

COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday July 10, 2012
City Hall Council Chambers

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday July 10, 2012, 5:30 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Thomas R. Stone, Sr.
Commissioner Thomas Izer
Commissioner Tom Miller
Commissioner Patrick Wiesner
Commissioner Ken Williams
City Clerk Charlene Ruthe
Chief Darin DeHaan
City Attorney Paul Chadwick

Attorney Paul Chadwick started the pledge of allegiance.

Bruce McMillian, a member of the Historic Preservation Committee, informed the Council that he and the rest of the Committee were appointed by the Mayor to do a job. They worked on a Historic Preservation Ordinance and passed it on to the Plan Commission. It was rejected at the last Plan Commission meeting. If this Ordinance would pass it would be a clear path for funding and grants for the Historic buildings and residential homes.

Historic Pres.
Committee
members

Julie Watt handed out petitions that were signed against the Historic Preservation Ordinance and copies of the Insider information that has been on the internet. She is disappointed that the Historic Preservation Ordinance failed at the last Plan Commission meeting. She feels that we all need to focus in a positive direction; too many negative things are taking place now.

Commissioner Patrick Wiesner moved to approve the June 26, 2012 minutes,
Seconded by Commissioner Thomas Izer.

Approved
minutes

Roll Call: Izer, Miller, Wiesner, Williams, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Ken Williams moved to approve the payroll in the amount of
\$39,922.48 and warrants as listed:

Payroll/Claims

Assurant Employee Benefits, \$138.75
AT&T, \$312.46
Basler's Ave-Oregon, \$528.27
Benz Oil, \$212.08
Byron Bank, \$225.35
Byron Bank, \$122.97
Casper's Home Inspection LLC, \$480.00
Casper's Home Inspection LLC, \$300.00
Central Management Services, \$29,092.00
Cintas, \$101.31
City of Dixon, \$135.00
City of Oregon, \$48,900.00
City of Oregon, \$2,033.34
CMT, \$60,000.00
Comcast, \$96.95
Dixon Ottawa Communications, Inc., \$395.00
Ehmen, \$392.76
Emmalyn Spickler, \$120.00
Exelon Energy Company, \$4,968.02
Fearer & Nye, \$620.83
Fischer's, \$663.99
Forward Oregon, \$600.00
Frontier, \$1,328.81
Hometown Auto Repair, LLC, \$1,228.09
IEPA, \$11,000.00
Illinois Public Safety Agency Network, \$936.00
James Taylor, \$60.00
Jan Wehmeyer, \$330.00

Martin & Company, \$1,812.78
McGyver Small Engine Repair, \$37.00
Merlin's, \$400.00
Mike Bowers, \$73.28
Mobile Electronics, \$50.00
Moring Disposal, \$47.30
Moring Disposal, \$13,480.00
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder, \$91.50
Oregon Community Unit School Dist#220, \$17,228.44
Oregon Park District, \$1,000.00
Postmaster, \$528.64
Quill, \$696.40
Rachel Jones, \$60.62
Ray O'Herron Cp. Inc., \$73.36
Rush Power Systems, \$2,627.40
Secretary of State, \$99.00
Sherwin-Williams Co., \$892.50
Traffic Control & Protection Inc., \$332.55
USA Bluebook, \$338.38
Viking Chemical, \$3,493.92
Willett, Hofmann, & Assoc., \$933.05
Seconded by Commissioner Tom Miller.

Roll Call: Izer, Miller, Wiesner, Williams, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Ken Williams announced that the public hearing for the Annual Appropriation/Budget for the fiscal year May 1, 2012-April 30, 2013 will be at the next Council meeting July 24th at 5:30 P.M. Copies will be available at City Hall and on the city website.

Commissioner Patrick Wiesner moved to approve the purchase of a used Vacuum Trailer for the Water/Sewer Department, Seconded by Commissioner Ken Williams.

Roll Call: Izer, Miller, Wiesner, Williams, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Tom Miller moved to approve the Raffle License for the Oregon Ambulance Service, Seconded by Commissioner Ken Williams.

Roll Call: Izer, Miller, Wiesner, Williams, Stone. No Nays

Chief Darin DeHaan thanked Officer Joe Brooks for his years of work with Oz on PR work and assisting with search warrants.

Commissioner Tom Miller commend Commissioner Ken Williams on the zero base budget.

Commissioner Ken Williams announced that Oregon Trail Days is July 20th to July 22nd. The proceeds are to help with the renovation costs for the Chief Blackhawk Statue.

Commissioner Ken Williams brought up the costs of the potential improvements that were outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan; not all these projects will be accomplished but represents the infrastructure needs within the city. The City currently doesn't have funds to pay for these projects. A means of raising revenue for capital improvements is through a 1% sales tax increase; which would bring about \$240,000.00 per year. This extra tax revenue would be paid by non-residents so the full costs of these projects will not fall on city taxpayers alone. He would like to propose a Resolution to the City Council to pass at the next Council meeting to get this on the November ballot for the residents to vote on.

Claims

Public Hearing
at next meeting
for Annual
Appropriation

Approved
Vacuum
Trailer for
W/S dept.

Raffle License
approved

Thanked
Officer Brooks

Commissioner
Report

Sales Tx
Increase
discussed

Following the meeting the Oregon Police Department will be holding a retirement party for "Oz" the K-9 Dog.

Retirement
party for
"Oz"

Commissioner Ken Williams moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas Izer.

Adjourn

Roll Call: Izer, Miller, Wiesner, Williams, Stone. No Nays.

Adjourn: 5:55 P.M.



Tom R. Stone, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Charlene Ruthe, City Clerk