

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 26th, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday August 26th, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was held at City Hall in the 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, Andrew Bonilla, John Dickson, Earleen Hinton, Kim Krug and Marilyn Rinnis.

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 Melanie Cozzi started the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation

Public Works Director Bill Covell introduced new public works employee Andrew Bonilla to the City Council.

City Manager Darin DeHaan gave an All-Trails Lead to Oregon marketing campaign update. The campaign has included thirty second commercials on WGN, featured interviews with Council Member Terry Schuster and Melanie Cozzi, a WGN TV segment featuring Christy Sitze, social media ads, and multiple posts made by social media influencers. The social media influencer's received about 3.8 million views on Instagram alone. An interview for Best of the Midwest featuring Mayor Williams is scheduled for August 28th at 1 p.m.

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

Mayor Ken Williams proclaimed September 12th and 13th as Intellectually Disabled Days, commonly referred to as Tootsie Roll Days.

Public Comment

Marilyn Rinnis spoke about the benefits of the Fraternal Order of Police Family Auxiliary.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve August 12th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$64,953.71 and the current warrants as listed:

Amazon Capital Services, Inc	\$48.48
Ancel Glink, P.C.	\$1,275.00
Bev Olson	\$32.00
BNSF Railway Company	\$3,939.28
Bobcat of Dixon	\$645.41
Brooks Jewelers	\$225.00
Butitta Bros. Automotive-Oregon	\$61.77
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,550.00
City of Rockford	\$40.00
Civic Plus LLC	\$2,976.75
Closeline LLC	\$61,417.42
Comcast	\$1,026.60
Comcast	\$1,051.14
ComEd	\$988.91
Dan Dietrich	\$80.00
Ecolab	\$616.46
EM Benefits	\$1,726.89
Fehr Graham	\$789.75
Fehr Graham	\$4,180.00
Fehr Graham	\$25,176.00
Ferguson Enterprises LLC dba Pollardwater	\$56.40
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$561.43
Frontier	\$114.45
Frontier	\$410.41
Gipper Farm & Gardens	\$29.00
Grainger	\$100.21
Hach Company	\$2,248.55
Hawkins, Inc	\$1,035.27
Hawkins, Inc	\$2,192.73
ILEAS	\$60.00
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police	\$66.00
International Code Council	\$1,465.00
Jane Koeller	\$33.00
Ken Williams	\$490.66
Liz Hiemstra	\$43.00
Martin and Company Excavating	\$437.24
Menards	\$41.95
Menards	\$1,317.63
Merlin's	\$9,400.00
Nicor	\$119.85
Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce	\$1,200.00
Oregon Rotary Club	\$115.00
Pace Analytical Services	\$985.00
Physicians Immediate Care	\$205.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$5,078.77
Postmaster	\$819.84

Quill	\$221.23
Ray O'Herron Co, Inc	\$1,334.48
Raynor Door Authority	\$1,800.00
Rock Valley Concrete Cutting, LLC	\$425.00
Shawn Melville	\$250.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$4,047.16
Stratus Network, Inc	\$65.09
Taryn Bradley	\$52.00
Terry Schuster	\$423.75
Timothy Brechon	\$10.46
Uniform Den East. Inc	\$228.67
Verizon	\$722.60
Village of Progress	\$1,280.00
Visa	\$2,680.74
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C.	\$132.50
Wipfli	\$45,050.00
	\$195,196.93

Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Ordinances

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2025-018 an Ordinance Approving and Adopting a Second Amendment to the FY 2022 Façade Improvement Matching Grant Program, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said during the budget process it was asked to increase the matching grant amount to seven thousand five hundred dollars due to increasing costs.

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

Resolutions

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Resolution 2025-05 authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property owned by the City of Oregon, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Discussion: The approval by City Council is required whenever the city disposes of property.

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

Motions

Council Member Melanie Cozzie moved to approve a Façade Grant for Ryan Hahn – 111-113 S 4th Street – Paint & Masonry repairs – to be paid with TIF Funds, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: The façade grant would be in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars. The total cost for the project is estimated at fifteen thousand two hundred and sixty dollars.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve a Façade Grant for Candace Rivera – 307 W. Washington Street for a sign to be paid with Economic Development Funds, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the request is for a sign due to advertising components within the project.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve a façade grant for Terry Schuster – 307 W. Washington Street for masonry repairs to be paid with Economic Development Funds, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Council Member Terry Schuster stated there were terrible issues with the tuckpointing and loose bricks.

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

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve Change Order No. 1 2025 City of Oregon Motor Fuel Tax Project 25-00000-00-GM and authorize the City Manager to Sign on Behalf of the City, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

Discussion: A change in material reduced the cost by about ten thousand one hundred dollars.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Engineer's Pay Estimate to Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$124,348.12 for the City of Oregon Motor Fuel Tax Project 25-00000-00-GM and authorize the City Manager to Sign on Behalf of the City, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan reminded the council the other two bids that were received for this project were one hundred and seventy-three thousand dollars and two hundred thousand dollars. It is great to see a ten-thousand-dollar deduction in the cost of this project. Mayor Ken Williams said the slurry seal is done in one application, more efficient, and costs less. Council Member Melanie Cozzi stated there are also health and environmental benefits to the slurry seal application.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the City of Oregon 2025 Streets Project and authorize the City Manager to Sign on Behalf of the City, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said about twenty thousand dollars is being saved on this project. The project included 10th, Jefferson, 8th, 2nd, and Monroe Streets. Street Foreman Jordan Plock and his department adjusted the water valves for the project which saved about seven thousand five hundred dollars.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve Engineer's Pay Estimate to Martin & Company Excavating in the amount of \$367,654.61 for the City of Oregon 2025 Streets Project and authorize the City Manager to Sign on Behalf of the City, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said this project shows the difference between a full rebuild and slurry seal. Public Works Director Bill Covell said the areas around the school were thermally striped. The Public Works Department should not have to touch up the striping for five to six years.

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

Discussion Items

None.

Committee Reports

Finance: The audit has been completed and will be presented to the City Council for approval. The city is also working with Wipfli to create a matrix for segregation of duties.

Sustainability: Rock River Sweep is scheduled for September 6th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. If the event is cancelled it will be rescheduled to September 13th.

Department Reports

City Clerk Cheryl Hilton: The next brush pickup is scheduled for September 29th, City Hall will be closed on Monday September 1st for Labor Day, and residents can now view their utility bill on the city website.

Council Reports

Council Member Melanie Cozzi: She thanked the community for their support of the Farmer's Market and the change in location.

Mayor Ken Williams said the City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of Real Estate, no action will be taken after.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate at 6:09 p.m., Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

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

Adjourn: 6:25 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk