

COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 1993

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday, June 14, 1993, 5:30 P.M., Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor James Barnes
Commissioner Robert Aurand
Commissioner Gerald Medlar
Commissioner John Priller
Commissioner Frank Svoboda

Council Absent: None

City Attorney Dave Smith
Chief of Police Thomas Miller
City Clerk Julienne Crowley

Mayor Barnes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Medlar moved that the minutes of the May 24, 1993 meeting be approved as recorded.
Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

Roll Call: Ayes: Aurand, Medlar, Priller, Svoboda, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Aurand moved that the payroll in the amount of \$19,656.07 and claims as listed be allowed:

IL. Dept. of Central Management Services, \$4,879.96

Time Insurance Company, \$163.00

Basler's Hardware, Inc., \$210.31

Beeing Welding, \$10.60

Big John, \$60.00

Clark Boardman Callaghan, \$93.72

Civil Constructors Inc., \$35,865.90

Chemtron Corporation, \$396.00

Complete Industrial Enterprises, Inc., \$361.27

Julienne Crowley, \$521.89

Daily Analytical Laboratories, \$105.00

Donahue's Sports, \$42.80

Eby-Brown Company, \$35.16

Eller & Willey Block Company, \$6,426.20

Fischers, Inc., \$13.48

GTE North, \$578.57

W. W. Grainer, Inc., \$400.70

Hach Company, \$114.55

Hometown Newspaper, \$261.95

Hoyle Road Equipment Company, \$386.53

IBM Corporation, \$1,570.00

Illinois Dept. of Corrections, \$211.40

L & T Services, \$74.84

Lohse Automotive Services, Inc., \$639.29

Marin & Company Excavating, \$5,870.00

Marshall and Stevens Incorporated, \$855.00

Merrill's Service Center, \$340.95

Merlin's Flowers & Greenhouses, \$50.26

Moehle, Smith & Nieman, P.C., \$4,005.50

Moring Disposal, Inc., \$23,926.53

Bernard E. O'Malley, M.D., \$35.00

Oregon Auto Parts, \$288.41

Oregon Ready-Mix, Inc., \$236.94

Oregon Stone, Inc., \$4,726.46

Oregon True Value Hardware, \$94.09

Oregon Super Valu, Inc., \$88.26

Peterson Office Service, \$640.00

Pitney Bowes, \$141.00

George Poe Trees & Turf, \$100.00

Radio Shack, \$25.87

Erik Reed, \$244.62

Sidener Supply Company, \$241.12

Sieg Auto Parts, \$38.51

Shouer's, \$76.21

Stocking Equipment, \$26.00

Sterling Business Machines, Inc., \$2,328.43

United States Title, \$193.00

Roll Call

Pledge of
Allegiance

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Payroll And
Warrants

Veto Enterprises, \$25.00
Warm Air Supply, \$103.80
Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., \$5,216.85
Felker Pharmacy, \$14.29
B. C. Energy & Service Company, \$2,150.43
Joseph D. Foreman & Company, \$501.15
Seconded by John Priller.

Roll Call: Ayes: Aurand, Medlar, Priller, Svoboda, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Aurand moved that the Annual Financial Statement submitted by Julianne Crowley, City Treasurer, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1993 be approved. He further moved that said report be published once in the Republican Reporter newspaper in accordance with the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Seconded by Gerald Medlar.

Roll Call: Ayes: Aurand, Medlar, Priller, Svoboda, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Priller moved that Resolution #537, a resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the 1993 Street Maintenance Project be passed.

Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

Roll Call: Ayes: Aurand, Medlar, Priller, Svoboda, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Aurand moved that the City now has on deposit \$700,000.00 from the proceeds of the Working Cash Bonds. There has been some previous discussion concerning the use and application of these funds and it is in the best interest of the City that no funds be used, budgeted or committed, from this account without the prior approval of the Council. He therefore moved that no funds be committed or expended from the proceeds of the Working Cash Bonds except by the prior approval of the Council.

Seconded by Gerald Medlar.

Roll Call: Ayes: Aurand, Medlar, Priller, Svoboda, Barnes. No nays.

Randi Best, Margaret Fuller Festival Committee representative, explained the events planned for the 4th of July weekend and asked the City Council if the City could donate any funds. The committee is seeking funds for the festival and the restoration of Ganymede Springs. Jerry Bergner's children presented the Council with Margaret Fuller Festival pins, which the family made. The Council will consider Best's request for the next meeting.

Kevin Unzicker addressed the Council with a complaint of raw sewage backing up into his house. He advised that at 109 and 107 South Second Street, the sewers backed up, flooding both the bathroom and back porch with water, leaves, twigs and raw sewage. He advised that he contacted Commissioner Medlar, the police, Commissioner Svoboda and Roger Warrenfeltz and the response they got was that there was nothing the City was going to do about it. Unzicker asked what the City was going to do about the problem and where was he to go with all the property damage in the house. He advised that the plumber and his insurance agent said that the sewer back up was the City's problem. Attorney Smith advised that the City is not responsible or liable for any damage. Smith advised that it is the home owner's responsibility.

Mayor Barnes explained that the City does have some storm drains which go to the river. The rest are combined sanitary and storm sewers which go to the disposal plant. One problem is when residents mow their grass and blow it into the street which ends up in the sewer system. The other problem is the sand on the streets which ends up in the sewer system and plugs it up. Unzicker questioned that the combined sewers were legal at one time but they are not now. Attorney Smith advised that any new sewers cannot be combined, but the system is legal as it exists. Attorney Smith advised that it was an act of God, not the City's fault for the back up.

Warren Shetter expressed a complaint about the City spending money on the Fairground storm drain instead of spending money on other areas.

Moe Kielsmeier complained that about once a month with a storm he has a man hole that overflows with raw sewage onto his parking lot. He advised he has complained about this for three years.

Financial
Statement

MFT Street
Maintenance

Working Cash
Funds

Citizen
Request

Citizens
Complaints

Commissioner Aurand advised that the pool is open. Lessons will start on June 24th.

Commissioner Aurand advised that the Working Cash Funds were invested in Amcore Bank for an interest rate of 3.5%, theirs being the highest rate.

Commissioner Aurand advised that the group insurance rates are going up July 1st.

Mayor Barnes advised that from now on people will be ticketed for mowing grass into the streets.

Mayor Barnes advised he would like to have the N-I Gas Company have to cut the streets instead of just poking holes in it. Mike Bowers advised that they do come back to patch it and at that time they cut the street. The complaint is that it takes them too long to repair it. Barnes wants a letter written to ask that they don't take so long to finish the job.

Mayor Barnes advised that they had talked about a bituminous road to the lift station at Fairground Estates. He advised that by removing from the contract the bituminous surface to the lift station, the city will save \$3,117.12. The engineer would like to have a concrete pad around the lift station which will cost \$2,415.00. If the Council agrees, the contractor would refund the difference from the contract. The Council agreed to delete that portion all together and the City will check on putting the concrete pad in at a later date themselves.

Grant Landis submitted plans for new street lights in the subdivision. The Council approved the lighting system.

Jerry Hitchcock asked if the alley vacation was ever taken care of behind the car wash in East Oregon. The Clerk will check the records. He also questioned when First Street was going to be done. Commissioner Priller advised that after the railroad tracks are taken out, the City is going to put a new surface down from Washington Street to Madison Street. Priller advised hopefully it will be this year.

Roger Warrenfeltz reported on the storm sewer project at the Fairground. He advised that the budgeted money was exceeded by \$232.00. The total cost is about \$64,000.00.

Ralph Bolhous complained that he was still being billed for garbage and the case had been dismissed. Attorney Smith advised that the case was going to be refiled.

Mayor Barnes moved to go into Executive Session to discuss possible acquisition of land.
Seconded by Robert Aurand.

Roll Call: Ayes: Aurand, Medlar, Priller, Svoboda, Barnes. No nays.

(Minutes of Executive Session under separate file)

Mayor Barnes moved to reconvene to regular session.
Seconded by Frank Svoboda

Roll Call: Ayes: Aurand, Medlar, Priller, Svoboda, Barnes. No nays.

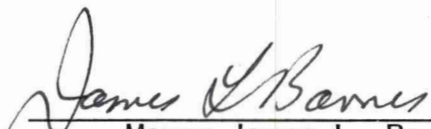
Commissioner Aurand moved to adjourn. Seconded by Frank Svoboda

Roll Call: Ayes: Aurand, Medlar, Priller, Svoboda, Barnes. No nays.

Adjourn: 7:10 P.M.

ATTEST:


Julianne R. Crowley, City Clerk


Mayor James L. Barnes

Reports

Executive
Session

Reconvene to
Regular Session

Adjournment