

COUNCIL MEETING
Monday July 13, 2009
City Hall Council Chambers

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday July 13, 2009, 7:00 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Thomas R. Stone, Sr.
Commissioner Jim Lauer
Commissioner Tom Miller
Commissioner Bob Rees
Commissioner Ken Williams
City Clerk Charlene Ruthe
Randy Cropp
Attorney Bill Fearer

Randy Cropp started the pledge of allegiance.

Denny Pate, a representative from Moring Disposal, was checking in to see if anyone had complaints or concerns. None at this time everyone felt they are doing a fine job.

Moring Disposal
checking in

Commissioner Jim Lauer moved to approve the June 22, 2009 minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Bob Rees.

Approved minutes

Roll Call: Lauer, Miller, Rees, Williams, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Ken Williams moved to approve the payroll in the amount of \$33,926.19 and claims as listed:

Payroll/Claims

AC Pavement Striping Co., \$34,550.36
Assurant Employee Benefits, \$129.50
AT&T, \$359.77
Basler's, \$436.45
Beesing Welding, \$315.00
Buttitta Brothers Auto, \$39.00
Casper Manheim, \$206.25
Casper Manheim, \$451.00
CMS, \$20,570.00
Chicago International Trucks, \$4.13
Cintas, \$114.31
CMT, \$1,755.00
Comcast, \$148.58
ComEd, \$10,586.12
Craig Bowers, \$30.00
Dynamic Horizons Computer Service, \$599.00
Dynamic Horizons Computer Service, \$150.00
Ehmen, \$3,274.28
Eller & Willey Block Co., \$265.84
Emmalyn Spickler, \$280.00
Fearer & Nye, \$333.33
Fearer & Nye, \$1,500.00
Grainger, \$495.00
ILEAS, \$25.00
James Taylor, \$80.00
James Taylor, \$160.00
Martin & Company, \$77,760.21
McGyver Small Engine Repair, \$36.45
MDES, \$1,647.01
Mobile Electronics, \$45.00
NAPA, \$84.24
Ogle Co. Highway Dept., \$99.32
Peters GMC Truck Sales, \$71.40
Pines Meadow, \$125.40
Rabine Paving, \$1,897.57
Rat Allen, \$48.25

Ray O'Herron Co., Inc., \$83.16
Reinders, \$1,018.00
Sauk Valley Newspaper, \$40.20
Steve Benesh & Sons, \$294.31
Verizon, \$736.82
Seconded by Commissioner Tom Miller.

Roll Call: Lauer, Miller, Rees, Williams, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Bob Rees moved to approve Ordinance No. 09-106 to review Water and Sewer rates yearly, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Commissioner Tom Miller would like discussion.

He is concerned about the rates going up each year. Commissioner Bob Rees and Tom Glendenning explained that to meet the obligation with the EPA loans they need to be reviewed on a yearly basis. This will determine if the city is keeping up with the cash flow to pay back the loans and for daily operations of the water and sewer plant.

Roll Call: Lauer, Rees, Williams, Stone. Nays: Miller.

Commissioner Tom Miller asked if the drainage problem on Etnyre Ave. was being looked at. Yes, the engineers are working on it. He also wants to know what is going to be done with the city pool now that it's closed. Mike Bowers is checking with area contractors to see what the cost would be to demo. Mayor Tom Stone announced that the Oregon Park Dist. is looking into a splash park to be put in Park West in the future. If they proceed with this the city could provide them with water and sewer.

Commissioner Ken Williams thanked the Street Department Employees and Ehmen Employees for putting up the flowers in the downtown area. He also reminded everyone of the Public Hearing set for the next meeting regarding the Annual Appropriation and Budget.

Commissioner Bob Rees announced that the upgrade to the water and sewer plant were approved by the EPA. The pre-bid date is July 24, 2009 at 1:30 P.M. this will be moved to the Coliseum because they are anticipating a lot of people to attend. This meeting will include contractors and suppliers. The bid opening for the project will be August 14, 2009 at 4:00 P.M.

Commissioner Jim Lauer announced that the South Third Street Parking Lot has been paved and should open up tomorrow morning. They will need to come back to stripe at a later date. Attorney Paul Chadwick is working on an ordinance to bring to next council meeting regarding the funding of the street projects.

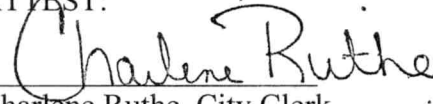
Mayor Tom Stone is looking for volunteers to help with the 2010 Census. If interested let him know.

Commissioner Bob Rees moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Ken Williams.

Roll Call: Lauer, Miller, Rees, Williams, Stone. No Nays.

Adjourn: 7:25 P.M.

ATTEST:


Charlene Ruthe, City Clerk


Thomas R. Stone, Sr., Mayor

Claims

Approved Ord.
to review rates
for W/S

Discussion

Commissioners
reports

Mayors report