

February 9, 1981

Oregon, Illinois 61061

The Council of the City of Oregon met in regular session Monday, February 9, 1981 at 5:30 P.M., City Hall building.

Present: Honorable James Barnes, Mayor and Commissioners Robert Aurand, Frank Svoboda, James Ludwig and Norman Collins.
Absent: None.

Also present: City Attorney David Smith and City Clerk Julianne Crowley.

Mayor Barnes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Collins moved that the minutes of the January 26, 1981 meeting be approved as recorded. Seconded by Robert Aurand.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: ^{Ayes:} Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No naves.

Commissioner Aurand noted Commissioner Svoboda had found a discrepancy in the billing of Commonwealth Edison, in regard to the number of brackets charged for against the lights. Svoboda believes that this overcharge has been made since the City changed to vapor lights, which was about four years ago. Commissioner Svoboda advised he would check into it with Commonwealth Edison. Commissioner Aurand then moved that the payroll in the amount of \$10,010.30 and claims as follow be allowed: McClure Engineering Associates, engineering services, \$9,244.75; Circuit Clerk Tracy Stewart, court costs collected on parking meter complaints, \$165.00; Robert Cummins, Inc., polygraph tests in Mantsch case, \$75.00; Aetna Life & Casualty Company, city's cost group insurance, \$1,189.63; PEP Express, LeRoy Deneau, water department postage, \$10.50; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, city's cost IMRF and Social Security, \$2,753.33; Julianne Crowley, City Clerk, mileage for trip to Morton Grove on Illinois Municipal League Risk Management seminar, \$40.00; Postmaster, postage, \$105.00; Amoco Oil Company, police car maintenance, \$73.19; Sterling Business Machines, office supplies and equipment, \$384.90; Della Long, janitor service, \$10.00; Oregon Stone Quarries, street maintenance material, \$108.24; Republican Reporter Corporation, legal publishing, \$335.20; Oregon Auto Supply, street department equipment maintenance, \$69.16; W. B. McCloud Company, pest control, \$10.90; Dan's Sunoco, parks and water departments, vehicle maintenance, \$29.50; Merlin's Flowers, arrangement for meeting, \$15.00; Rock Valley Disposal, refuse service, \$35.00; Bob's Shell Service, police car maintenance, \$67.75; Pines Meadow Vet. Clinic, animal care, \$55.50; Utility Equipment Company, water department meter parts, \$13.13; Reach Electronics, pager maintenance, \$44.89; Sieg Illinois Company, police, street department, vehicle maintenance, \$48.13; Hough True Value Hardware, police, parks, street, water departments, supplies, \$93.96; Oregon Super Valu, disposal plant supplies, \$31.20; Decker Drug Store, police department supplies, \$21.69; Fischers, office supplies, \$10.65; Spangler Brothers, street, water, disposal plant, supplies, \$85.23; Pineway Super Market, city hall, water department, supplies, \$68.30; Rockford Blacktop Construction Company, street department maintenance material, \$142.60; Basler's Gamble Store, police, city hall, supplies, \$14.32; Julianne Crowley, cash advanced, postage, city hall supplies, \$7.13; Radio Shack, police department equipment, \$82.74; Commonwealth Edison Company, power, \$993.33; Continental Telephone Company, phone service, \$150.31; Illinois Criminal Justice Commission, police regional training dues, \$300.00; Knodle Oil Company, gasoline, \$1,396.07. Seconded by James Ludwig.

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

Mayor Barnes moved that a license to operate six amusement devices for a term from February 10, 1981 to May 1, 1981 be issued to Dennis Bowman, d/b/a/ Oregon Theatre. The fee of \$40.00 being on file with the City Clerk. Seconded by Norman Collins.

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

Mayor Barnes moved that Monday, February 16, 1981 be declared a holiday in observance of George Washington's Birthday for all city departments and he further moved that all personnel required to be on duty this date be allowed one extra day at some future time. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

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

Commissioner Ludwig moved to retain McClure Engineering Associates to survey, design and prepare construction drawings, specifications and bid documents for the City Hall Parking Lot, the amount not to exceed \$3,600.00. Seconded by Norman Collins.

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

Mayor Barnes proclaimed the week of February 16th as Lions Eye Donor Registry Week in Oregon.

Mayor Barnes advised the council that Boy Scout Troops 52 and 81 had taken petitions opposing mandatory chlorination door to door for signatures.

Commissioner Aurand advised the council he has submitted the following letter to the Oregon Park District:

February 3, 1981

James Grove
Oregon Park District
P.O. Box 237
Oregon, Illinois

Dear Jim:

The letter of January 15th you received from the Department of Agriculture in Champaign, Illinois was mentioned at our last Council meeting and the Council has asked me to reply.

We are somewhat concerned and would like to have a review of the last sentence in the second paragraph which says "the City would be responsible for any cost incurred and for operation and maintenance of the constructed features". Our problem is that we wonder if the Park District took over the acreage involved, that we would continue to be responsible for the maintenance and operation on your property. If the reference is only for our responsibility for the operation and maintenance from the point where it leaves the Park District property on futher, then that would not be a problem. I'm sure that you understand we would not want to be held responsible for property which is not our own.

It would appear from the rest of the letter that should you decide to take up our offer on the property that it would not interfere or cause any delay in the grants for which we have already applied.

We would appreciate hearing from you regarding this matter after you have had an opportunity to talk with the proper authorities.

Sincerely yours,
CITY OF OREGON per
Robert E. Aurand
Commissioner of Accounts
and Finance

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He has also received the following letter in response:

February 9, 1981

Robert E. Aurand
Comm. of Accounts & Finance
City of Oregon
115 N. 3rd St.
Oregon, IL 61061

Dear Bob,

I spoke with Keith Donelson this morning concerning the Council's question about operation and maintenance cost of the proposed flood control facilities, and he said that if the property was transferred, and the facilities were constructed that the City and the Park District could work out an agreement as to the financial responsibility of operation and maintenance of the facilities.

In reference to your offer as mentioned in the third paragraph of your Feb. 3rd letter, the park district has never received a written offer from the city council. Therefore the Park District board request that a written proposal be initiated by the Council before another meeting is scheduled to discuss the matter.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jim Grove
James R. Grove
Director

In reply to a written proposal, Commissioner Aurand instructed the clerk to contact Grove by phone and advise that the council is willing to give the Park District the property but there are matters to be worked out with the engineer before a written proposal could be submitted.

Commissioner Aurand advised the council he had submitted the following letter to the Department of Conservation but to date, has not has a response.

February 3, 1981

Bill Jansen, Chief Engineer
Department of Conservation
620 Wm. G. Stratton Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Jansen:

This letter is in regard to previous correspondence with the Department of Conservation on October 10, 1979 and April 10, 1980 in reference to debris dumped into Rock River when the Oregon Dam was repaired in 1979. Copies of previous correspondence is attached.

While we appreciate very much the Department of Conservation and Commonwealth Edison going to the additional cost and expense of repairing the dam so it could be used for recreational purposes, we are very much concerned and disturbed that the Department of Conservation would permit the dumping of debris into the fishing area without any apparent concern of what harm it would cause for recreational use. It appears to us that had the City or any private individual committed such an act that serious, consequences from the Department of Conservation would have occurred and we feel confident you would not have permitted it to continue. We suppose that the disturbing factor is that while these sort of actions are not permitted by individuals or other municipalities, it seems clear to us that the

Department of Conservation can do pretty much as it pleases and we think this is a mistake.

During a meeting with the Project Engineer, Carl Anderson, this matter was called to his attention and he advised the Council members present at that meeting as well as the City Attorney that the Department of Conservation would take care of the removal of the debris that they chose to drop into the Rock River. We did not believe that it was necessary that that commitment be in writing and we are very much concerned that to date that promise has not been fulfilled.

You are quite aware, I'm sure, that a great many people fish the Rock River in the Oregon area and a great many of them who fish there regularly saw the act occurring and have been after the City to do something about it. There appears very little that the City can do and indeed we wonder why in fact we should be required to do it since the act was done obviously under the direction of the Department of Conservation.

We would reiterate our previous request in asking that a representative from the Department of Conservation meet with the City Council at your earliest convenience and we would appreciate receiving a date from you by return mail.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter we are,

Sincerely,

CITY OF OREGON per

/s/ James L. Barnes
James L. Barnes
Mayor

CC: Department of Conservation - Rock Falls

Dennis McMullen, representative of McClure Engineering, gave the council a report on the new well proposed locations. The council agreed for McClure to go ahead with getting easements and the plans and a motion to retain them will be acted on at the next council meeting.

Attorney Smith advised the council that in regard to the hazardous condition of the partially burned out house on the Jasari property at 607 South 6th St., the city could submit a petition to the Judge, who could issue an order giving the owner 15 days notice to clean up the property and if the owner ignores the order, the city can make arrangements to have the house demolished and the property cleaned up.

Commissioner Ludwig advised the council that the City of Savanna will sell their parking meters for \$10.00 each and two of our employees are going to pick them up sometime next week.

City Clerk Julianne Crowley advised the council that notification has been received on Revenue Sharing Entitlement #12 with our allotment being \$52,435.00.

Mayor Barnes advised the council that the Illinois Liquor Commission hearing for the Tradewinds is set for March 11th in Chicago.

There being no further business, Commissioner Svoboda moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Robert Aurand. Adjourn: 8:30 P.M. Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No naves.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk