

July 26, 1982
Oregon, Illinois

The Council of the City of Oregon met in regular session Monday, July 26, 1982 at 7:00 P.M., City Hall Building.

Present: James Barnes, Mayor and Commissioners Robert Aurand, James Ludwig, Norman Collins. Commissioner Svoboda arrived at 8:20 P.M. Absent: None.

Also present: City Attorney David Smith, Chief of Police Robert Jones and City Clerk Julianne Crowley.

Mayor Barnes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Collins moved that the minutes of the July 12, 1982 meeting be approved as recorded. Seconded by James Ludwig.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

Commissioner Aurand moved that the payroll in the amount of \$11,919.67 and claims as follow be allowed: J. H. Patterson Company, water department supplies, \$1.87; James Barnes, Mayor, expenses for Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting in Orangeville, \$45.00; Spangler Brothers, water department contract labor, \$89.91; Sidener Supply Company, water department meters and parts, \$288.26; E. D. Etnyre & Company, disposal plant equipment maintenance material, \$14.57; Hoyle Road Equipment Company, parks equipment maintenance material, \$164.94; Della Long, janitor service, \$10.00; Americans For Effective Law Enforcement Inc., subscription for police, \$60.00; Byers Printing Company, police supplies, \$49.44; Lindgren, Callihan, Weaver & Van Osdol, auditors, \$2,900.00; Northern Illinois Gas Company, gas service, \$254.19; Motorola, Inc., radio maintenance agreement, \$157.75; Commonwealth Edison Company, power, \$3,791.74; Garard, Moehle & Smith, city attorney fee, \$166.66; Parkside Men's Wear, police uniform, \$119.70; Republican Reporter, legal publishing, \$7.70; Sterling Business Machines, office supplies, \$85.91; Postmaster, postage, \$200.00; Utility Equipment Company, meters and parts, \$1,116.72; Ogle Service Company, parks maintenance material, \$78.05; American Data Products, office supplies, \$714.26; Pitney Bowes, mailing machine maintenance agreement, \$74.00; C. H. Ehmen, city hall and disposal plant equipment maintenance, \$364.92; Dambman Lawn Mower Hospital, parks equipment repair, \$228.90; Central Supply, office supplies, \$184.97; IBM Corporation, Federal Revenue Sharing allotment Entitlement #13, City Hall equipment, \$1,080.00; Garard, Moehle & Smith, legal expenses, \$793.80; Julianne Crowley, cash advanced, postage, police training expense, \$18.48. Seconded by James Ludwig.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

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Commissioner Aurand moved that the audit report filed by Lindgren, Callihan, Weaver and Van Osdol, Certified Public Accountants covering the city's financial transactions for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1981 and ending April 30, 1982 be accepted. He further moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said report and that the Clerk be instructed to forward one copy of the financial statement and one copy of the supplemental report to the State Comptroller and one copy of the report to the Revenue Sharing Office. Seconded by Norman Collins.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

J. R. McInturff, owner of J. R.'s Lounge, Inc., requests permission to leave the sun shades he has covering the windows because it makes the establishment much cooler and it is better to watch T.V. with the shades. Covering the windows are in violation of the liquor code, Section 5-4-25, view from the street. After discussion, Chief Jones agreed that if the sign was removed from the north window, there would be a clear view of the interior of the establishment from the street. McInturff agreed to remove the sign from the window. The Council agreed that this would be satisfactory.

Marlene and William Hobbs, residents at 701 South First Street, addressed the Council with complaints about uncut grass and weeds on Etnyre's property behind the housing authority project, also at 705 Water Street. They stated they filed a complaint two weeks ago with Commissioner Svoboda but to date, nothing has been done. Mr. Hobbs requested a yield sign be placed on First Street at Webster Street since there has been an increase in traffic at that location. Hobbs also requested that the Council check into the sewer system at that location. There is not proper drainage and water stands on their property after a storm. Between the tall weeds and water drainage problem, mosquitoes are very bad in the area. The Council agreed to try to eliminate these problems.

Gene and Marla Freil, agents for JAM, Inc., submitted a liquor license application on July 21st. Freils' have made an offer to purchase of Ganymede Restaurant contingent upon the restaurant being able to serve meals on Sundays. The City liquor code, 5-4-18, states it is unlawful to keep restaurants that hold liquor licenses open on Sunday. The Council agreed to amend the ordinance if the bar area could be blocked off from the restaurant area. Attorney Smith was instructed to have the ordinance change ready for the next meeting.

An application for a raffle license was submitted to the Council by representatives of the Rotary Club. At this time, the City does not have an ordinance permitting raffles. After discussion, Mayor Barnes moved that an Ordinance be

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drawn up and filed for Public Inspection by July 29, 1982 permitting raffles to be held in the City of Oregon under the provisions of Illinois Revised Statutes Chapter 85, Sections 2301 through 2308. Seconded by Norman Collins.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

Paul Claussen advised the Council he was interested in purchasing some industrial property on North Second Street. He has four electronics operations in Rockford at this time and is interested in starting an operation in Oregon. He is requesting a break toward taxation from the City. Attorney Smith advised that the City could not do anything toward a tax break. Mayor Barnes advised he would discuss this matter with the Industrial Commission. Claussen will send a portfolio for the City to review.

Farrell Brewer, a resident in Wright Subdivision, addressed the Council with complaints on the streets in Wright Subdivision and lack of a building code for developers in the City of Oregon.

Bruce Equipment Company gave a presentation to the Council and Street Department employees on street sweepers.

Commissioner Collins advised the Council that a water bill owed by Robert Etnyre for The Green Thumb was brought to his attention by Supt. Ulferts. Etnyre states that before the water was turned off at that location, someone must have turned an outside faucet on, running a lot of water through the meter. His charges are for \$141.77. He would like an adjustment on the bill. The Council agreed that it is a legitimate bill and should be paid by Etnyre.

Commissioner Collins advised the Council that there is a willow tree on private property at Clay and Tenth Streets which is growing into the sewer line. He is requesting that if agreeable with the owner, the City have the tree removed. The Council agreed.

Commissioner Svoboda advised the Council that Dayton Superior Company, South First Street, is requesting permission to move an office trailer onto their property. He has contacted the Plan Commission members and they approve since the property is zoned industrial and the trailer will not be used for human habitation. Members contacted were James Barnes, Wilbur Knutson, Tim Landers and Robert Kelser. The Council approved their decision.

The Council approved raises for City employees effective August 1, 1982.

There being no further business, Commissioner Aurand moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Frank Svoboda.

Said motion carried on roll call as follows: Ayes: Aurand, Svoboda, Ludwig, Collins, Barnes. No nays.

Adjourn: 11:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

MAYOR