACTion Grant zoom meeting and was excited and encouraged by all of the positive progress this grant has provided for several projects including the local mini-food pantries. Great job by the Ogle County Health Department for administering the grant and organizing the programs.
- I'm working on a date to meet with department heads to have a quarterly budget review. The results of my meetings will be presented to the City Council at the December meeting.

**City Hall - Cheryl Hilton - City Clerk:**

- Republic Services will be picking up garbage and recycling carts on Wednesday November 27th. Please leave the carts out after they collect the garbage and recycling waste for the last time.
- Waste collection with Northern Illinois Disposal starts the following week, December 2nd and 3rd. Recycling collection will be every other week starting December 9th and 10th.
- There are no more scheduled yard waste collections or brush pickups for the remainder of the year.
- Please contact City Hall if you would like to start direct debit or email billing for your water/sewer/garbage bill.
- City Hall staff wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

## **MEETING INFORMATION**

### **Economic and Community Development Committee:**

Next meeting: Dec 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room

### **Sustainability Committee:**

Next meeting: Dec 9, 2024 at 9am Oregon City Hall Conference Room

The Sustainability Committee had a great meeting and we are working through the requirements to designate a business and green friendly as part of our Eco Oregon initiative. I will be discussing our ideas with other communities who have launched similar programs for tips. Sadly Russell Brunner has asked to step down from the Committee due to other commitments. I really appreciate the time he gave us getting everything established as a new committee. I have offered the spot to Tom Pacey who has attended several meetings as an Oregon resident and has shown great interest and insights in our sustainability efforts.

### **City Council Meeting:**

Next meeting Dec 10, 2024 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

### **Planning & Zoning:**

Next meeting Dec 17, 2024 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

### **Tree Board:**

Next meeting Mar 18, 2025 at 4:30pm at Oregon City Hall Conference Room

### **Public Art Commission:**

Next Meeting TBD

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

### **Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell:**

- Tree Board
  - Attempting to plant 20 more trees yes this fall
  - Door hangers left on selected areas
- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Approve driveway and sewer
- Frontier Communications
  - Prepare Punch List
- Trestle Ridge

- Check As-builts
- Daily Scheduling
- Headworks Project
  - Reviewed 30% plans submitted by Fehr Graham
  - Work with Fehr Graham on the Energy Survey
- Streetscape Project
  - Remove faulty signs
- Lead Service Inventory
  - Updated list for IEPA
  - Review new rules for inventory
  - Work with Fehr Graham on the new Lead Inventory Grant
- MFT
  - Final quantity review.
- Pedestrian Crossings
  - I received an email back from IDOT, and I am now setting up a meeting to keep moving forward
- Prepared bills for payment
- SCADA Upgrades
  - New cellular connections in two lift stations and both new generators
- 2025 Street Projects
  - Rough quantities completed, adding the projects to CIP
- Call in Julies for tree plantings and sign installation
- Helped Josh complete CDL training
- Reviewed applications and had an interview for the open position
- Help clean clarifier at WWTP
- Drove all alleyways and looked for possible plowing hazards
- Worked with Helm Electric to get faulty GFI outlets replaced on light poles downtown
- Began updating snow plow maps



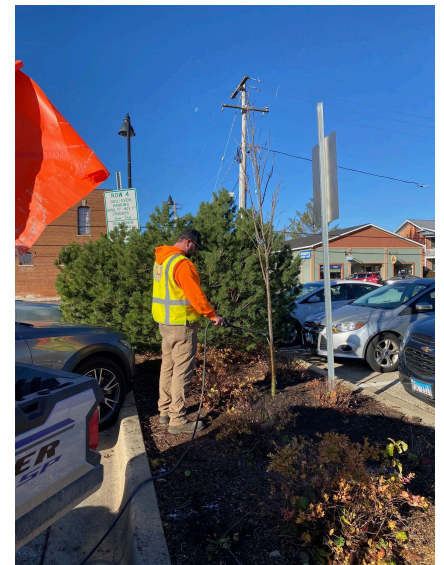
**Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock:**

- Crew continued street sweeping in heavy areas.
- Street Department Foreman continued with his continuing education classes
- Crew is continuing with stump removal and restoration of the terrace.
- Crew is working on trimming low-hanging branches and brush throughout the city.
- Crew completed the monthly brush pickup.
- Crew worked on cleaning up a large tree that fell on Rt 2 during a recent storm.
- Crew cleaned up 2 trees that were damaged at city hall due to a storm.
- Crew planted 5 new trees in the city terraces as well as 3 trees at city hall.
- Crew prepped equipment for the upcoming snow season.
- Crew completed repairs and patching of sinkhole issues on N 5th st
- Crew patched pothole issues throughout the city.
- Josh Pickering passed his Illinois CDL exam. Congrats Josh
- Crew installed new stop signs and street signs in a few areas.
- The crew did a cleanup downtown from leaf debris after various windstorms.

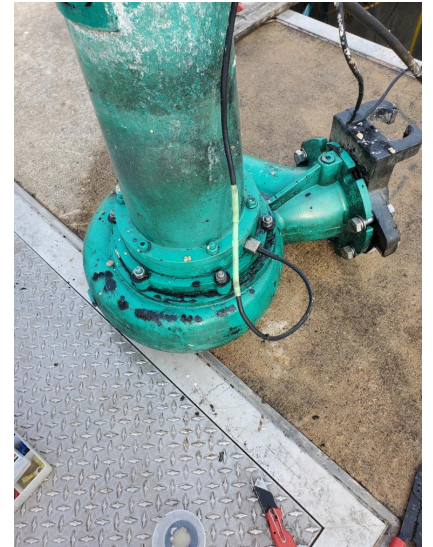


**Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace:**

- Daily chores
- Full testing (process control/EPA Monitoring)
- Half testing (process control)
- Pumped Sludge
- Cleaned bar screens multiple times a day due
- Daily netting of Tanks
- Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- Lift Station usage recording
- Assisted the Water department when needed
- Cleaned clarifiers (weirs, and channels)
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues(leaks, sewer backups)



- Monthly reports to EPA
- Chemical Delivery
- Worked on Management classes
- Hauled sludge with Wastewater management
- Worked with Scada personnel on getting lift station and generator online with Scada. This is a work in progress.
- End-of-season tasks
- Prepared buildings for the winter season
- Unclogged Clarifier Scum trough due to rags, pine needles, leaves
- Fixed South Clarifier motor- Leaves were pulled into cooling fins during high winds
- Attended Miss Rock Conference for CEU's



**Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington:**

- Daily water chores
- Daily water testing
- Repair and Replacement of Chemical feed pump issues as needed
- Chemical Delivery
- Julie Locates
- Worked on Monthly paperwork for EPA compliance
- Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- Water shutoffs
- Water turn-ons
- Final reads
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked on Management classes
- Working on EPA updating of multiple monitoring programs and New regulations for EPA compliance.
- Prepared for IEPA inspection.
- Monthly reports were completed and sent for EPA compliance
- Shut down Iron Mike for the Season.
- Repaired Finished Water sample Taps in wells 2 and 3.

