

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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 Melanie Cozzi  
Council Member Tim Krug  
Council Member Josiah Flanagan  
City Manager Darin DeHaan  
Chief of Police Matt Kalnins  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton  
City Attorney Paul Chadwick

Also Present: Lynn Baylor-Zies, Bill Covell, John Dickson, Aaron Montoya, Josh Pickering,  
Jordan Plock, and Kurt Wilson.

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

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

City Manager Darin DeHaan started the pledge of allegiance.

**Presentation**

None.

**Proclamations, Commendations, Swear In, Etc.**

Mayor Ken Williams recognized the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Employee Team of the Year, Lynn Baylor-Zies, Cheryl Hilton, Aaron Montoya, and Jordan Plock.

Mayor Ken Williams recognized the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Employee of the Year, Josh Pickering.

Mayor Ken Williams proclaimed April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as Arbor Day in the City of Oregon.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Work Session minutes, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Special Meeting minutes, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

**Approval of Warrants & Payroll**

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$73,886.11 and \$69,838.03 and the current warrants as listed:

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| a5 Group Inc                     | \$875.00    |
| Aaron Montoya                    | \$160.00    |
| Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center    | \$1,376.54  |
| Aidan Ellsworth                  | \$160.00    |
| Amazon Capital Services, Inc     | \$34.18     |
| Amazon Capital Services, Inc     | \$103.95    |
| Amazon Capital Services, Inc     | \$1,420.11  |
| Ancel Glink, P.C.                | \$4,420.00  |
| Andres Bonilla                   | \$160.00    |
| Bill Covell                      | \$160.00    |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield           | \$21,531.53 |
| Bob Gobtop                       | \$11.00     |
| Bobcat of Dixon                  | \$73.80     |
| Bonnell Industries               | \$609.02    |
| Breanna Wakeland                 | \$160.00    |
| Butitta Bros Automotive - Oregon | \$68.66     |
| Butitta Bros Automotive - Oregon | \$135.91    |
| Cheryl Hilton                    | \$160.00    |
| Cindy Mundra                     | \$9.00      |
| Cintas                           | \$301.70    |
| City of Oregon                   | \$12,023.48 |
| Comcast                          | \$1,032.60  |
| Comcast                          | \$1,236.10  |
| ComEd                            | \$477.26    |
| ComEd                            | \$691.41    |
| ComEd                            | \$1,553.31  |
| Critical Reach                   | \$150.00    |
| Dustin Runyon                    | \$30.00     |
| Ecolab                           | \$150.00    |
| Ehmen                            | \$290.00    |
| EM Benefits                      | \$1,822.66  |
| Envision Healthcare              | \$431.00    |
| Eric Higby                       | \$160.00    |
| Fehr Graham                      | \$4,350.00  |
| Fehr Graham                      | \$4,500.00  |
| Fehr Graham                      | \$5,000.00  |
| Ferguson Waterworks #2516        | \$3,442.88  |
| Fidelity Security Life Insurance | \$175.40    |
| Fidelity Security Life Insurance | \$196.92    |
| Fischer's                        | \$46.11     |

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| Frontier                                 | \$413.32    |
| Galls, LLC                               | \$150.99    |
| Hackbarth Truck & Equipment              | \$698.98    |
| Hawkins, Inc                             | \$501.73    |
| Helm Electric                            | \$349.00    |
| Illinois EPA                             | \$10.00     |
| Illinois Public Safety Agency Network    | \$6,894.00  |
| Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network | \$100.00    |
| Jeff Pennington                          | \$160.00    |
| Jordan Plock                             | \$160.00    |
| Josh Pickering                           | \$160.00    |
| Joshua Cofield                           | \$160.00    |
| Josiah Flanagan                          | \$160.00    |
| Kaleel's Clothing                        | \$224.00    |
| Ken Williams                             | \$160.00    |
| Kevin Most                               | \$160.00    |
| Lexipol LLC                              | \$999.00    |
| Lisa Payne                               | \$160.00    |
| Liz Hiemstra                             | \$20.00     |
| Lynn Baylor Zies                         | \$160.00    |
| Mary Elliott                             | \$160.00    |
| Matthew Kalnins                          | \$280.00    |
| MCS                                      | \$145.00    |
| Melanie Cozzi                            | \$160.00    |
| Michael Meurer                           | \$35.00     |
| Mobile Electronics                       | \$61.43     |
| Mobile Electronics                       | \$336.25    |
| Morton Salt                              | \$6,422.12  |
| NAPA                                     | \$264.80    |
| Nicor                                    | \$543.55    |
| Nicor                                    | \$599.57    |
| Northern Illinois Disposal Services      | \$25,630.56 |
| O'Brien Civil Works Inc                  | \$36,862.80 |
| Oregon SuperValu                         | \$13.14     |
| Pace Analytical Services                 | \$616.50    |
| Pest Control Consultants Illinois        | \$219.00    |
| Polo Cooperative Association             | \$4,574.49  |
| Postmaster                               | \$73.36     |
| Postmaster                               | \$814.96    |
| Quill                                    | \$79.15     |
| Rat Worx, Inc                            | \$15.00     |
| Rochelle Broadcasting Co                 | \$169.00    |
| Scott Wallace                            | \$160.00    |
| Shaw Media / Sauk Valley Media           | \$51.85     |
| Shawn Melville                           | \$250.00    |
| Skyler Bethel                            | \$160.00    |
| Snyder Pharmacy                          | \$259.43    |

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| Spring Valley Restaurant           | \$345.00            |
| Steve Benesh & Sons                | \$2,380.03          |
| Steve Benesh & Sons                | \$9,500.00          |
| Steve Benesh & Sons                | \$16,891.20         |
| Steve Benesh & Sons                | \$36,780.00         |
| Stillman BancCorp                  | \$4,047.16          |
| Stratus Network, Inc               | \$65.26             |
| Sun Life Financial                 | \$415.51            |
| SundogIT                           | \$14,760.86         |
| Taryn Bradley                      | \$36.00             |
| Taylor Buckwalter                  | \$160.00            |
| Terry Lester                       | \$160.00            |
| Terry Schuster                     | \$160.00            |
| Tim Krug                           | \$160.00            |
| Timothy Brechon                    | \$160.00            |
| Uniform Den East, Inc              | \$22.00             |
| Uniform Den East, Inc              | \$745.90            |
| Verizon                            | \$728.96            |
| Village of Progress                | \$1,310.00          |
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| Visa                               | \$766.10            |
| Visa                               | \$2,212.94          |
| Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C. | \$477.00            |
| Zoro Tools, Inc                    | \$582.99            |
|                                    | <b>\$254,624.42</b> |

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

### **Ordinances**

None.

### **Resolutions**

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve Resolution 2026-1 Supporting the Illinois Home Repair and Accessibility Program, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** The Illinois Department of Housing Authority works with local governments to provide eligible homeowners with funds to help with improvements to their home. The IDHA will collaborate with local volunteers to gather information for homes within the community in need of repairs. A final report will be provided to the city. Volunteers are needed to help with collecting the data sets. The city will provide information to any members of the community or local service organizations that would like to help.

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

### **Motions**

Mayor Ken Williams moved to postpone indefinitely Rezoning Request submitted by Edwin Buttens for the property located at 708 W. Washington Street, Parcel #16-04-292-004, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams said the property has been sold as a single-family residence.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve \$1,200.00 expenditure for the removal of a cistern at 131 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

**Discussion:** The project was presented and approved by the City Council at a different amount. The city was unaware of the cistern before the project. For efficiency, the removal of the cistern was completed during the demolition of the building. Mayor Ken Williams said the property was recently purchased by the city and is located across from the library.

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

### **Discussion Items**

None.

### **Committee Reports**

**Planning:** Public hearing for a Short-Term rental.

**Economic and Community Development:** City Manager Darin DeHaan is working with Liz Hiemstra from the OCEDC on housing. Mayor Ken Williams has a meeting scheduled with a representative from Kunes to discuss the old car dealership location.

**Finance:** Links on the city website that were not working have been fixed.

**Sustainability:** Close to finalizing the Eco Oregon program.

**Tree Board:** Josh Pickering, Employee of the Year, has been a huge part of the Tree Board.

**Public Art Commission:** Will be scheduling a meeting when the weather warms up.

### **Department Reports**

**Public Works Director Bill Covell:** There have been multiple water main breaks recently. To decrease the impact on the school district, additional work will be completed this summer. Mayor Ken Williams asked if a boil order is necessary, how is the public notified. Bill stated red door hangers will be used if a boil order is necessary. Social media is used and community members have been great about sharing information with homeowners who do not have access to social media.

**City Manager Darin DeHaan:** Reagan Mass Transit has submitted plans to the city building inspector. Willett Hofmann will be the engineer on the project. A TAC committee will review the plans. Mayor Ken Williams said the Technical Advisory Committee allows everyone to get into a room together to collaborate on the project. The committee is made up of project engineers, members of the police and fire department, and city public works. It is important to have the communication line open between these departments.

### **Council Reports**

**Council Member Melanie Cozzi:** Oregon Together, IDOT, and Martin & Co. continue to collaborate on the viewing station to be installed at the pull off on RT 2 across the river from the Blackhawk statue.

**Mayor Ken Williams:** The city did not approve the rezoning request that was presented. The request was to change the zoning from a single-family unit to a two-family unit. He stated the city is not making anyone who already has a home with a similar issue tear it out. He said when the home sells, the home will need to be sold as a single family. The new owner will receive a letter from the city that states the home is a single-family home and cannot be used as a multi-family without submitting a request to change the zoning. He said some items to consider when looking at these homes are do they have separate post office boxes and do they have separate utility accounts. These

are things you would find to be true if the home was truly a multi-family home. He asked the City Council to think about this going forward as he believes more requests will be made.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Adjourn: 5:57 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk