

COUNCIL MEETING
Monday July 10, 2006
City Hall Council Chambers

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday July 10, 2006, 7:00 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Thomas R. Stone, Sr.
Commissioner Thomas Izer
Commissioner Bob Rees
Commissioner Jim Tegtmeier
City Clerk Charlene Ruthe
Corporal Randy Cropp
Absent: Commissioner Nicholas Johnson
City Attorney Wendy Howarter

Randy Cropp started the pledge.

Terry Soltow, who owns a Hovercraft business in Belvidere, is currently giving rides on the Rock River Saturday and Sunday afternoons off of the boat ramp by Whiskey River Smoke House on North 2nd Street. The fifteen minute ride costs fifteen dollars and goes toward a membership. Petitions were turned into City Hall complaining that the hovercraft rides are disrupting the wildlife and are intruding on residents and visitors. Greg Hunter from the Department of Natural Resources was present to address questions on the noise issue and license process. Hovercrafts are relatively new to this area and testing requirements dealing with the noise still are being researched. However, Mr. Soltow has applied for a license with the Ill. Dept. of Natural Resource and is still being processed.

Commissioner Bob Rees moved to approve the June 26, 2006 minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas Izer.

Roll Call: Izer, Rees, Tegtmeier, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Thomas Izer moved to approve the payroll amount of \$32,810.49 and claims as listed:

Assurant, \$127.71
AT&T, \$208.28
Auto Glass Center, \$273.33
Basler's, \$421.55
Batteries Plus, \$73.93
Beesing Welding, \$430.91
Biller Press, \$134.12
C&H Excavating, \$120,808.10
Casper Manheim, \$1,294.87
Chana Saw & Stove, \$348.19
Chief Supply, \$49.84
Cintas, \$105.99
CMT, \$2,294.80
ComEd, \$3,118.06
Don Manzullo, \$7,300.00
Dynamic Horizons Computer Service, \$30.00
EMC, \$29,090.36
Ehmen, \$587.19
EJ Equipment, \$1,061.22
Emmalyn Spickler, \$280.00
Fischer's, \$1.29
Grainger, \$29.46
Grainger, \$37.28
Harder Helsley, \$453.80
Illinois Correctional, \$182.06
Illinois EPA, \$11,000.00
Insight, \$148.58
Chris Jones, \$38.23
Matthew Kalnins, \$1,121.60

National Assoc. of Town Watch, \$132.00
Neenah Foundry, \$3,964.00
Peters GMC Truck Sales, \$160.40
Quill, \$93.92
Rabine Paving, \$1,260.00
SBM, \$2,959.99
Ultimate Office, \$61.55
Verizon, \$929.23
West Group, \$551.50
Williams & McCarthy, \$3,070.33
Seconded by Commissioner Bob Rees.

Roll Call: Izer, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

The Plan Commission recommendation for the special-use permit for the B&B was tabled until the next meeting; the applicant called and stated that she couldn't make the meeting.

Commissioner Bob Rees moved to approve the Raffle License for Stitches in Time, Seconded by Thomas Izer. The contributions are going to breast cancer research.

Roll Call: Izer, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

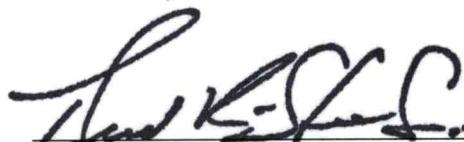
A public hearing for the Annual Appropriation was held. The total amount is \$4,745,597.00, which is \$322,027.00 more than the previous year. The increase is because of water/sewer improvements, gas prices, K-9 dog expenses, and the increase in garbage charges. The public hearing was closed. Commissioner Bob Rees moved to approve the Annual Appropriation for the fiscal year May 1, 2006-April 30, 2007, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas Izer.

Roll Call: Izer, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Bob Rees moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas Izer.

Roll Call: Izer, Rees, Tegtmeyer, Stone. No Nays.

Adjourn: 8:00 P.M.



Thomas R. Stone, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Charlene Ruthe, City Clerk