

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday March 25th, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday March 25th, 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 Kurt Wilson
Council Member Terry Schuster
Council Member Tim Krug
City Manager Darin DeHaan
Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Public Works Director Bill Covell, John Dickson, Zach McKean,
and Luke Ziegler.

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

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

Council Member Terry Schuster started the pledge of allegiance.

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

Presentation

Mayor Ken Williams commended Officer Zach McKean for a recent traffic stop that resulted in the discovery of multiple illegal items. The Oregon Police Department and the City of Oregon recognized his commitment to public safety and continued efforts to combat the ongoing drug crisis.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve March 11th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$64,287.38 and the current warrants as listed:

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| Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center | \$62.98 |
| Ancel Glink, P.C. | \$330.00 |
| Brooks Jewelers | \$225.00 |
| Butitta Bros Automotive- Oregon | \$112.14 |
| Caspers Home Inspection LLC | \$1,550.00 |

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| Central Square | \$5,622.33 |
| Cheryl Hilton | \$112.71 |
| Cintas | \$157.02 |
| City of Oregon | \$5,500.00 |
| City of Oregon | \$13,683.02 |
| City of Oregon | \$36,000.00 |
| Comcast | \$999.38 |
| Comcast | \$1,063.81 |
| ComEd | \$22,390.66 |
| Darin DeHaan | \$159.90 |
| Discover Dixon | \$1,000.00 |
| Ferguson Enterprises LLC #3325 | \$134.33 |
| Golden Rule Signs | \$10,976.21 |
| Hach Company | \$72.19 |
| Hach Company | \$2,138.79 |
| Hawkins, Inc | \$439.40 |
| Helm Civil | \$850.00 |
| Highstar Traffic | \$89.75 |
| Illinois Municipal Treasures Association | \$100.00 |
| Ken Williams | \$33.07 |
| Kunes Country Auto Group | \$393.26 |
| Kunes Country Auto Group | \$18,490.70 |
| Lexipol LLC | \$3,076.68 |
| Mid-West Truckers Association, Inc | \$273.00 |
| Nicor | \$608.75 |
| Ogle County Clerk and Recorder | \$60.00 |
| Pace Analytical Services | \$894.00 |
| Physicians Immediate Care | \$126.00 |
| Polo Cooperative Association | \$3,907.00 |
| Postmaster | \$753.76 |
| Quill | \$131.55 |
| Radar Man Inc | \$75.00 |
| Ray O'Herron Co, Inc | \$164.01 |
| Sirchie Acquisition Company, LLC | \$93.33 |
| Steve Benesh & Sons | \$462.19 |
| Stillman BancCorp | \$2,036.03 |
| Sun Life Financial | \$434.01 |
| Terry Schuster | \$360.20 |
| The Police & Sheriffs Press | \$79.05 |
| Visa | \$2,192.52 |
| Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C. | \$258.50 |
| | \$138,672.23 |

Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

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

Ordinances

None.

Resolutions

None.

Motions

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the City of Oregon Municipal Digital Sign Policy, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: The policy provides guidelines for requests and use of the digital sign at Sarah Phelps Plaza.

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

Discussion Items

None.

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

None.

Committee Reports

Economic & Community Development: Fourteen individuals will meet as the steering committee and five members will serve as the executive committee for the a5 Marketing campaign. a5 Marketing plans to hold more interviews with community members.

Finance: Held meeting with auditors for upcoming audit.

Tree Board: Residents are excited about the tree planting program. Signs with QR codes have been ordered to place near new plantings with information on the tree replacement program. Bill Covell stated over twenty trees have been planted.

Public Art Commission: One member of the committee has stepped down. They are looking for a replacement. A meeting is scheduled for the second week in April to discuss potential murals.

Department Reports

Chief of Police Matt Kalnins: Thanked Officer Zach McKean for outstanding service.

Public Works: Thanked Aaron Montoya and Josh Pickering for helping to extinguish an out-of-control brush fire.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Has been working with department heads to create an official employee recognition program. The group will finalize the program over the next few weeks, and it will be presented to City Council for approval.

Council Reports

Council Member Kurt Wilson: Elections are in one week. He reminded everyone to vote.

Mayor Ken Williams: Stated the employee recognition program is a great idea.

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

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

Adjourn: 5:48 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk