

COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 1999

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday November 8, 1999, 7:00 P.M. Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Mike Arians
Commissioner Jim Lauer
Commissioner Gerald Medlar
Commissioner Tom Stone
Commissioner Amy Trimble

Attorney Wendy Howarter
Chief Thomas Miller
City Clerk Charlene Ruthe

Mayor Mike Arians called the meeting to order.

Charlene Ruthe started the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Amy Trimble moved to approve the October 25, 1999 minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

Commissioner Amy Trimble moved to approve the executive minutes from October 25, 1999, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved that the payroll in the amount of \$19,202.73 and claims listed be allowed:

Claims

Aken's Auto Body, \$44.75
AT&T, \$29.29
Basler's, \$253.87
BC Energy Service, \$1,245.25
Central Management Service, \$10,886.00
ComEd, \$2,690.43
Dan's Goodyear, \$194.61
Diversified Code & Inspection, \$515.75
Ehmen, \$592.70
EMC, \$2,096.78
EMC, \$22,386.05
Fortis Insurance, \$78.00
Gall's, \$246.77
GTE North, \$785.12
GTE Wireless, \$57.51
Martin & Co., \$10,513.50
Mississippi Valley Pump, \$2,756.00
Myers Concrete, \$3,260.00
NAPA, \$303.47
Parkside Uniforms, \$349.15
Quill Corp., \$24.63
R&T Specialty, \$20.78
Ray O'Herron Co., Inc., \$328.85
RC Printing, \$208.20
RCHA Answering Service, \$30.70
Rockford Industrial Welding, \$75.03
Specialty Floors, \$895.00
Stan's Performance, \$90.00
Sterling Business Machines, \$112.95

Stoffel Seals Corp., \$286.00
Willett Hofmann & Assoc., \$948.00
Williams & McCarthy, \$2,170.33
Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Claims

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

Mayor Mike Arians moved to recommend the sign variance back to the Plan Commission for Vicki Davis at 308 S 8th Street for further discussion and a second recommendation, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

Sign
Variance

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

Bernie Klingenberg and Matt Hanson from Willett Hofmann & Assoc. and Bill Bravos from EMC gave an update on the storm sewer separation project. The surveying crew should be done the week of November 22nd. The surveying work and soil boring should be completed by the middle of January 2000. So that EMC should have a proposal by mid February 2000. The Mayor would like this project to accommodate the projects with IDOT next year so that the streets do not have to be torn up a second time.

WHA/EMC
Update
Sewer
Project

The street light program was put on hold until the next meeting.

St Lights

Commissioner Jim Lauer will be working with the Chamber of Commerce to see if the old Legion Hall in the Coliseum building could be used for the their office.

Chamber
Office

The Mayor appointed a committee for the garbage contract they were the City Attorney Wendy Howarter, Commissioner Amy Trimble, Commissioner Tom Stone, and City Clerk Charlene Ruthe. Two separate meetings took place being Commission form of government so they would not constitute an open meeting. City Attorney Wendy Howarter is going to prepare specifications for the garbage contract and hopefully advertise for bids in the November 18th paper. The deadline for the bids would be December 3, 1999 and the bids would be opened during a public meeting December 7, 1999 at 5:00 P.M. After the bids are opened residents would have forty-eight hours to review them at City Hall. The City Council could award a contract at the December 10, 1999 meeting. This would give residents time to review the bids and express their opinions to the Mayor and Commissioners. The consensus of the Council was to have the City Attorney go head with the plans for the bidding process.

Garbage
Contract
Bidding

Commissioner Tom Stone would personally like to thank Max and Sylvia Newcomer for the work they do with the flower pots in the downtown area.

Reports

Commissioner Tom Stone reminded everyone of the snow removal ordinance. The ordinance requires residents to park on the even side of the street on even days and odd side on the odd days. Tickets will be issued if not parked on the proper side of the street.

Chief Miller reminded everyone not to rake his or her leaves in the street that this is against city code. He also had a letter from ESDA coordinator Ron McDermott requesting approval to place a river gauge on the dam. The City would not have any cost or maintain fees to pay. The consensus of the Council was to approve the gauge as long as there was no cost to the City.

Donna Mann representing Project Oregon had a request that the City pay for the Christmas trees and lights to be put on the light poles in the downtown area during the holidays. The City has paid for the decorations the past few years. Commissioner Amy Trimble moved to pay McCanse Enterprises and not exceed \$1,500.00 on Christmas decorations, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Roll Lauer: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble

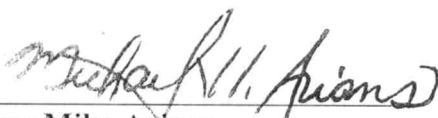
Donna Mann announced that the City Newsletter would be going out shortly and if anyone from the Council had anything they wanted in it to let her know.

Commissioner Amy Tremble moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

Adjourn

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

Adjourn: 7:55 P.M.


Mayor Mike Arians

ATTEST:


City Clerk Charlene Ruthe