

COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2001

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday August 13, 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

Gerald Medlar started the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Mike Arians swore in Randy Craft as a police officer

Randy Craft
 police officer

Debbie Dickson from Autumn on Parade had a request to get the money back that they donated toward the street lighting fund. The consensus of the council was to give the donation back to AOP.

AOP request

Beth Henderson handed out a job description to the council for an Economic Developer/Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. She feels that the city of Oregon would truly benefit to have someone in this position. They would help with the street lighting project, writing grants, economic development for the city, manage the city web site, and to help with the daily business of the chamber office. The chamber office is willing to put \$17,000.00 toward this position and she is asking the city for \$20,000.00 plus city employee benefits. Mayor Mike Arians asked the council how they would feel if we referred Beth to the Economic Development team. The consensus of the council was to refer this to the Economic Development team. The Mayor will be in contact with Andy Robinson the chairman of the Economic Development Team.

Ec Dev./Cham
 of Commerce
 discussion

Ron Colson had a request from Paul Deuth a member of the Plan Commission. He would like to resign from the commission. Ron suggested replacing him with Mark Herman. This will be considered at the next council meeting.

Plan Comm.
 member

Commissioner Jim Lauer moved to approve the July 23, 2001 minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Tom Stone.

Approve
 minutes

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

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved that the payroll in the amount of \$26,388.92 and claims listed be allowed:

Payroll/claims

ARC Design, \$6,521.04
 AT&T, \$69.23
 Basler's, \$974.96
 Bee Consulting, \$300.00
 BOCA, \$120.00
 Bonnell Industries, \$863.69
 BuCom, Inc., \$998.20
 Cardinal Glass Co., \$392.73
 CMS, \$13,931.00
 ComEd, \$2,935.20
 Randy Craft, \$150.00
 Dan's Goodyear, \$134.00
 Diversified Code & Inspection, \$5,043.75
 EMC, \$24,251.95
 Ehmen, \$347.95
 Eller & Wiley Block Co., \$217.00
 Fischer's, \$105.97
 Fortis Insurance, \$129.50

GT Distributors, Inc., \$19.95
 Dave Koeppen, \$150.00
 Moring Disposal, \$9,701.00
 Municipal Code Corp., \$1,391.97
 NAPA, \$137.12
 Ogle County Newspaper, \$966.25
 Oregon School Dist #220, \$6,433.33
 Oregon Snyder, \$3.29
 Public Agency Training Council, \$450.00
 Quill, \$1,636.30
 RCHA Answering Service, \$30.70
 Rockford Industrial Welding Supply, \$40.43
 Emmalyn Spickler, \$120.00
 SBM, \$96.29
 Stocking Equipment, \$203.00
 Verizon, \$740.47
 Verizon Wireless, \$136.14
 Wesley's Hobby Shop, \$268.00
 West Group, \$280.00
 Williams & McCarthy, \$1,698.01
 Woods Sporting Goods, \$42.00
 Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

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

Commissioner Jim Lauer moved to pass Ordinance No. 1167 to create a Depot/Museum Board, this board will consist of three people two being appointed by the mayor with the councils approval and the third being the commissioner of public property, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

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

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to pass Resolution No. 625-Autumn on Parade Route, Seconded by Commissioner Amy Trimble.

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble.

Commissioner Amy Trimble explained that the property at 1107 W. Washington owned by Larry Thomas has a house with a garage and a commercial building. KSB Clinic would like to purchase the property that has the commercial building to expand for future growth. The property with the house and garage would be zoned residential. Commissioner Amy Trimble moved to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission to resubdivide and rezone the property at 1107 W Washington Street with tract A being the house and zoned as residential and tract B with the commercial building being zoned commercial, Seconded by Commissioner Tom Stone.

Roll Call: Lauer, Medlar, Stone, Trimble.

Commissioner Amy Trimble explained that Betty Brunner at 203 N 6th Street has applied for a building permit to replace an existing garage that was closer to the lot line. The adjoining property owner has signed a waiver to build closer to his lot line. Commissioner Amy Trimble moved to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission to grant the variance submitted by Betty Brunner for her building permit to replace an existing garage, Seconded by Commissioner Tom Stone.

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

The recommendation from the Plan Commission on the variance at Century Hills Subdivision was referred back to the Plan Commission for further discussion. When the building inspector checked it is three feet six inches from the lot line and the request was for one and half feet from the lot line. Sense this has happen the Plan Commission has requested that an inspection be done so the builder knows where the lot lines are and to stake out where the foundation will be on the lot.

Claims

Ord#1167
 Depot Board

Res#625-
 parade route

Rezone/resub
 1107 W Wash
 Street

Variance
 203 N 6th St

Referred bac
 to Plan Comm
 variance on
 new home
 Century Hills

Commissioner Jim Lauer moved to pay the storm sewer requests to Rockford Blacktop-\$611,565.76 and EMC-\$119,290.64, Seconded by Commissioner Tom Stone.

Pay requests
for Storm Sew
project

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

Commissioner Amy Trimble asked how the Depot auction went. They raised about \$1,300.00 dollars.

Depot auction

Wendy Howarter reported that she has been working with Mike Bowers on a new drug and alcohol policy from the Illinois Municipal League it's something that is mandated.

Drug/alcohol
policy

Commissioner Jim Lauer would like to see the police slowing citizens down on the roads to help hold down the dust.

Comm report
dust-truck

Jim is also looking into replacing a truck for the water department. He will have figures at the next council meeting.

The City Clerk asked if the council would give her a recommendation as to what they would like to do with the early retirement incentive from IMRF they need to know by August 31, 2001. Paying off the ERI early will save the city interest. Commissioner Gerald Medlar and the City Clerk will be working on this so that they can have a recommendation for the next council meeting.

IMRF-ERI pay
off early
options

Mayor Mike Arians announced that the two pines trees in front of the Coliseum have been cut down. Removal of the trees was to beautify the building and they were killing the grass under the trees. This was a decision made by the Coliseum Board.

Mayor report
Coliseum tree
removal
Exe Session

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved to go into executive session to discuss salary increases, Seconded by Commissioner

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

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved to reconvene to regular session, Seconded by Commissioner Tom Stone.

Regular session

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

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved to adjourn, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Lauer.

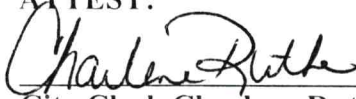
Adjourn

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

8:10P.M


Mayor Mike Arians

ATTEST:


City Clerk Charlene Ruthe