

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday April 8<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 April 8<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 Kurt Wilson  
Council Member Terry Schuster  
Council Member Melanie Cozzi  
Council Member Tim Krug  
City Manager Darin DeHaan  
Chief of Police Matt Kalnins  
City Attorney Paul Chadwick  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Jessica Cash, Public Works Director Bill Covell, Josiah Flanagan,  
Jackie and Eric Jacobs, Rick and Laurie Ryland, and Luke Ziegler.

Present via Zoom: Lynn Baylor Zies, Earleen Hinton, and Street Foreman Jordan  
Plock.

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

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

Mayor Ken Williams started the pledge of allegiance.

**Presentation**

None.

**Public Comment**

Rick Ryland and Jacqueline Jacobs addressed the City Council about an article published  
in Rolling Stone magazine. Both public comments will be recorded with the minutes of  
this meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes, Seconded by  
Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

**Approval of Warrants & Payroll**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$65,187.68 and  
the current warrants as listed:

Aegis Construction, Inc	\$8,500.00
Anne's Landscaping Supply	\$299.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$18,723.55

Butitta Bros Automotive- Oregon	\$862.65
Comcast	\$330.41
ComEd	\$32.11
ComEd	\$3,954.64
Ehmen	\$441.50
EM Benefits	\$1,897.68
Envision Healthcare	\$243.00
Fehr Graham	\$3,997.00
Fehr Graham	\$9,888.75
Ferguson Enterprises LLC #3325	\$47.65
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$180.78
Fischer's	\$299.20
Frontier	\$92.06
Frontier	\$134.63
Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County	\$25.00
Hach Company	\$178.50
Hawkins, Inc	\$1,160.23
Highstar Traffic	\$194.20
Illinois EPA	\$58,374.60
Jeff Pennington	\$80.00
Jen's Artisan Breads Ltd	\$375.00
Kaleel's Clothing	\$398.00
Ken Williams	\$75.00
Ken Williams	\$87.73
Lonnie's Carpet Max	\$6,018.48
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
MCS	\$145.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$25.00
Northern Illinois Disposal Services	\$24,568.80
NW Illinois Criminal Commission	\$886.40
Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce	\$8,000.00
Oregon Community Unit School Dist. 220	\$13,391.00
Pace Analytical Services	\$361.50
Secretary of State	\$202.00
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$1,275.00
Stratus Network Inc	\$64.09
SundogIT	\$6,825.68
Terry Schuster	\$75.00
Verizon	\$863.41
Visa	\$319.06
Visa	\$1,076.86
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$389.99
	<b>\$177,953.04</b>

Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

**Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.**

Mayor Ken Williams proclaimed the month of April National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month. Jessica Cash, Executive Director for Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, spoke about Shining Star. She stated she appreciates the help they receive from the Oregon Police Department.

**Ordinances**

None.

**Resolutions**

None.

**Motions**

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the City of Oregon Employee Recognition Award Policy, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** City Manager Darin DeHaan said the city has worked towards creating a policy like this but has never solidified it. He said he believes the policy will help to incentivize employees and create good culture. He also believes the effects of this policy will have a positive effect on the community.

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

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve a Façade Grant for Main Street Machines – 103 W Washington Street, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

**Discussion:** Tim Krug said they are replacing all the windows on the façade of the building. City Manager Darin DeHaan stated the Economic Development Committee approved the façade grant unanimously. He said this building starts the historic downtown. The city has been working with other building owners along Rt 64 to improve their facades as well.

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

City Manager Darin DeHaan presented the Capital Vehicle Replacement Program for the Public Works Department. The plan included replacing a dump truck that had engine failure, the 2012 Ford F550 utility truck, and the 2007 Ford F150. He also reminded the City Council the police department needs to replace some of the squad cars. He stated the purchases would be made in the next fiscal year and that most departments stayed within their budgets this fiscal year. Council Member Tim Krug said these vehicles are in desperate need of replacement.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the Capital Vehicle Replacement program for the Public Works Department with Authorization for the City Manager to execute all documents, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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



### Discussion Items

None.

### Committee Reports

**Economic & Community Development:** Ogle County Economic Development Committee will be holding a strategic planning meeting on Good Friday.

**Finance:** Continue to work with auditors.

**Sustainability:** No meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Tree Board:** Bill Covell stated close to fifty trees have been planted.

**Public Art Commission:** Meeting scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There may be a new member joining the committee. They will be discussing the welcome signs, banners, and new mural requests.

### Department Reports

**Public Works Director Bill Covell:** Asphalt patching will begin soon. They will also be working on the dog park.

**City Manager Darin DeHaan:** Meetings have been scheduled with potential home builders. He was interviewed by WIRF today about affordable housing. Renovations will be made to the City Hall restrooms.

### Council Reports

**Mayor Ken Williams:** Thanked everyone.

Mayor Ken Williams stated the City Council would be going into Executive Session. No action will be taken after Executive Session.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to go into Executive Session at 6:10 pm to discuss FOP negotiations and legal actions, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

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

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

Adjourn: 6:46 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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