

COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

The Council of the City of Oregon met Monday September 23, 2002, 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Mike Arians
Commissioner Tom Izer
Commissioner Gerald Medlar
Commissioner Bob Rees
Commissioner Tom Stone
City Clerk Charlene Ruthe
Attorney Wendy Howarter
Chief Thomas Miller

Chief Thomas Miller started the pledge.

Kim Gouker a member of the Long Range Planning Committee for Ogle County did a presentation on the new Judicial Center. The proposed location is across from the Courthouse on Fifth Street. This building will house all related judicial offices and four courtrooms.

Judicial Center
Information

Don Reed spoke to the council regarding the condition of the statues at Mix Park. These statues were taken down during the revamping of the park and were put back after it was completed. Mr. Reed feels that the statues are in need of a repair. The cost per statute would be \$10,000.00 each with the total being \$20,000.00. The mayor referred this to the City Clerk and City Attorney so that they can research the agreement that is with the Park District to see who is responsible for the maintenance of the statues.

Ron Reed-
Mix Park
Statues

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to approve the September 9, 2002 minutes,
Seconded by Commissioner Thomas Izer.

Approve Min

Roll Call: Izer, Medlar, Rees, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Tom Stone moved to ratify the purchase of the building located at 113 N 3rd Street owned by Richard and Carolyn Warren, Seconded by Commissioner Bob Rees.

Ratify purchas
of bldg

Roll Call: Izer, Medlar, Rees, Stone. No Nays.

The council discussed the Plan Commission recommendation to annex the property at 1192 E Highway 64. One of the concerns was if the city would have any cost occurred during this process to clean up the property. The estate is going to apply for a browns field grant to clean up the property. Commissioner Thomas Izer moved to approve the Plan Commission recommendation for the annex agreement submitted by Jacobsen Estate for the property located at 1192 East Highway 64 as long as the City does not occur any cost, Seconded by Commissioner Gerald Medlar.

Annex agreeme
1192 E Rt 64

Roll Call: Izer, Medlar, Rees, Stone. No Nays.

Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved that the payroll in the amount of \$23,154.47 and claims listed be allowed:

Payroll/claims

1st Northwestern Title Co., \$87,715.69

ARC Design, \$65,871.70

AT&T, \$73.87

Byron Blacktop, \$396.00

CMS, \$144.54

Cintas, \$54.90

CMT, \$234.00

ComEd, \$3,436.44

EMC, \$14,315.67

Ehmen, \$91.50

Government Finance Officers Assoc., \$130.00

Lauer Signs, \$40.00
 Lingren Callihan VanOsdol, \$2,370.00
 Moring Disposal, \$9,303.00
 Andrew Mundt, \$128.55
 NAPA, \$279.36
 NICOR, \$6.94
 Ogle County Life, \$48.00
 Ogle County Newspaper, \$15.40
 Oregon Lawn & Farm, \$135.90
 Oregon Snyder, \$21.15
 Parkside Uniforms, \$34.50
 Pitney Bowes, \$293.25
 Polo Agri Systems, \$63.90
 Postage by Mail, \$500.00
 Quill, \$190.04
 Quinlan Publishing Group, \$159.89
 Renaissance Roofing, \$16,500.00
 Rich Rhoads, \$309.60
 Rock River Bank, \$250.00
 Rockford Blacktop, \$244,019.15
 Emmy Spickler, \$120.00
 States Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, \$15.00
 Steve Benesh & Sons, \$195.37
 University of Illinois, \$4,008.54
 US Cellular, \$37.02
 Verizon, \$113.77
 Verizon Wireless, \$160.13
 Willett, Hoffman & Assoc., \$1,629.97
 Williams & McCarthy, \$1,846.83
 Seconded by Commissioner Tom Stone.

Roll Call: Izer, Medlar, Rees, Stone. No Nays.

Marcia Heuer spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Board. She would like the city to endorse the impact the Judicial Center will have on the city if it moves out of the city limits. The impact would hurt the business in the downtown area.

Ron Colson spoke on behalf of the tree project for Route 64. He would like the city to draw up a letter to endorse the beautician project so that he can forward this on to apply for a permit.

Ron also has spoke to someone from Willett Hofmann and Assoc. regarding the GIS mapping system. The City Clerk has also been in contact with Matt Hanson from Willett Hofmann regarding the GIS to see what information that they might be able to supply. At this time the committee has no additional information.

Glenn and Pat Stroh have concerns regarding recreational fires. They addressed a letter to the mayor concerning a neighbor having recreational fires. The mayor asked that they contact the police department when these fires take place.

The mayor gave an update on the Todd Myers driveway situation. Martin and Company and Willett Hofmann and Assoc. donated their time to see if anything was wrong with the piping under ground. They did not find anything wrong it must have been settling of the fill that was put in before the driveway was blacktopped.

The Lieutenant Governors Office has sent one hundred gun locks to give out to citizens at no charge. If anyone is interested they can pick them up at City Hall.

The Mayor would like the city to match its own donation of \$1,500.00 to the Blackhawk/Lincoln Sculpture. The statue is being done by Jeff Adams and they are about \$10,000.00 short. The council agreed to have this put on the next council agenda for a vote. The unveiling of the statue is October 13, 2002 at 1:00 P.M. Mix Park.

Claims

Marcia Heuer
Chamber of Commerce
Office: Judicial
Center

Tree project
Route 64

GIS update

Citizen concerns

Mayor report

Gun locks

Donation
discussed

Chief Miller had a request from Officer Joseph Brooks to live 300 feet outside of the school district boundary. Currently all city employees need to live within the school district. This will be put on the next council agenda for a vote.

Commissioner Tom Stone announced the bid opening October 7th 10:00 A.M. City Hall Chambers to demolish the building that was purchased at 113 N 3rd Street for additional parking.

Commissioner Bob Rees announced that Jim Wilson has donated all his time for the depot work. Bob is also in the process of forming a foundation for the depot.

The City Clerk handed out information that she received at the IML in Chicago. The documents having to do with the council agenda and what should be discussed in executive session.

A map was handed out to the council regarding the new bleacher proposal for the high school football field. Vern Welp the Athletic Director for the Oregon School District would like to be on the next council agenda.

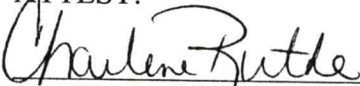
Commissioner Gerald Medlar moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas Izer.

Roll Call: Izer, Medlar, Rees, Stone. No Nays.

8:35 P.M.


Mike Arians, Mayor

ATTEST:


Charlene Ruthe, City Clerk

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Employee
request

Bid opening
to demolish
bldg

Commissioner
report

Clerk report

Hand out

adjourn