

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday February 11<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 February 11<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 Tim Krug  
Council Member Terry Schuster  
City Manager Darin DeHaan  
Lieutenant Timothy Brechon  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Public Works Director Bill Covell.

Absent: Council Member Melanie Cozzi, Council Member Kurt Wilson,  
and City Attorney Paul Chadwick.

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

Lieutenant Timothy Brechon started the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Presentation**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

**Approval of Warrants & Payroll**

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$64,847.07 and the current warrants as listed:

Axon Enterprise Inc	\$12,970.05
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$18,255.97
Bonnell Industries	\$174.72
Butitta Bros Automotive - Oregon	\$198.46
City of Oregon	\$13,202.42
Comcast	\$330.41
ComEd	\$12,715.74
Compass Minerals America Inc	\$8,028.94
Ehmen	\$367.10

Envision Healthcare	\$252.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$605.85
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$191.54
Frontier	\$117.68
Fyr Fyter	\$873.10
Galls, LLC	\$103.79
Hach Company	\$62.90
Hackbarth Truck & Equipment	\$2,989.20
Helm Civil	\$1,687.50
Illinois EPA	\$11,677.38
Illinois EPA	\$72,768.30
Jeff Pennington	\$80.00
Josh Pickering	\$160.00
Ken Williams	\$26.71
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
MCS	\$145.00
Midwest Disposal	\$2,760.00
Mobile Electronics	\$2,236.30
Morton Salt	\$3,494.71
NAPA	\$875.17
Northern Illinois Disposal Services	\$24,551.15
Ogle County Clerk and Recorder	\$60.00
Old National Bank	\$1,925.60
Oregon SuperValu	\$16.63
Postmaster	\$1,168.00
Quill	\$71.47
Rat Worx, Inc	\$106.80
Shaw Media/ Oregon Republican Reporter	\$65.00
Smart Draw Software LLC	\$119.40
Snyder's Pharmacy	\$419.47
Strategic Government Resources, Inc	\$150.00
Stratus Network Inc	\$64.09
Sundog IT	\$2,633.15
Testing Service Corporation	\$5,893.00
Uniform Den	\$587.40
Visa	\$1,915.29
Water Solutions Unlimited Inc	\$2,520.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$12,724.84
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$167.09
	<b>\$225,101.32</b>

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

### **Ordinances**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Ordinance 2025-008 Public Works Mutual Aid Network, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

**Discussion:** The city is currently a member of the mutual aid network. The agreement was revised to include day-to-day mutual aid not just mutual aid for emergencies.

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

### **Resolutions**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Resolution 2025-1 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code – Seal Coat Projects – Jackson Street, Depot Street, N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

**Discussion:** The resolution allows the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for street projects. A slurry seal coat process will be used providing a smoother and longer lasting road surface.

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

### **Motions**

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

**Discussion:** City Manager Darin DeHaan received no additional questions regarding the plan. He stated the plan needs to be approved forty days before construction.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the Bid for Financing the purchase of a Leaf Vac, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

**Discussion:** The city provided a trial leaf vac service to the community last year and the program was very successful. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the city received bids from Stillman Bank and Harvard State Bank for financing the purchase. The city also received a financing offer from the dealership; however, it was extremely high. He recommended the City Council choose to finance the purchase through Stillman Bank. The equipment will take close to eighteen months to build.

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

### **Discussion Items**

None.

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

None.

### **Committee Reports**

**Planning:** There will be no meeting held in February.

**Economic & Community Development:** A young adult focus group meeting is being held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the University of Illinois Extension office.

**Finance:** Beginning to work on next fiscal year's budget.

**Sustainability:** The Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the city will be holding a Lunch and Learn on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Representatives with Nicor and ComEd will be available to provide attendees with available energy saving tips and audit programs. The committee also continues to define the Eco Oregon program.

**Tree Board:** Budgeting line items for tree planting and maintenance will be created in the budgeting software.

**Public Art Commission:** Members of the committee are interested in helping to design the welcoming signs at the entrances to the city.

### **Department Reports**

**Lieutenant Timothy Brechon:** The recently hired police officers will be completing field training and will be on their own mid-April.

**Public Works Director Bill Covell:** The public works department has been preparing for the upcoming snow event. Construction on the dog park will begin in March.

**City Manager Darin DeHaan:** Due to the weight of the new LED sign at Sarah Phelps Plaza, there will be a delay in installation.

### **Council Reports**

**Mayor Ken Williams:** Thanked the City Council.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Adjourn: 6:03 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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