

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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: Public Works Director Bill Covell.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi started the pledge of allegiance.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to amend the agenda to move the Fire Department request to follow public comment, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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

**Public Comment**

Mayor Ken Williams stated the guidelines for the public comment portion of the meeting. Public comments included multiple residents in favor of the addition to the Oregon Fire Department and their plan to meet the needs of the county without raising taxes. Many residents thanked the fire department for their service. One resident asked for the fire departments request for the variance to be returned to the Planning Commission for more review and discussion.

**Presentation**

Chief Mike Knoup thanked everyone for their support of the fire department. He gave an overview of the planned addition to the fire department and the reasons why it is needed.

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to conditionally approve the application of the owner of the property located at 100 W Washington Street Oregon IL consisting of pin #s 16-03-178-005, 16-03-178-008, and 16-03-178-009 for variance to the Riverfront zoning ordinance to permit the special use of fire department for the property in question, and to further conditionally approve the owner's application for special use, which would authorize the owner to operate said property as a fire department and to construct on said

property an expansion of the existing facilities, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The special use of the fire department shall expire in twenty years,
2. Construction is limited to the addition only, and no additional construction shall be permitted anywhere on the three pins' without first obtained a variance, and
3. Façade design elements shall be modified to conform to the original vision of the Riverfront district as defined in Section 32.20.110 of the Oregon municipal code, and said final design shall be approved by the City before the issuance of any building permits,

Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

**Discussion:** The City Council discussed the fire departments need for additional office and staff sleeping space, current fire department debt, grants and current funding sources, growth of the department, current uses of the green space behind the fire department, water service needs, and the life of the proposed addition.

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

#### **Lead Line Service Project Update-Fehr Graham**

Chad Ryan with Fehr Graham gave the City Council a brief review of the lead service line project. He said the grant funds the city received were exhausted in October. He said the city is also waiting for approval of the loan from the EPA and that all federal funds are currently on hold.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

#### **Approval of Warrants & Payroll**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$63,316.72 and the current warrants as listed:

Aaron Montoya	\$160.00
AC Pavement Striping Co	\$225,987.74
Aiden Ellsworth	\$160.00
Bill Covell	\$160.00
Bobcat of Dixon	\$210.17
Breanna Wakeland	\$160.00
Brooks Jewelers	\$225.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$160.00
Cintas	\$147.18
City of Oregon	\$5,500.00
City of Oregon	\$13,533.35
Coliseum Museum Art, Antiques & Americana	\$3,505.00
Comcast	\$880.24
Comcast	\$887.94
ComEd	\$256.84
ComEd	\$876.06

ComEd	\$10,566.95
Corey Fry	\$160.00
DeKane Equipment Corporation	\$925.00
Devin DeHaan	\$160.00
Ehmen	\$1,470.00
EM Benefits	\$1,780.11
Eric Higby	\$160.00
Fearer, Nye & Chadwick	\$8,158.01
Fehr Graham	\$91,584.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$3,101.20
Fischer's	\$1,242.85
Frontier	\$92.06
Gasvoda & Associates, Inc	\$56.00
Gregory Spencer	\$160.00
Hach Company	\$178.00
Hackbarth Truck & Equipment	\$240.00
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$4,500.00
Hawkins, Inc	\$516.20
Helm Civil	\$2,548.50
Jacob & Klein, Ltd	\$638.80
Jeff Pennington	\$160.00
John Sweeney	\$500.00
Jordan Plock	\$160.00
Josua Cofield	\$160.00
Julie, Inc	\$231.08
Ken Williams	\$160.00
Kunes Country Auto Group	\$1,302.60
Kurtis Wilson	\$160.00
Lisa Payne	\$160.00
Lynn Baylor Zies	\$160.00
Martin and Company Excavating	\$2,100.00
Mary Elliott	\$160.00
Matthew Kalnins	\$280.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$185.00
Menards	\$76.20
Nicor	\$590.45
Northern Illinois University	\$360.00
Ogle County Clerk and Recorder	\$60.00
Pace Analytical Services	\$420.00
Physicians Immediate Care	\$225.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$4,307.29
Postmaster	\$756.56
Quill	\$436.63
Ratworx Warehouse	\$1,170.00
Scott Wallace	\$160.00
Shaw Media/Sauk Valley Media	\$61.90
Shawn Melville	\$250.00
Sirchie Acquisition Company, LLC	\$303.00
Skyler Bethel	\$160.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,036.03

Sun Life Financial	\$517.16
Taylor Buckwalter	\$160.00
Terry Lester	\$160.00
Terry Schuster	\$160.00
The Economic Development Group	\$5,439.00
Tim Krug	\$160.00
Timothy Brechon	\$160.00
Uniform Den East, Inc	\$576.96
Verizon	\$819.16
Village of Progress	\$1,280.00
Visa	\$1,477.87
Visa	\$1,498.87
Ward, Murray & Johnson, P.C.	\$70.50
Zachary McKean	\$160.00
	<b>\$410,938.46</b>

Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

### Ordinances

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Ordinance 2025-006 Building and Building Regulations with amendments, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** City Manager Darin DeHaan stated the codes are required by the state to be updated. The city will be moving to the 2021 building codes. The fire department is still working on the fire and life safety codes. Council Member Tim Krug noticed a possible discrepancy in 26.08.010 Building Permits. He said it states if construction is not complete within 180 days, he believes it should be 365 days. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he will review the code and make the amendment.

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

### Resolutions

None.

### Motions

Council Member Tim Krug moved to table the Decommissioning Plan for US Solar, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

**Discussion:** City Attorney Paul Chadwick and City Manager Darin DeHaan have both reviewed the decommission plan. The funds for decommissioning the solar project would be paid for by the company and would be held by the city as a financial assurance. If the solar company were to walk away from the project, the funds held by the city would be used to decommission the solar project.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the 2025 Street Projects and Authorize the City Manager to amend and/or execute any contracts or project related documents, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** This is the initial agreement to start to work with Fehr Graham on street and IDOT projects.

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

**Discussion Items**

None.

**Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.**

None.

**Committee Reports**

**Economic & Community Development:** A young adult focus group meeting is being held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, for long-term planning. There were approximately twenty-five to thirty volunteers for the focus group.

**Finance:** IML released projections for major funds in the latest IML book.

**Public Art Commission:** Members of the committee will be helping with designing the welcoming monuments at the entrances to the city.

**Department Reports**

**City Manager Darin DeHaan:** Thanked the City Council for working on complex issues for the community.

**Council Reports**

**Mayor Ken Williams:** He also thanked the City Council for their hard work and doing their research.

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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

Adjourn: 7:01 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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