

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday July 8th, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday July 8th, 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 Terry Schuster
Council Member Tim Krug
Council Member Josiah Flanagan
City Manager Darin DeHaan
Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton
Absent: Council Member Melanie Cozzi
Also Present: Bill Covell, John Dickson, Mark Herman, Abby Hoskins, Ashley Meline, and Kurt Wilson.

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

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

Mayor Ken Williams started the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation

Abby Hoskins spoke about the Birth to Five Illinois early childhood program. She said they are working on increasing awareness regarding quality local childhood resources. They continue to collaborate with other organizations and recruitment from communities. She shared information regarding O.W.L, an early childhood resource hub that is available online. The website has resources for families regarding early childhood education, childcare, and much more.

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

None.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve June 24th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$60,998.97 and the current warrants as listed:

a5 Branding & Digital	\$6,380.00
Aegis Construction, Inc	\$12,167.00

Amazon Capital Services, Inc	\$152.06
Amazon Capital Services, Inc	\$495.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$20,750.55
Boot Barn	\$44.99
Box Materials LLC	\$925.00
Brooks Jewelers	\$225.00
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$300.00
Chana School Museum Foundation	\$425.00
Cintas	\$147.18
Comcast	\$354.79
ComEd	\$12,560.92
EM Benefits	\$1,919.10
Envision Healthcare	\$268.00
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$170.02
Fischer's	\$1,273.18
Frontier	\$260.73
Hackbarth Truck & Equipment	\$240.00
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$32,412.63
Hawkins, Inc	\$957.05
Helm Electric	\$411.00
Illinois EPA	\$11,000.00
International Code Council	\$170.00
Jen's Artisan Bread, Ltd	\$375.00
Judy Giese	\$50.00
Korey C Pepper	\$200.00
Linda S Piecznski	\$86.00
Martin and Company Excavating	\$650.00
MCS	\$145.00
Menards	\$145.52
Michelle Knodle	\$96.00
Northern Illinois Disposal	\$24,604.10
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Oregon SuperValu	\$17.52
Ray O'Herron Co	\$686.07
St Aubin Nursery	\$777.00
Standard Equipment Co	\$454.74
Stillman BancCorp	\$1,420.15
Visa	\$645.66
Visa	\$3,207.60
White Pelican	\$164.46
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$1,152.60
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$950.30
	\$139,897.08

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Ordinances

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve Ordinance 2025-013 Purchase of Property - 131 S 3rd Street, Oregon, IL and authorize the City Manager to execute any required documents and contracts on behalf of the City of Oregon, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the cities long-term plan has been to add more parking in the downtown area. He said the city receives multiple requests from business owners to add more parking. The city will utilize TIF funds for the purchase of the property, which can be used for redevelopment purposes. The cost of the property is sixty-two thousand dollars.

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

Ordinance 2025-012 Annual Appropriations – 1st Reading – Mayor Ken Williams said the city is required to pass the annual appropriations before the end of the month. He stated appropriations are set high and they are hard to change once approved. The city allows for a “rainy day fund” on each of the line items. The city uses the annual budget as a guideline for expenditures throughout the year. City Manager Darin DeHaan said with the purchase of property approved, he recommends increasing the TIF Expenses line item to eight hundred thousand. This will be adjusted and presented at the next council meeting.

Resolutions

None.

Motions

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve an ARPA Grant for VFW Building Rehabilitation - \$10,000.00, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan has been working with the Oregon VFW for about a year and a half. They have been discussing ways to increase use of the space. He suggested they could apply for an ARPA grant from the city. The city has helped other organizations such as the Oregon Depot and the Ogle County Historical Society. The VFW is working on flooring, painting, and parking lot repairs. He said this is a good use of the funds and shows support for our veterans.

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

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve the FY26 Budget, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the budget was reviewed at the last meeting. The budget remains the same other than the adjustment to the TIF Expenses line item.

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

Discussion Items

None.

Committee Reports

Planning: Review ordinances at next meeting.

Economic and Community Development: Ogle County Economic Development Corporation has interviewed four of the seven candidates for the Executive Director position. They hope to announce the hire in the next couple of weeks.

Sustainability: Discuss the upcoming river cleanup and potential collaborations.

Tree Board: Will be working on a more definitive tree plan at the next meeting.

Public Art Commission: The committee requested revisions to the Chili Pepper mural. Will be presented to the City Council at the next meeting.

Department Reports

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Construction has been delayed due to the weather. There is also an active watermain break on Monroe Street.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Met with engineers and Erin Folk to discuss the possibility of starting the Bridge-to-Bridge walking path along the river.

Council Reports

Mayor Ken Williams: The city is sponsoring the band Soda this evening at 6:30 pm. It is being held at Rivers Edge Experience.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Adjourn: 5:59 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk