

COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 23, 2001

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday July 23, 2001, 7:00 P.M. Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Mike Arians
 Commissioner Jim Lauer
 Commissioner Gerald Medlar
 Commissioner Tom Stone
 Commissioner Amy Trimble
 City Clerk Charlene Ruthe
 Attorney Wendy Howarter
 Chief Thomas Miller

Tom Stone started the pledge of allegiance.

Chief Miller let the council know that they have been doing background checks on the applicants that have applied for the police officer position. They have interviewed Randy Craft and he comes highly recommended. With the Council's approval he would like to hire Randy effective July 30, 2001. Mayor Mike Arians moved to hire Randy Craft as a police officer effective July 30, 2001, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

Hired Randy Craft as a police officer

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

Commissioner Tom Stone donated two parking meters that the street department refurbished to the depot restoration group. He would like them to be on display once the building is completed. They also have one that will be on display at City Hall. A few of the meters will be donated to the depot restoration group for the auction.

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Commissioner Jim Lauer introduced Nate Mattison the Rec/Coliseum Board Chairman. Nate has been working with Thomas Houck from Willett Hofmann & Assoc. They have come up with a wish list of things that they would like to see done at the Coliseum building. Also Pam Blickem from Kishwaukee College was present to inform the council that there are potential matching grants available for the coliseum building. The council discussed the way that they could utilize the building. She would like to know if the council would like her to move forward with the procedure. The consensus of the council was to move forward so that they can look at the figures to see if it's possible.

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Sharon Pepin and Neil Stechschulte from MSA gave a brief presentation on comprehensive plans. They went over information to help achieve a successful plan and handed out a folder of information for the council to look over in the future.

Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner Amy Trimble indicated that the council needs to move forward so that we can apply for grant money to help pay for the comprehensive plan and to set up a committee. Commissioner Amy Trimble moved to proceed with the planning of a comprehensive plan and make the Plan Commission the designated group, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to approve the June 25, 2001 minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Aprove minutes

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved that the payroll in the amount of \$24,954.96 and claims listed be allowed:

Payroll/claims

AT&T, \$43.81

Automatic Control Services, \$4,096.80

Baymont Inns & Suites, \$238.50

BC Energy & Service Co., \$1,575.92

Bob's TV, \$479.00

Claims

Byron Blacktop, \$198.00
 Cintas, \$123.75
 ComEd, \$2,323.39
 Darin DeHaan, \$300.00
 Mary Elliott, \$15.00
 Mary Elliott, \$15.00
 Illinois Municipal League, \$231.00
 In The line of Duty, \$95.00
 JH Patterson Co., \$163.49
 Lindgren, Callihan, Van Osdol, & Co., \$7,008.00
 M&M Supermarket, \$1.75
 Monroe Truck Equipment, \$94.87
 Moring Disposal, \$9,457.00
 NICOR, \$311.42
 Ogle Co. Sheriff's Dept., \$600.00
 Ogle Co. Newspaper, \$79.50
 Oregon Lawn & Farm, \$69.87
 P&W Supply Co., \$28.16
 Precision Automotive Diesel, \$4.50
 Prentice Hall Direct, \$72.19
 Ray O'Herron, \$132.00
 Razor Replay, \$65.97
 RCHA Answering Service, \$30.70
 Bob Rees, \$267.88
 Register Star, \$89.55
 Rockford Industrial Welding Supply, \$17.43
 Emmalyn Spickler, \$120.00
 Stocking Equipment, \$459.37
 Twin Towers Gun Club, \$405.00
 US Cellular, \$198.98
 Williams & McCarthy, \$1,796.33
 Seconded by Commissioner Tom Stone.

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays

Commissioner Tome Stone moved to approve the financial report for the fiscal year May 1, 2000- April 30, 2001, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

Aprove financial report

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

The council discussed setting up an ordinance to appoint a Depot/Museum Board. A ruff draft was put together for the council to look over. Commissioner Jim Lauer would like to change a few things with the ordinance and discuss it at the next meeting.

Depot board ordinance discussed

Commissioner Jim Lauer stated that the storm sewer project is ahead of schedule and on budget. A few of the businesses are connected to the combined sewer system that will become the sanitary sewer system. They need to disconnect these inlets. Jim has been working with Matt Hansen from Willett Hofmann & Assoc. to come up with an estimate of how much it would cost. Jim would like to have it done while the streets are torn up. The consensus of the council was to move forward with this project.

Storm sewer update

Commissioner Jim Lauer introduced Bob Rees and Jerry Stoffer they are the gentlemen in charge of the restoration group for the depot building. They will be having an auction August 10, 2001 at 6:00 P.M. so if anyone would like to donate things they can bring them to the depot building.

Depot group & auction

The City Clerk and Chief Miller have been working on an ordinance that would address the consumption of alcohol outside of the licensed premises. Currently two of the liquor establishments have patios and this would help to control any unauthorized sell of alcohol. The current codebook does not address these patios. Commissioner Tom Stone moved to pass Ordinance No. 1166 Consumption of Alcohol on Premises, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

Ord.#1166 Consumption of Alcohol

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

Chief Miller reminded citizens that this is the peak time for solicitors in residential areas. The city has no solicitor signs available at City Hall. He also thanked the Council for hiring Randy Craft.

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to pass Resolution No. 624 to use motor fuel tax in the amount of \$81,877.72 to repair Webster St from Fourth to Third and Lover's Lane, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

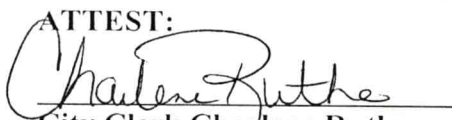
Commissioner Tom Stone informed the council that they have expanded the route of the weekly cleaning of the street sweeper in the downtown area.

Commissioner Amy Trimble moved to adjourn, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble. No Nays.

8:05 P.M


Mayor Mike Arians

ATTEST:

City Clerk Charlene Ruthe

Police Chief
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