

COUNCIL MEETING MAY 24, 1999

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday May 24 1999, 7:00 P.M. Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Mike Arians
Commissioner Gerald Medlar
Commissioner Chrissie Myers
Commissioner Tom Stone
Commissioner Amy Trimble

Attorney Wendy Howarter
Chief Thomas Miller
Rachel Jones

Mayor Mike Arians called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Amy Trimble started the pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to pass and approve the minutes from the May 10th Council Meeting held at 5:30 P.M. with the correction of adding a sentence to the paragraph from the meeting with Alan Cochin. However the primary intention is to offset the 3.7 million estimated cost of the initial project, seconded by Commissioner Chrissie Myers.

ADD TO MAY
10TH MINUTES

Roll Call: All Ayes. No Nays.

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved that the payroll in the amount of \$16,374.05 and claims listed be allowed:

PAYROLL &
CLAIMS

AT&T, \$37.92
Badger Uniforms, \$98.62
Brian Bemis, \$112.32
Bemis Motors, \$714.00
Steve Benesh & Sons, \$296.45
Blue Line, \$100.00
ComEd, \$5,238.39
Dans Goodyear, \$11.00
Dixon Ottawa Community, \$115.00
Ehmen, \$138.00
Forrest Keeling, \$369.50
Gall's, \$103.96
Gary Greenwood, \$70.00
Anne Holmes & Assoc., \$1,482.66
Ideal, \$26.35
ILCM, \$249.50
Martin & Company, \$12,901.78
Moehle Smith & Nieman, \$371.00
Pizza Hut, \$128.69
Printronic, Inc., \$1,020.00
Quill Corp., \$58.02
RCHA, \$166.15
Rockford Industrial Welding, \$21.30
SBM, \$1,180.08
Stan's Performance Shop, \$183.59
Alerts, \$495.00
US Cellular, \$22.62
Postmaster, \$318.80

Charlene Ruthe, \$300.00

Seconded by Commissioner Chrissie Myers.

Roll Call: All Ayes. No Nays.

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to pass Resolution#196 for Motor Fuel Tax Money in the amount of \$57,000.00 for the Street Maintenance program, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

RES#196

Roll Call: All Ayes. No Nays.

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to accept the bid from Harold Goeking in the amount of \$265.00 for the New Idea Loader frame, Seconded by Commissioner Amy Trimble.

BIDS

Roll Call: All Ayes. No Nays.

Commissioner Tom Stone moved for the Street Department to be its own contractor for the 1999 sidewalk program, Seconded by Commissioner Amy Trimble.

ST DEPT
CONTRACT
SIDEWALKS

Roll Call: All Ayes. No Nays.

Commissioner Tom Stone would like to see projects done in the City done in a timely matter. The terrace on 4th Street is a perfect example: the work is done, but the terrace has not been restored to how it was before they stated. Mike Bowers spoke up and said they needed to let the ground settle before they could finish the terrace work.

REPORTS

Mayor Mike Arians moved to hire Andrew Mundt as a police officer effective June 1, 1999, Seconded by Commissioner Chrissie Myers.

HIRE POLICE
OFFICER

Roll Call: All Ayes. No Nays.

John McLane gave a presentation on the cost of fixing the Oregon Depot. The estimate to fix the building will be about \$400,000.00 and to just fix the roof would be \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00. If the City doesn't want to spend the money now an option would be to strip off the roof and reseal, this would cost about \$17,000.00 until grant money would be available. The grant application was filled out and the City is waiting for a reply, which will not be until July or August. The Mayor feels the City should wait until that time before making a decision because if the work were done before it would not be paid by the grant.

DEPOT

The Planning Commission meeting has been changed to June 29, 1999 at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Mike Arians said Ron Colson has agreed to serve on the committee.

PLAN
COMMISSION
MEETING

Commissioner Gerald Medlar announced that the Pool Committee meeting is scheduled for May 26, 1999 at 6:30 P.M. at the Coliseum. He said the City is looking to combine the Recreation and Coliseum boards. Fran Strouse has some interest in being on the board.

SWIM POOL

The Mayor would like to see some form of public transportation for the citizens of Oregon.

REPORTS

Commissioner Tom Stone had Mike Bowers, superintendent of the Street Department, discuss the street concerns in the area of the sewer project on 10th Street. Until we know what is going to be done the streets maybe only patched and not fixed totally. Century Hills Subdivision concerns was discussed with the Council. The Streetlights are not yet put in, there is a drainage problem and we need to find out if the City has accepted the subdivision. Mike Bowers, Street Superintendent, discussed the prices for the streetlights in the Century Hills subdivision.

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Commissioner Amy Trimble discussed vacating some alleys that are not being used in the City. Instead of vacating them one at a time to try and do all of them at once to save on the cost of changing the code book. This should go in front of the Plan Commission.

Chief Thomas Miller would like to purchase a new computer for their secretary so that she wouldn't have to go back and forth from the police department to the City Hall side. It would be net worked with the police department. The Chief handed out the quotes and it will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

City Attorney Wendy Howarter would like to put a proposal together for her hourly rate for the additional hours she works on city business.

Don Tutor, a concerned citizen, said he felt that there was too much discussion going on after the Council meetings. He has spoke with the State's Attorney Doug Floski and he explained the rules of an open meeting. The open meeting act would make two members an illegal meeting. The Mayor explained that the two had to be voting members for it to be a quorum. He also would like to have the minutes and warrants read during the Council Meeting. To do that it would take up quite a bit of time. Commissioner Amy Trimble suggested posting them ahead of time.

Sylvia Newcomer would like to know if the City has to give the County permission to close Fifth Street? The County Board has been discussing building a new Courthouse and then closing Fifth Street. Mayor Mike Arians said the Council would have to give approval and that he believed the county board was still discussing the situation.

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved to go into executive session to discuss City employees, Seconded by Commissioner Chrissie Myers.

Roll Call: All Ayes. No Nays.

(Minutes of executive session under separate file)

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved to reconvene to regular session, Seconded by Commissioner Chrissie Myers.

Roll Call: All Ayes. No Nays.

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Chrissie Myers.

Roll Call: All Ayes. No Nays.

Adjourn: 9:00 P.M.



Mayor Mike Arians

ATTEST:


Rachel Jones

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