

COUNCIL MEETING
Monday November 10, 2003

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday November 10, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Thomas R. Stone, Sr.
Commissioner Tom Izer
Commissioner Nicholas Johnson
Commissioner Bob Rees
Commissioner Jim Tegtmeyer
City Clerk Charlene Ruthe
Attorney Wendy Howarter
Chief Thomas Miller

Mike Burris from Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly gave a presentation on sludge handling at the wastewater treatment plant. Previously, the City had land-applied sludge on City property adjacent to and south of the wastewater plant. Beginning in 2003, the City was required to land apply sludge to non-City owned property located outside the city limits due to development of the Park District property adjacent to the previous site. Due to crops being planted on this land, the City can only land apply sludge at times whenever crops are not planted and must store the sludge for longer durations than already required. The evaluation gave three options that the city would chose from. Option 1-more drying beds costing \$2,370,000.00, Option 2-wet sludge costing \$555,000.00, Option 3-Dry sludge costing \$945,000.00. CMT's recommendation would be option three-Mechanical Dewatering, which includes no additional liquid sludge storage. The length of time for implementation of the project would be about 23-27 months.

CMT-sludge

Donna Cline has requested the October 27, 2003 council meeting minutes. The City Clerk asked that she come in Wednesday and fill out a FOIA form and the minutes will be ready for her to pick up.

Donna Cline

Beth Henderson spoke on behalf of Candlelight Walk organization. She has a proposal for lighting the downtown area buildings during the candlelight walk weekend. She is asking the city if they would donate \$10,000.00 toward the funding for the lights. City Attorney Wendy Howarter said she is unsure whether the city could donate to the Candle Light Walk Assoc. She is not sure taxpayer money can go to charitable organizations. She will check into this matter.

Candlelight
walk request

Ron Colson informed the council that the city has grant providers available to them at no charge. A certain project such as the sludge project would need to be submitted first and then RC&D would find what grants were available for the project.

Grant provider

Nick Johnson started the pledge.

Commissioner Bob Rees moved to approve the October 27, 2003 minutes,
Seconded by Commissioner Jim Tegtmeyer.

Approved
minutes

Roll Call: Izer, Johnson, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Nick Johnson moved to approve the October 27, 2003 executive session minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Bob Rees.

Exe session
minutes

Roll Call: Izer, Johnson, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Thomas Izer moved to approve the payroll in the amount of \$23,918.46 and claims as listed:

payroll/claims

AT&T, \$212.47
Accurint, \$5.50
Basler's, \$479.33
Blackhawk Limber, \$53.57
Richard Bocker, \$200.00
CMS, \$15,604.00

Centrue Bank, \$12,392.71
Christiansen, \$1,500.00
Christiansen, \$28,798.50
Cintas, \$61.18
CMT, \$4,473.50
ComEd, \$2,712.24
ComEd, \$6,733.00
Diversified Code & Inspection, \$275.00
Diversified Code & Inspection, \$1,649.57
Dixon Glass, \$3,998.00
Downtown Idea Exchange, \$167.00
EMC, \$26,070.31
Ecolab, \$86.00
Ehmen, \$243.85
Fischer's, \$132.05
Fortis, \$138.75
Galls, \$77.45
Illinois Municipal League, \$38,731.00
Insight Communications, \$103.63
L&K Electronics, \$361.97
NAPA, \$283.13
Ogle County Health Department, \$50.00
Steve Orsted, \$40.00
Pines Meadow, \$68.25
Ray O'Herron, \$212.95
Rich Rhoads Electric, \$166.40
Safety League, Inc., \$223.94
Snyder Pharmacy, \$41.93
Emmy Spickler, \$120.00
Standard Equipment Co., \$60.00
State Chemical Manufacturing Co., \$60.00
Verizon, \$855.23
Zarnoth Brush Works, Inc., \$308.50
Seconded by Commissioner Bob Rees.

Roll Call: Izer, Johnson, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

Nick Johnson explained that the variance submitted by John Hawkins was to construct the approach to his driveway a foot and half bigger than the required size. Commissioner Nick Johnson moved to approve the Plan Commission recommendation submitted by John Hawkins for a driveway variance, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas Izer.

Roll Call: Izer, Johnson, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

The tax levy was introduced and the tax to abate on the General Obligation Bonds. The figures have stayed the same as last year. This will be on the next council meeting agenda.

Commissioner Bob Rees moved to approve the raffle license for the Oregon Park District for the relay of life, Seconded by Commissioner Nick Johnson.

Roll Call: Izer, Johnson, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Nick Johnson handed out information on a grant locator. He would like the council to look this information over before the next meeting. They will provide a two week trail to see what is available for grants.

Chief Thomas Miller announced that Halloween was relatively quiet.

Commissioner Jim Tegtmeyer announced that the third street parking lot next to City Hall will not be paved until next year.

Commissioner Bob Rees announced that construction on the new roof at the coliseum has been completed.

Claims

Plan Comm
driveway
variance

Tax Levy
introduced

Raffle license
OPD

Grant locator

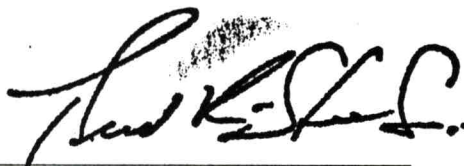
Commissioner
reports

Wendy Howarter brought up the fact that the council could hold just one meeting in December if so desired. The council could meet on the second Monday of the month and skip the fourth Monday meeting. It would require a code change.

Commissioner Nick Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Tegtmeyer.

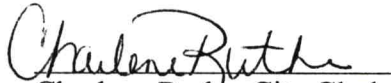
Roll Call: Izer, Johnson, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

Adjourn: 7:55 P.M.



Thomas R. Stone, Mayor

ATTEST:


Charlene Ruthe, City Clerk

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Request to
have one mgt
in December

Adjourn