

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</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 July 22<sup>nd</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 Terry Schuster  
Council Member Melanie Cozzi  
Council Member Tim Krug  
Council Member Josiah Flanagan  
City Manager Darin DeHaan  
Sergeant Eric Higby  
City Attorney Paul Chadwick  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Bill Covell, John Dickson, Ross Grimes, Lee Hadick, George Howe, Kitty Moring, and Luke Ziegler.

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

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

Attorney Paul Chadwick started the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Ken Williams opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2025-012 Annual Appropriations at 5:31pm. The annual appropriations are set much higher than the cities working budget. Doing this allows for any major emergency that may happen.

No public comment.

Mayor Ken Williams closed the public hearing for Ordinance 2025-012 Annual Appropriations at 5:32pm.

**Presentation**

None.

**Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.**

None.

**Public Comment**

John Dickson asked questions regarding the recreational vehicle ordinance the city will be reviewing this evening. He asked how ordinances originate. City Manager Darin DeHaan said regarding this ordinance, complaints were received by himself as well as the police department. Complaints included people living in campers as primary residences and weeds and grass growing around them. He has been doing research on the topic with the building inspector. The Planning Commission has also reviewed the proposed ordinance. Mayor Ken Williams said all agendas are posted on the city's website.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$63,191.03 and the current warrants as listed:

a5 Branding & Digital	\$4,025.00
Amazon Capital Services, Inc	\$688.79
Ancel Glink, P.C.	\$10,560.00
Axon Enterprises Inc	\$7,494.68
Brooks Jewelers	\$225.00
Butitta Bros Automotive - Oregon	\$154.22
Casper Home Inspection LLC	\$1,550.00
Chicago WGN	\$5,500.00
City of Oregon	\$5,500.00
City of Oregon	\$13,411.11
Comcast	\$1,013.80
ComEd	\$133.59
Core & Main	\$79.48
eLineup LLC	\$750.00
Fehr Graham	\$694.75
Fehr Graham	\$35,811.75
Ferguson Enterprises dba Pollardwater	\$651.13
Hackbarth Truck & Equipment	\$27,700.00
Hawkins, Inc	\$773.06
Helm Electric	\$8,311.50
Highstar Traffic	\$209.85
Jacob & Klein, LTD	\$764.65
James Taylor	\$520.00
JX Truck Center	\$1,068.87
Ken Williams	\$83.07
Liz Hiemstra	\$3,928.55
Manheim Solutions	\$1,725.50
Mark Miller	\$200.00
Martin and Company Excavating	\$1,179.00
Melanie Cozzi	\$25.00
Menards	\$39.99
Menards	\$469.98
Mike McHale	\$200.00
Motorola - Starcom 21 Network	\$3,132.00
NAPA	\$33.43
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Oregon VFW	\$10,000.00

Polo Cooperative Association	\$3,199.23
Postmaster	\$824.11
Quill	\$490.00
Ray O'Herron Co., Inc	\$35.97
Rebecca Hazzard	\$5,000.00
S J Smith Co., Inc	\$11.70
Sally Moring	\$900.00
Shaw Media	\$713.40
Snyder's Pharmacy	\$267.21
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,627.01
Stratus Network Inc	\$65.02
SundogIT	\$2,668.15
Terry Schuster	\$25.00
The Economic Development Group	\$3,058.60
Townsquare Media	\$1,100.00
Treasurer, State of Illinois	\$660.00
Verizon	\$791.58
Village of Progress	\$1,280.00
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C.	\$79.50
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$186.12
	<b>\$172,650.35</b>

Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

### **Ordinances**

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2025-012 Annual Appropriations, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve Ordinance 2025-015 Rezoning Property from Industrial to R-1 Residential – 307 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street parcel #16-03-185-007, 309 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street parcel #16-03-185-008, & 311 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street parcel #16-03-185-009, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** This ordinance is due to a request from one of the homeowner's. The east side of the three parcels were zoned as Industrial and should be R-1 Residential. The approval of the ordinance finalizes the process.

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

Ordinance 2025-016 24.22 Parking or Storage of Recreational Vehicles and Trailers in Residential Districts – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – City Manager Darin DeHaan said the ordinance did not carry over when the city codes were updated. The Planning Commission discussed RV's being used as permanent residences. The committee discussed providing a free permit to allow for temporary residence of RV's for up to two weeks. He also said the city is a recreational community. Other complaints received were regarding weeds and grass growing around the recreational vehicle. The city council talked about fees, notices, inspections, and storage facilities. Council Member Terry Schuster asked

how many of these types of units would be in violation of the proposed ordinance. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he can get that information. He asked the City Council for input and guidance.

### **Resolutions**

None.

### **Motions**

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve the 2025 City of Oregon Zoning Map, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** Approval of the city zoning map is an annual requirement; it also includes the changes made to the three parcels included in Ordinance 2025-015.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to go to Bid for 7<sup>th</sup> Street Watermain Replacement this Fall 2025, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** Public Works Director Bill Covell said the location is the seven hundred block between Franklin and Monroe Street. City Manager Darin DeHaan said there are five homes that have been served by a small water line for years. Fehr Graham has provided estimates for replacement of the watermain. If the city chooses to have the watermain replaced by directional boring the cost would be about two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars. The other option is open cut, estimated cost for that is two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. Public Works Director Bill Covell also stated there is an eight-inch gas main located close to where the water line runs. In consideration of this, he felt directional boring would be best for this project. If the council approves, the project would be bid in late September/early October.

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

### **Discussion Items**

None.

### **Committee Reports**

**Economic and Community Development:** Meetings have been postponed, looking at going in a different direction with the committee.

**Sustainability:** Developing plan for a potential wildflower garden in front of the city dog park. The group is also looking for volunteers for the upcoming river cleanup.

**Tree Board:** Continue to work on the Urban Forestry Plan. Josh Pickering with the Public Works Department has created a great starting point.

**Public Art Commission:** The owners of Chili Pepper have withdrawn their request for a mural.

### **Department Reports**

**Public Works Director Bill Covell:** Milling 10<sup>th</sup> and Monroe Street will be starting back up on Monday. Slurry seal will begin mid next week.

### **Council Reports**

**City Council Member Melanie Cozzi:** The Farmer's Market will be hosting a stuff the bus event on Thursday to help support the Oregon Elementary School. This will be the last Farmer's Market event held down by the river. Starting August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Farmer's Market will be collaborating with the Oregon Park District. The Farmer's Market and Brown Bag Lunches will be held at Sarah Phelps Plaza.

**Council Member Josiah Flanagan:** Praised the Oregon Police and Public Works Department on a fantastic job with storm cleanup.

**Mayor Ken Williams:** The cities marketing campaign on social media had 3.8 million views, four thousand people were interested enough to save the information for later viewing.

Mayor Ken Williams stated the City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property and employee compensation. The City Council will be voting after the conclusion of executive session on the purchase of real property.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property and employee compensation at 6:05pm, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved the City approve the purchase of the real estate commonly known as the Moring Property, located at 309 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Oregon, IL, comprised of the following Parcel Identification Numbers: 16-03-186-004 and 16-03-328-001, for the price of \$375,000, per the terms of the Contract that has already been approved by the Seller, with the purchase price thereof to be financed entirely by the City's TIF Fund, and further direct the City Manager to execute said Contract on behalf of the City, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Adjourn: 7:38 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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