

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday September 23rd, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday September 23rd, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was held at City Hall in the Council Chambers and on Zoom.

Present: Mayor Ken Williams
Council Member Terry Schuster
Council Member Tim Krug
Council Member Josiah Flanagan
City Manager Darin DeHaan
Police Chief Matt Kalnins
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton
Absent: Council Member Melanie Cozzi
Also Present: Bill Covell, John Dickson, Earleen Hinton, and Jordan Plock.

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Council Members Krug, Flanagan, Schuster, and Mayor Williams answered roll call. A quorum was present. Council Member Cozzi was absent.

Council Member Terry Schuster started the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation

Public Works Director Bill Covell provided the city council with a summary of the sidewalk replacement project. He said sidewalks were ranked into tiers by walkability and location. They have poured about four hundred feet of sidewalk this year throughout the community. Next year they will complete tier one and move to tier two.

City Manager Darin DeHaan highlighted key points from the FY 2025 audit. He said the city is in good financial position. Sales tax revenue has grown steadily. Council Member Terry Schuster said sales tax revenue is collected by the state of Illinois, revenue collected by the city does not represent sales in Oregon. Sales tax revenue looks to be strong for the next fiscal year as well.

Proclamations, Commendations, Etc.

None.

Public Comment

John Dickson asked about the Blink document in the council packet. City Manager Darin DeHaan said this is revenue collected from the EV charging station behind the Chamber of Commerce building. John Dickson asked about wording used in the ordinance to purchase property. He also asked about tree branches overhanging sidewalks and grass growing over sidewalks. City Manager Darin DeHaan said residents should let the city know about these issues so they can be addressed.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve September 9th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Roll Call: Flanagan, Krug, Williams. No Nays. Abstain: Schuster. Absent: Cozzi.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve September 15th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Roll Call: Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Cozzi.

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$64,943.87 and the current warrants as listed:

a5 Group Inc	\$2,970.25
Amazon Capital Services, Inc	\$2,794.39
Box Materials LLC	\$960.00
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$380.18
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,500.00
City of Oregon	\$5,500.00
City of Rockford	\$20.00
Comcast	\$897.86
Comcast	\$1,026.60
ComEd	\$939.91
Core & Main	\$431.46
Dixon Paint Co	\$2,630.47
Ehmen	\$1,355.00
EM Benefits	\$2,017.87
Fehr Graham	\$2,725.00
Fehr Graham	\$2,892.50
Fehr Graham	\$13,782.03
Fehr Graham	\$45,500.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$1,662.72
Hawkins, Inc	\$627.26
International Code Council	\$80.58
Ken Williams	\$63.21
Kenzley Title Group, Inc	\$371,109.43
Lisa Payne	\$145.05
Locis	\$300.00
Manheim Solutions	\$2,409.75
Martin and Company Excavating	\$1,130.16
Menards	\$152.03
Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers	\$9,400.00
NAPA	\$65.63
Pace Analytical Services	\$1,344.00
Polo Cooperative Association	\$6,193.12
Postmaster	\$822.28
Quill	\$256.71
Rat Worx, Inc	\$20.00
Shawn Melville	\$250.00
Snyder's Pharmacy	\$275.23
Stillman BancCorp	\$4,047.16
Sun Life Financial	\$415.51

Together for Taft	\$500.00
Verizon	\$711.31
Visa	\$1,104.54
	\$491,409.20

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Roll Call: Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Cozzi.

Ordinances

None.

Resolutions

None.

Motions

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the FY 25 Annual Audit, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Roll Call: Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Cozzi.

Discussion Items

None.

Committee Reports

Sustainability: The regular meetings have been postponed due to the river sweep.

Tree Board: Worked on tree maintenance and forestry plans. They are working on building protocol to respond to citizen concerns about trees. There are a lot of requests for trees to be removed. The city takes it very seriously when removing a tree.

Department Reports

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Preparing for AOP. The water department has training coming up.

City Clerk: There are a few adjustments needed to the treasurer's report. This is an annual requirement.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: The city welcome signs are being converted over for AOP. He thanked Tyler Hagemann.

Council Reports

Council Member Terry Schuster: He said the annual TOSOC fundraising event for the Village of Progress is this weekend.

Council Member Tim Krug: He said he has been receiving a lot of good comments about the city team.

Council Member Josiah Flanagan: He said all departments are doing a fantastic job.

Mayor Ken Williams: He said the city council was able to tour the Storybook Inn, the old Patchwork Inn. The owners plan to use the location as an Airbnb.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

Roll Call: Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Cozzi.

Adjourn: 6:01 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk