

COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2002

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday February 25, 2002, 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Mike Arians
Commissioner Tom Izer
Commissioner Jim Lauer
Commissioner Gerald Medlar
Commissioner Tom Stone
City Clerk Charlene Ruthe
Chief Thomas Miller
Attorney Wendy Howarter

Judge Michael Mallon started the pledge of allegiance.

Michael Mallon a candidate for Circuit Judge was present to introduce himself to the Council.

Jim Fox from ComEd was present to inform the council of the new tree trimming program. With the new agreement ComEd is required to notify the municipality and affected customer at least 21 days in advance of cyclic trimming schedule dates. ComEd is already doing the tree trimming but it's not documented. The agreement will be on the next council meeting agenda.

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to approve the February 11, 2002 minutes,
Seconded by Commissioner Thomas Izer.

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

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to approve the February 11, 2002 executive session minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

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

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved that the payroll in the amount of \$21,490.95 and claims listed be allowed:

ARC Design, \$300.00
Badger Uniforms, \$939.08
Bemis Motors, \$253.57
Blackhawk FS, \$14.00
Richard Bocker, \$235.00
Bonnell Industries, \$148.85
Bonnell Industries, \$786.58
Mike Bowers, \$131.01
Chana Saw & Stove, \$100.76
ComEd, \$2,741.90
Eastern Illinois University, \$60.00
Ecolab, \$81.00
Ehmen, \$117.20
Fortis, \$129.50
G&S Tree Service, \$500.00
Gall's, Inc., \$29.99
Helsley Supply Co., \$334.43
Bonnie Hendrickson, \$41.45
Illinois State Police Academy, \$1,832.12
M&M Supermarket, \$63.43
Ogle County Sheriff's Department, \$600.00
Oregon VFW Post#8739, \$93.00
Patten, \$368.16
Postmaster, \$342.30
Marion Reed, \$7,800.00
Emmalyn Spickler, \$120.00
SBM, \$62.37

Mallon candid
Circuit Judge

ComEd-Tree
Trimming
Agreement
discussed

approved
minutes

approved Exe
Session minute

Payroll/Claims

Steve Benesh & Sons, \$4,236.87
 Stocking Equipment, \$11.10
 Turnroth Sign Co., Inc., \$367.51
 US Cellular, \$173.08
 Verizon, \$36.68
 Verizon Wireless, \$234.99
 Seconded by Commissioner Tom Stone.

Claims

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

Chief Thomas Miller at the last meeting handed out a proposal for employees during their probation time. For new employees during their probation time they do not have any time off for illness or a death in the family. He would like to stay competitive with the other surrounding communities. Also then the employee would not be coming to work sick. Chief Miller is requesting one sick day for every two months of work, two personal days beginning at their hire date, and to be able to use the bereavement time, which has already been established. A Resolution will be put together and voted on at the next council meeting.

Discussed proposal for probation time for new employees

The audit and motor fuel tax audit were handed out to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Handed out audits

Commissioner Jim Lauer handed out a letter from the IEPA regarding the treatment plant. The IEPA would like the supplies kept in a building and not setting outside. EMC will be getting estimates for the building and have them for the next council meeting.

Commissioner report

Commissioner Gerald Medlar would like everyone on the Council to go over to the Coliseum building and check on the progress.

City Clerk Charlene Ruthe thanked Jim Fox from ComEd for the information on the Economic Development meeting in Naperville. ComEd will pay for a four day seminar in Naperville on Economic Development for her to attend. The cost of the seminar is \$525.00 dollars.

Ed Dev-Semin
pd by ComEd

Commissioner Thomas Stone informed the council of the meeting with IDOT at the Park District last week. With the intersections being widened this will take away about twenty-five parking spaces in the downtown area. He would like everyone to think about what the city could do to make up these parking spaces. Mike Bowers spoke with Dan Long from IDOT about replacing the sidewalks, curbs, and possibly help with the street lighting. Eighteen street lights will need to be moved with this project. IDOT will be replacing eight of the poles. This would be the time to replace the other ten street lights. Mike is waiting for lighting standers from a company.

IDOT meeting
at OPD
Route 64

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved to go into executive session to discuss employment matters- raising the mayor and commissioners salaries, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Exe session-
raising mayor
& commissione
salaries

Roll Call: Izer, Lauer, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Jim Lauer moved to reconvene to regular session, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

Regular
session

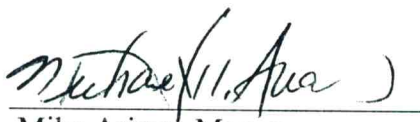
Roll Call: Izer, Lauer, Stone. No Nays.

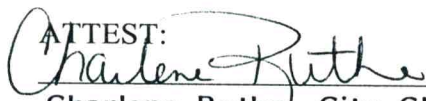
Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Adjourn

Roll Call: Izer, Lauer, Stone. No Nays.

8:15 P.M.


 Mike Arians, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Charlene Ruthe, City Clerk