

March 23, 1981
Oregon, Illinois

The Council of the City of Oregon met in regular session on Monday, March 23, 1981 at 7 P.M., City Hall building.

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

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 March 9, 1981 meeting be approved as recorded. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

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

Commissioner Aurand moved that the payroll in the amount of \$10,004.87 and claims as follow be allowed: Sidener Supply Company, water department meter parts, \$8.96; Hoyle Road Equipment Company, street department equipment maintenance material and signs, \$379.87; Simplex Time Recorder Company, disposal plant alarm, \$650.00; N-I Gas Company, street department and disposal plant, gas, \$915.64; Della Long, janitor service, \$10.00; Rock Valley Disposal, refuse service, \$50.00; Aetna Life & Casualty, city's cost group insurance, \$1,189.63; Parkside Men's Wear, police uniform accessory, \$9.24; City of Savanna, parking meters, \$1,080.00; Fehr-Graham & Associates, engineering services, \$4,465.98; Garard, Moehle & Smith, services rendered by Attorney Smith as city attorney, \$166.66; Commonwealth Edison Company, power, \$3,629.50; Wayne Lantz, disposal plant maintenance, \$141.89; Julianne R. Crowley, City Clerk, expenses attending Clerks Seminar in Mattoon, \$106.48; James Barnes, expenses attending Mayor's meeting in Rockford, March 19, 1981, \$32.00; Warmolts Family Medical Clinic, equipment for clinic out of Rev. Sharing Ent. #9 Lifeline allotment, \$541.65; Garard, Moehle & Smith, legal expenses for January, \$109.34; Julianne R. Crowley, cash advanced, \$33.97. Seconded by James Ludwig.

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

Mayor Barnes moved that the application of J.R. McInturff, d/b/a/ Just Right Lounge, Inc., to operate two mechanical amusement devices be approved, that the payment of \$20.00 for a period March 24, 1981 thru April 30, 1981 be approved and a license be issued for that period. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

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

Mayor Barnes introduced Ordinance #846, an ordinance to extend the tavern closing hours from midnight to 1 a.m. on Monday thru Thursday nights. Mayor Barnes moved that Ordinance #846, entitled Ordinance Amending City Code Title 5, Chapter 3, Section 18, "Liquor", be introduced and filed for public inspection. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

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

Mayor Barnes advised the Council that he had received the following letter in regard to the debris in the river at the dam:

March 24, 1981

The Honorable James L. Barnes
Mayor, City of Oregon
115 N. Third Street
Oregon, Illinois 61061

Dear Mayor Barnes:

I am pleased to advise you that the Department of Conservation has received clearance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to remove the concrete debris by the powerhouse at the Oregon Dam.

We are in the process of securing the services of a local contractor and expect to proceed with the debris removal as soon as the contractual process is completed. As I mentioned in our telephone conversation of March 12, 1981, we will engage the contractor for a maximum of 2 days work on the debris removal.

The Department would appreciate local assistance in locating the main debris problem areas at the dam. We will advise you of the date we expect to start the removal.

Yours truly,

/s/ William A. Jansen
William A. Jansen, P.E.
Chief Conservation Engineer

WAJ/jb

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15 P.M.

The public hearing was for a location change for a liquor license requested by Russell Birks, d/b/a/ Third Street Tap. Birks would like to change his location to 810 South Seventh Street, the former Johnson Appliance building and have a restaurant and bar. Birks requested this change at the March 9th meeting and a notice was published for a public hearing on this date. Several citizens who reside in the neighborhood were in attendance and voiced their objections to having a liquor establishment in their neighborhood because of the parking problem and the dangerous intersection at Seventh Street and Route #2. Also, because it is a quiet neighborhood with many children living there. The hearing was taped and the tape is on file with the request for location change.

After discussion, Mayor Barnes moved the request to amend Section 5-4-17 of the liquor code pertaining to locations to be licensed, be denied. Seconded by James Ludwig.

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

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Council meeting reconvened at 7:30 P.M.

Supt. Jake Ulferts advised the council that he thought the sewer line on Webster Street could be dug up this week. The council discussed action to be taken and advised that the line would have to be dug up first to see what repair is needed.

Dennis McMullen, representative of McClure Engineering, gave the council a report on different city projects.

Commissioner Collins advised the council that he and Supt. Ulferts removed the ladder on the reservoir for safety reasons. Commissioner Collins advised the council that Jake Ulferts had inquired about costs for fluoridation equipment. Since the fluoride tests have been down, the city will have to add fluoride to the water supply. The equipment needed is two pumps and one scale. The estimated cost is \$250.00 per pump and \$400.00 for a scale.

Chief Jones advised the council that the police department is in need of a new squad car to replace the Ford. The state purchasing price is \$7,390.00 and the contracts are for a Dodge.

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The council advised Chief Jones to have specifications drawn up and delivered to local dealers for bids.

Commissioner Svoboda advised the council that he has obtained street lighting maps for the city and will check the lights. Also that Commonwealth Edison will be issuing a credit for approximately \$1,100.00 for overcharging on the brackets used on the lights.

Commissioner Aurand discussed the need for a new tractor for the parks department. The clerk was instructed to draw up specifications and advertise for bids in the Republican Reporter newspaper, stating that bids would be opened on April 9, 1981 at 12 noon, City Hall building.

The council discussed the following response from the park district in regard to the new ball diamond and Lions Park.

March 11, 1981

City Council
City Hall
115 N. 3rd Street
Oregon, Illinois 61061

Dear Councilmen:

The park board spent considerable time last night discussing the Memorandum Agreement concerning Lion's Park and the 10th Street property and concurred with all points of the agreement except for two, which, specifically, are the latter portion of the opening paragraph, and item number three. These two points have been revised in the enclosed copy of the agreement.

The park district is not interested, at this time, in obtaining the entire parcel of city property lying west of tenth street.

Sincerely
OREGON PARK DISTRICT
/s/ Jim Grove
James R. Grove, Director

JRG:jrd
Enclosure (1) Memorandum Agreement

The Park District is only interested in Lions Park and the 10th Street Ball Diamond and not the rest of the property, also in regard to maintenance of the drainage ditch, they would like to maintain just the part on the ball diamond property.

The council instructed the clerk to advise the Park District that their proposal was not acceptable. The council decided that the Park District could either accept the original offer on our Memorandum Agreement or the city would be glad to lease the ball diamond and Lions Park with the same terms as last year's lease with the exception that the Park District pay the city \$6,000.00 for a year's lease.

Mayor Barnes advised the council that the Tradewinds Tavern had closed on Friday, March 20, 1981, taking their one day suspension as issued following the Liquor Hearing in December, 1980.

The council discussed putting a two hour parking limit on the first row of parking in the Fifth Street Parking Lot. The council agreed that since there is a 48 hour parking limit in the city parking lots unless otherwise posted, that the law should be enforced, also that it is illegal to park across a city sidewalk and that will also be enforced in the future. A notice is to be put in the Republican Reporter newspaper in regard to these regulations.

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There being no further business, Commissioner Collins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

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

Adjourn: 9:45 P.M.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk