

January 25, 1982  
Oregon, Illinois

The Council of the City of Oregon met in regular session Monday, January 25, 1982 at 5:30 P.M., City Hall Building.

Present: James Barnes, Mayor and Commissioners Robert Aurand, Frank Svoboda, James Ludwig. Absent: Commissioner Norman Collins.

Also present: City Attorney David Smith, City Clerk Julianne Crowley and Chief of Police Robert Jones.

Mayor Barnes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ludwig moved that the minutes of the January 11, 1982 meeting be approved as recorded. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Aurand moved that the payroll in the amount of \$11,167.34 and claims in the amount of \$10,400.80 previously recorded be approved. Seconded by James Ludwig.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Barnes. No nays.

Mayor Barnes introduced Ruby Rauch and Robert Gingerick, candidates seeking election in the upcoming election. Both candidates addressed the council with a few words.

The Council discussed the Well #1 property and agreed to wait to advertise for bids to sell the property until the city receives all the specifications and procedures to abandon the well. William Schniske from Sycamore, who is interested in buying the property addressed the council requesting that the city proceed with advertising for bids. The Council advised Schniske that Oregon's citizens were their concern and there is no reason to rush into selling the property when there are questions about abandoning the well.

Chris and Donna Merrill and Lois Lizer, property owners in the newly proposed annexation area, addressed the Council with questions and protests on the annexation.

Mayor Barnes advised the Council that the police had written 39 snow removal tickets on the evening of January 22nd and early morning hours of January 23rd when the Street Department was out plowing snow. Mayor Barnes requests permission to void these tickets as he had many complaints that there had not been one inch of snow, as the ordinance reads. The Council agreed that it was hard for the police to determine one inch of snow and praised the police department for their efforts to help the street department in keeping the street cleared. Since the amount of snow fallen was questionable, the Council agreed that the tickets could be voided as the city does not want to fine citizens and take their money when it is not due.

Mayor Barnes advised the Council of a meeting in Springfield on Friday, January 29th, concerning the EPA and request that he and Commissioner Collins attend the meeting to try to obtain information on our next step to fight chlorination.

Dennis McMullen, McClure Engineering representative, gave an engineering report on the progress of the new well, water mains, Hastings Avenue extension and also discussed the 1982 road project. In regard to Hastings Avenue, he advised that the road was not on Donaldson's property and advised that the road should be left closed off until the weather changes. The

Council requested that McMullen have a cost estimate available at the next meeting for the Monroe Street and Madison Street road projects.

Chief Jones requested that the Council consider having parking on one side only of South Eighth and Ninth Streets, as the road is so narrow a plow cannot get through with parking on both sides of the street.

Chief Jones gave the Council a report on the Tradewinds Tavern. The police department has been called to the tavern twice recently for disturbances and the owner was not very cooperative with them. Jones advised that after the last disturbance, he had a conference with the owner, Ted Tomaras, and Tomaras advised Chief Jones that he would cooperate in the future. The Clerk was instructed to write Tomaras, stating that if there was another complaint filed with the police department, he would be called before the Council.

Kim Krahenbuhl, attorney representing the City of Oregon in the negotiation on property with the Oregon Park District, explained the indemnity and installment agreement submitted by the Oregon Park District. After discussion, the Council instructed Krahenbuhl to reply by letter to the Park District that the City did not accept the indemnity agreement.

Mayor Barnes moved to introduce and file for public inspection Ordinance #861, An Ordinance Entitled Police Regulations, amending Title 8, Chapter 1 of the City of Oregon code. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Barnes. No nays.

There being no further business Commissioner Aurand moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by James Ludwig.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Barnes. No nays.

Adjourn: 8:00 P.M.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk