

COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 1988

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday, May 23, 1988 at 7 P.M., Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor James Barnes
Commissioner Norman Collins
Commissioner Gail Crenshaw
Commissioner James Lauer
Commissioner Roger Logan

Council Absent: None

City Attorney David Smith
Chief of Police Thomas Miller
Deputy Clerk Claudia Robertson

Mayor Barnes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Collins moved that the minutes of the May 9, 1988 meeting be approved as recorded.
Seconded by James Lauer.

Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Logan moved that the payroll in the amount of \$14,411.85 and claims as listed be allowed:

Postmaster, \$25.00
Moehle, Smith & Nieman, \$225.00
Postmaster, \$100.00
Doris J. Kennay, \$75.40
Hometown Newspapers, \$8.00
Motorola, Inc., \$1,891.14
Commonwealth Edison, \$4,280.35
Northern Illinois Gas Company, \$356.27
Utility Equipment Company, \$30.86
Sidener Supply Company, \$25.86
Cann TV Sales and Service, \$24.00
Hoyle Road Equipment Company, \$32.40
Moehle, Smith & Nieman, \$1,200.70
Seconded by Norman Collins.

Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Crenshaw moved that a public hearing be held June 13, 1988 at 7:15 P.M., Council Chambers, for the purpose of discussing the possibility of the City of Oregon submitting a grant to the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Community Affairs for the separation of sewer lines in the city.
Seconded by Roger Logan.

Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Lauer moved that the Council of the City of Oregon advertise for bids for Third Street Project and supplemental Maintenance for Madison Street with bids to be opened at 11 A.M. on June 13, 1988, Council Chambers.
Seconded by Norman Collins.

Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Crenshaw moved that the Council of the City of Oregon advertise for bids for First Street water main extension, with award subject to receipt of IEPA permit.
Seconded by Norman Collins.

Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Roll Call

Pledge of
Allegiance

Minutes 5/9/88
Meeting

Payroll &
Warrants

Grant Public
Hearing

Advertise For
Bids-Third &
Madison St.

Advertise For
Bids-Water
Main Ext.

Mayor Barnes moved that Ordinance No. 956, an ordinance amending Chapter 4, Article X, "Alcoholic Beverages", introduced and filed for public inspection on April 11, 1988, be passed.
Seconded by Roger Logan.

Ordinance #956

Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Lauer moved that one on street handicapped parking space be designated for Lucile Torok who lives at 303 South Second Street in Oregon.
Seconded by Gail Crenshaw.

Handicapped
Parking Space

Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Lauer noted that handicapped parking spaces will only be allowed for as long as that individual stays at that location. If they move that will be removed. It will not be a permanent thing.

Dan Pratt, system manager for TCI Growth, Inc., presented the council with the company's most recent version of an ordinance to extend its current franchise with the City for 15 years. This version offers 5% of total gross revenue including all of the pay revenue as franchise payments to the City. He requested a date be set for a public hearing.

TCI
Presentation

Commissioner Crenshaw commented that she did not like to see the City locked into a 15 year franchise. She asked if TCI were bought out, what the City could do if it wasn't satisfied with the new company. Pratt stated that the new company would buy the current franchise and would have to live up to the regulations therein. He also stated that the franchise is not exclusive.

Mayor Barnes expressed concern about possible future changes in cable-vision. Pratt stated that the franchise is subject to federal and state regulations.

Commissioner Logan stated that every month the City delayed in revising the ordinance, it was losing money. He recommended the Council review the proposal and decide what it considers an acceptable ordinance.

Commissioner Logan moved that a public hearing be held June 27th, 1988 at 7:15 P.M. relative to the conduct of and the possible renewal of the TCI cable franchise.
Seconded by Norman Collins.

Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Donna Mann, representing the autumn on Parade Committee, requested that the council consider amending the City Liquor Code to allow for a special use permit to allow the AOP festival to have a beer garden and street dance for five hours the Saturday night of the festival. She stated this would be an annual, one time permit.

AOP Beer
Garden
Request

Mayor Barnes stated he had contacted six tavern owners who all objected to a beer garden but would not make a fuss. He stated his own objections.

Commissioner Crenshaw asked the response of the AOP committee. Commissioner Collins stated that the committee had agreed to a feasibility study. It had not voted to proceed or stop.

Commissioner Logan stated that in regard to insurance, unless the City were to sponsor itself (itself hold the liquor license), dram shop insurance would be required. He also said that sharing profits is illegal and that eleven sections of the City Code would have to be changed.

Dick Jones, D/B/A Dick's Pub, voiced his objection to a beer garden and Doris Gunder, D/B/A Blackhawk Tavern, agreed.

Donna agreed to do more research and get back.

Mr. Ron Bry and Mike and Jean McNamara were present. Mr. Bry stated they had formed a new corporation called New Horizons, Unlimited and have purchased the Blackhawk Hotel. He estimated it would take 18 months to renovate the hotel.

Introduction

Commissioner Logan noted that the recreation board had set June 13th as an opening date for the swim pool but had found out that cement was falling off the wall of the pool. Repairs may delay opening.

Reports

Commissioner Lauer reported the Illinois and Tenth Street projects are about ready for seal coating.

In regard to a letter from the EPA, Mayor Barnes stated he wants copies of the response to item one. Commissioner Crenshaw stated that the issue had been addressed, the problems were minor, and that she will be receiving copies which the mayor is welcome to use.

In regard to the engineer's report, Mayor Barnes questioned a \$6,000.00 fee for a \$24,000.00 project. The engineer agrees the figure seems high and will check.

Mayor Barnes moved that they go into executive session to discuss matters which relate solely to the exercise of the executive and administrative responsibilities.

Executive Session

Seconded by James Lauer.

Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Minutes of executive session in separate file.

Commissioner Logan moved to reconvene to regular session.
Seconded by Norman Collins.

Reconvene

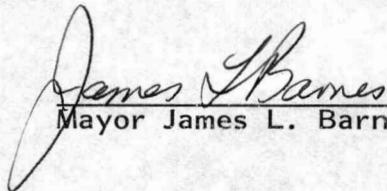
Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

There being no further business Commissioner Logan moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Seconded by Gail Crenshaw.

Adjournment

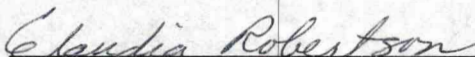
Roll Call: Collins, Crenshaw, Lauer, Logan, Barnes. No nays.

Adjourn: 8:20 P.M.



Mayor James L. Barnes

ATTEST:



Claudia Robertson, Deputy Clerk