

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 12th, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday August 12th, 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
Police Chief Matt Kalnins
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Bill Covell, Mark Custer, John Dickson, Lee Hadick, George Howe, Kurt Schaible, and Danny Stanbery.

Present via Zoom: Lynn Baylor-Zies and Earleen Hinton.

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.

Council Member Tim Krug started the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation

None.

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

None.

Public Comment

Danny Stanbery, Kurt Schaible, and John Dickson spoke regarding proposed Ordinance 2025-016 24.22 Parking or Storage of Recreational Vehicles and Trailers in Residential Districts. Mark Custer spoke about AOP vendor costs, homeless at the Sarah Phelps Plaza, Park East construction and effect on the Ganymedes vintage baseball team, post office concerns, funds used for the purchase of properties, the food pantry, and the stop signs at 5th and Clay Street. Mayor Ken Williams commented on the proposed RV ordinance.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve July 22nd, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$61,464.83 and the current warrants as listed:

3Met LLC	\$2,000.00
a5 Branding & Digital	\$8,225.00
Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$500.00
Amazon Capital Services, Inc	\$176.82
Axon Enterprises, Inc	\$4.00
Black Diamond Plumbing & Mechanical Inc	\$240.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$19,017.07
Box Materials LLC	\$960.00
Butitta Bros Automotive - Oregon	\$1,624.94
Cintas	\$147.18
Comcast	\$215.33
Comcast	\$1,071.80
ComEd	\$837.01
ComEd	\$5,173.59
EM Benefits	\$1,538.82
Envision Healthcare	\$243.00
Eric Higby	\$3,000.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$371.60
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$1,610.62
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$170.02
Fischer's	\$622.09
Hey Tree Service, LLC	\$2,600.00
Hey Tree Service, LLC	\$8,800.00
Illinois EPA	\$11,677.38
Illinois EPA	\$72,768.30
James Taylor	\$940.00
Kaleel's	\$144.00
Kara Bauer	\$3,135.00
Ken Williams	\$26.71
Liz Hiemstra	\$785.71
LOCIS	\$4,182.00
Lynn Baylor Zies	\$8.68
Manheim Solutions	\$2,320.50
MCS	\$145.00
Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers	\$9,400.00
Metropolitan Industries Inc	\$5,176.00
NAPA	\$124.66
NAPA	\$212.03
Nicor	\$56.61
Northern Illinois Disposal	\$24,604.10
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$60.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$73.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$73.00
Old National Bank	\$1,925.60
Oregon Supervalu	\$30.26

Pace Analytical Services	\$1,803.60
Physicians Immediate Care	\$232.00
Postmaster	\$10.48
Proforma	\$401.01
Region 1 Planning Council	\$625.00
Shawn Melville	\$750.00
Sheryl Morris	\$22.88
Snyder's Pharmacy	\$861.79
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$1,949.04
Steve Benesh & Sons	\$3,700.00
Sun Life Financial	\$388.37
Sundog IT	\$2,668.15
Townsquare Media	\$900.00
Visa	\$625.03
Visa	\$3,118.42
Willetts Hofmann & Associates	\$27,069.70
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$37.97
	\$242,180.87

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Ordinances

Ordinance 2025-016 24.22 Parking or Storage of Recreational Vehicles and Trailers in Residential Districts – 2nd Reading – City Manager Darin DeHaan said there are two issues that need to be addressed, long term maintenance and occupancy. Council Member Melanie Cozzi said she agrees with the aesthetic issues; she has received comments from residents. Council Member Tim Krug stated he did not want to infringe on personal property. He agreed with a thirty-day occupancy for recreational vehicles, as they should not be used as permanent residence. Council Member Terry Schuster said the issues Tim stated are allowable with a few adjustments to the ordinance. He said Darin's responsibility is to bring suggestions to the council. Council Member Josiah Flanagan said he would like to take more time and do the right thing for the residents. Mayor Ken Williams stated the council does not want to see RV's used as a permanent residence but want families to be able to use them. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he is looking for clarity and guidance for law enforcement and the city building inspector.

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to table Ordinance 2025-016 24.22 Parking or Storage of Recreational Vehicles and Trailers in Residential Districts, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Resolutions

None.

Motions

None.

Discussion Items

None.

Committee Reports

Economic and Community Development: The Ogle County Economic Development Corporation has hired Liz Hiemstra as their Executive Director. She has been meeting with each community.

Sustainability: The last meeting was cancelled. They are working on finalizing details for the river sweep.

Department Reports

Police Chief Matt Kalnins: National Night Out had a great turn out. He thanked the officers of the Oregon Police Department, Officer Greg Spencer, the Public Works Department, and Council Member Josiah Flanagan for their attendance and hard work.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Most of the road work has been completed. He has received many compliments on how the slurry seal application turned out on the streets. He said this type of application could last eight to ten years, whereas the previous chip seal application only lasts about three to five years. Council Member Terry Schuster said there is hardly any dust with the process and the loose gravel will not end up in the city storm sewers.

City Attorney Paul Chadwick: Working on closing details for the S. 3rd Street property. Possible closing date is set for Friday. He is also continuing to work on the S. 1st Street property.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: He gave Chief Kalnins and the police department accolades on National Night Out. He also complimented Public Works Director Bill Covell. He said the city has had some previous failures with road projects. He said it is very important to have Bill on the forefront watching those projects. Bill has been very vigilant on the construction sites, working with the on-ground engineers and holding their feet to the fire. He said he sees it every day in their communication. He said if there are errors, he works hard to get those corrected.

Council Reports

Council Member Josiah Flanagan: He said National Night Out is a great way for the public to engage with the city police department and see safety and awareness demonstrations.

Mayor Ken Williams: He said the City Council listens to what residents have to say. The City Council also needs input from the residents of the community; it is very important as the city moves forward.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Adjourn: 6:21 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk