

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday September 9<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 September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 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  
Absent: Council Member Terry Schuster  
Also Present: Bill Covell, John Dickson, Trevor Faivre, and Ken Kielsmeier.

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

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

Police Chief Matt Kalnins started the pledge of allegiance.

**Presentation**

None.

**Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.**

None.

**Public Comment**

John Dickson asked about the status of the proposed photo op at the crosswalk in front of City Hall.  
Ken Kielsmeier spoke about the chemicals being sprayed by the township along Oregon Trail Road.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

**Approval of Warrants & Payroll**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$65,774.79 and the current warrants as listed:

a5 Group Inc	\$6,937.50
Advanced Automation & Controls	\$2,842.89
Advanced Automation & Controls	\$5,370.00
Advanced Automation & Controls	\$8,160.00
Amazon Capital Services, Inc	\$152.04

Axon Enterprises, Inc	\$7,296.56
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$19,883.81
Butitta Bros Automotive - Oregon	\$283.55
Cindy Mudra	\$3.00
Cintas	\$150.85
City of Oregon	\$5,500.00
Civic Plus LLC	\$300.00
Comcast	\$277.68
ComEd	\$9,179.79
Dixon Paint Co	\$248.98
Envision Healthcare	\$251.00
Fehr Graham	\$10,600.00
Ferguson Waterworks	\$141.84
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$159.26
Fischer's	\$1,419.65
Frontier	\$299.69
Getz Fire Equipment	\$241.30
Hackbarth Truck & Equipment	\$40.37
Harvard State Bank	\$1,006.00
Hawkins, Inc	\$1,045.03
Illinois State Treasurer	\$62.07
James Taylor	\$840.00
Kaiser	\$1,320.00
Kaleel's Clothing	\$798.00
Ken Williams	\$66.14
Liz Hiemstra	\$785.71
Martin and Company Excavating	\$65.00
Martin and Company Excavating	\$83.70
Martin and Company Excavating	\$367,654.61
MCS	\$140.00
Menards	\$235.21
Michael Knoup	\$500.00
Michael Knoup	\$1,024.00
Northern Illinois Disposal Services	\$24,604.10
Ogle County Clerk and Recorder	\$73.00
Oregon SuperValu	\$29.48
Renee Foss	\$450.00
Rush Power Systems	\$2,413.88
Stratus Network Inc	\$66.07
Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc	\$124,348.12
Sun Life Financial	\$374.20
SundogIT	\$2,658.15
Village of Progress	\$1,280.00
White Pelican	\$205.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$9,751.35
	<b>\$621,618.58</b>

Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

### **Ordinances**

None.

### **Resolutions**

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve Resolution 2025-06 authorizing the Closure of State Rt 2 between Webster and Monroe Street and Rt 64 between Monroe and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street be requested of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** The request is for the annual Autumn on Parade. There are a lot of rules and regulations when it comes to state highways.

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

### **Motions**

None.

### **Discussion Items**

None.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** The finalized audit is available for City Council review. The audit will also be posted on the city website.

**Sustainability:** There were approximately thirty volunteers for the Rock River Sweep. Council Member Melanie Cozzi thanked Butitta Brothers, Oregon Park District, Ogle County Solid Waste, IDNR, Northern Illinois Disposal, Oregon Fire Protection District, and the Ogle County Sheriff's Department for their collaboration.

**Tree Board:** Have a meeting coming up and plan to discuss tree planting throughout the community.

**Public Art Commission:** Scheduling a meeting to discuss the progress on the city welcome signs.

### **Department Reports**

**City Manager Darin DeHaan:** Working with the public works department to create a graphic for the public that includes street and sidewalk improvement projects. He has also offered the fire department access to the S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street property for training.

### **Council Reports**

**Council Member Melanie Cozzi:** Thanked City Manager Darin DeHaan for bringing snacks for the Rock River Sweep. She also said she has received compliments from residents regarding Public Works Director Bill Covell.

**Mayor Ken Williams:** Thanked the Sustainability committee for their work on the Rock River Sweep. He also asked to have the parade route/street closures for Autumn on Parade to be displayed on the sign at Sarah Phelps Plaza.

Mayor Ken Williams said the City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss the considerations of conditions to purchase real property. After Executive Session, a motion will be made to approve or not approve the purchase of real property.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to go into executive session to discuss the considerations of conditions to purchase real property at 5:54 p.m., Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve the purchase of 309 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** Part of the long-term riverfront plan is to start converting industry into new public access space. The city has had the opportunity to work with a potential developer on the 309 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street property. Potential redevelopment would include housing and retail space as well as parking for a bike path. Council Member Melanie Cozzi said she thinks this project fits in with the vision for the riverfront and will be a nice asset to the community once it is completed. Mayor Ken Williams said the city will be using TIF funds to purchase the property. It will be an anchor for the cities riverfront retail. The purchase price of the property is three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

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

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

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

Adjourn: 6:13 P.M.

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

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Ken Williams, Mayor