



Our Mission: *To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.*

**City of Oregon Council Agenda,  
Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5:30 P.M.  
115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Public Option: Join Meeting via Zoom**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**
- 5. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, SWEAR IN, ETC**
  - a. 2025 Employee of the Year – Josh Pickering**
  - b. 2025 Team of the Year – Lynn Baylor-Zies, Cheryl Hilton, Aaron Montoya, and Jordan Plock**
  - c. Arbor Day Proclamation**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
  - b. January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Work Session**
  - c. January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Special Meeting**
- 8. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS AND PAYROLL**
- 9. ORDINANCES**

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## **10. RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **2026-1 Supporting the Illinois Home Repair and Accessibility Program**

## **11. MOTIONS**

- a. **Table the Rezoning Request submitted by Edwin Buttens for the property located at 708 W. Washington Street, Parcel #16-04-292-004 until February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Request is to rezone the property from R-1 Single Family to R-2 Multifamily.**
- b. **Approve \$1,200.00 expenditure for the removal of Cistern at 131 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

## **12. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **13. BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

- a. **PLANNING**
- b. **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- c. **FINANCE**
- d. **SUSTAINABILITY**
- e. **TREE BOARD**
- f. **PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**
- g. **OTHER**

## **14. DEPARTMENT AND OFFICER REPORTS**

- a. **POLICE**
- b. **PUBLIC WORKS**
- c. **CITY CLERK**
- d. **CITY ATTORNEY**
- e. **CITY MANAGER**  
**City Manager's Report**

## **15. COUNCIL REPORTS**

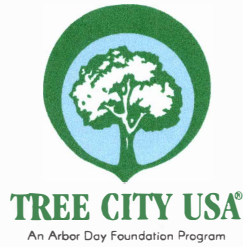
- a. **MEMBER SCHUSTER**
- b. **MEMBER COZZI**
- c. **MEMBER KRUG**
- d. **MEMBER FLANAGAN**
- e. **MAYOR WILLIAMS**

## **16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*People may attend the meeting in person at City Hall or may watch and participate via Zoom.**

A portion of the meeting maybe closed to the Public, immediately as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City of Oregon, and as permitted by 5 ILCS 102/2 (c)(11) to discuss litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the City which has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal of which is imminent and as permitted by 5 ILCS (c)(21) to review and approve closed session minutes and as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2 Collective negotiating matters. **Possible action after executive session**



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## OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS** in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, *and*

**WHEREAS** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, *and*

**WHEREAS** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ken Williams, Mayor of the City of Oregon, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026 as **ARBOR DAY** In the City of Oregon, Illinois, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

**FURTHER,** I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**DATED THIS** 13th day of January, 2026

Mayor



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Melanie Cozzi  
Council Member Tim Krug  
Council Member Josiah Flanagan  
City Manager Darin DeHaan  
Lieutenant Tim Brechon  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton  
City Attorney Paul Chadwick

Also Present: John Dickson.

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.**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

**Approval of Warrants & Payroll**

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$73,995.57 and the current warrants as listed:

Aaron Montoya	\$200.00
Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$906.64
Aidan Ellsworth	\$200.00
Andres Bonilla	\$100.00
Andres Bonilla	\$200.00
Bill Covell	\$200.00

Bonnell Industries	\$11.69
Breanna Wakeland	\$200.00
Brown Equipment Company	\$875.00
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$60.00
Butitta Bros. Automotive - Oregon	\$380.18
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,550.00
Cheryl Hilton	\$250.00
City of Oregon	\$5,500.00
Comcast	\$284.97
ComEd	\$7,928.08
Darin DeHaan	\$450.00
Ecolab	\$150.00
Envision Healthcare	\$245.00
Eric Higby	\$200.00
Fischer's	\$185.15
Frontier	\$408.82
Gregory Spencer	\$250.00
Hach Company	\$873.44
Hawkins, Inc	\$501.73
Helm Civil	\$2,576.00
Illinois EPA	\$17,833.19
Illinois EPA	\$35,143.19
Jeff Pennington	\$300.00
John Kaltenback	\$75.00
Jordan Plock	\$200.00
Josh Pickering	\$200.00
Joshua Cofield	\$200.00
Ken Williams	\$33.07
Kevin Most	\$100.00
Lee Jensen Sales Co., Inc	\$925.00
Lisa Payne	\$200.00
Lynn Baylor Zies	\$200.00
Manheim Solutions	\$595.00
Mary Elliott	\$450.00
Matthew Kalnins	\$350.00
Mid-West Truckers Association, Inc	\$95.00
Mid-West Truckers Association, Inc	\$630.00
Mobile Electronics	\$261.25
Mobile Electronics	\$1,740.15
Northern Illinois Disposal Services	\$25,630.56
Ogle County 2026 GIS Partnership	\$1,200.00
Oregon VFW	\$65.00
Pace Analytical Services	\$574.00
R&R Auto & Diesel Repair	\$160.96
Randy Cropp	\$75.00
Rat Worx, Inc	\$250.00
Region 1 Planning Council	\$375.00

Scott Wallace	\$250.00
Shawn Melville	\$250.00
Skyler Bethel	\$200.00
Snyder's Pharmacy	\$199.03
Stillman BancCorp	\$4,047.16
Stratus Network Inc	\$65.26
SundogIT	\$2,618.15
Taylor Buckwalter	\$200.00
Terry Lester	\$200.00
Timothy Brechon	\$200.00
	<b>\$120,777.67</b>

Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

### **Ordinances**

None.

### **Resolutions**

None.

### **Motions**

Mayor Ken Williams moved to table a Rezoning Request submitted by Edwin Buttens for the property located at 708 W. Washington Street, Parcel #16-04-292-004, until the first meeting in January, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** Mayor Ken Williams said the city received a request from the petitioner to table the request. It is possible the property is being purchased as a single-family home. There would be no need for the zoning change if this is true. The purchaser of the property would be told about the zoning requirement.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Oregon and the Oregon Park District for the maintenance of the Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Path & Bridge Grant Funded Project Area, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** This is the next step in the process. Once the agreements are approved by the park district and the school district a public meeting will be held and the project will go to bid. The park district will be providing maintenance to the bridge portion of the project.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Oregon and the Oregon School District 220 for the maintenance of the Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Path & Bridge Grant Funded Project Area, Seconded by Council member Josiah Flanagan.

**Discussion:** This IGA is for the school district. The school district will provide maintenance to the path and not the bridge . The park district is reviewing and approving the agreement at their board meeting tonight. The school district will have it on their agenda scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to table City Employee Policy/Handbook until the next meeting, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

**Discussion:** The changes to the policy include federal and state updates. City Manager Darin DeHaan asked the City Council to also review the policy that allows employees to share sick time. He said there have been a few times when an employee has asked to donate time to another employee to help get through a challenging time but was unable to because of the current policy. The policy would be no additional cost to the city. Mayor Ken Williams asked the City Council to review the policy changes.

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

### **Discussion Items**

None.

### **Committee Reports**

**Planning:** Committee will be setting a date for a public hearing to be held for an Airbnb.

**Economic and Community Development:** The Chamber of Commerce is suspending operations. The city has some ideas on how to help create a group of local businesses to help set guidance on how the city can continue to support local businesses. Council Member Terry Schuster said business owners are organizing their own events. They bring in other businesses to participate. It is not the Chamber of Commerce or the city creating the event, it is the business owners. He said a group of merchants from town with a passion for town will coordinate and collaborate on different events downtown.

**Finance:** City Manager continues work on next fiscal year's budget.

**Sustainability:** Monday's meeting was rescheduled to December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Tree Board:** City Manager Darin DeHaan is looking for someone to fill an open position on the board.

**Public Art Commission:** Waiting until after the holidays to schedule meeting. Items to work on include new banners and welcome signs.

### **Department Reports**

**Lieutenant Tim Brechon:** He said the department appreciated citizens following the snow ordinance. They did a good job considering the amount of snow the city received. Their cooperation makes snow removal and cleanup easier.

**Public Works:** City Manager Darin DeHaan said Bill is working with the county to obtain salt since our salt supply was not delivered. He said we appreciate the help from the county. He also encouraged downtown business owners to help with cutting in paths from the highway to the sidewalk for patrons until the large piles of snow can be removed. He said it is a partnership between the city and business owners to keep the walkways clear and open to the public.

### **Council Reports**

**Council Member Terry Schuster:** He said Candlelight Walk was successful. The community came together to make the event work. He thanked the Oregon Police Department and the Public Works Department for the additional support they provided.

**Council Member Melanie Cozzi:** Attended the NorthCOG meeting today with others from the city. It was her first time going and it was a nice experience.

**Council Member Josiah Flanagan:** He also attended the NorthCOG meeting today. He said it was a very nice event and he learned a lot. He said the public works department did a great job with snow cleanup from the last couple of storms.

**Mayor Ken Williams:** He said Candlelight Walk was great and it was nice to see businesses full of people having a great time. He appreciates all who volunteered for the event.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to go into Executive Session at 5:55pm to discuss the Release and Non-Release of Executive Session Minutes, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

Mayor Ken Williams moved to approve the release of the executive session minutes read by City Manager Darin DeHaan, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

**Discussion:** City Manager Darin DeHaan listed the Executive Session minutes released: 5-24-22, 11-14-23, 6-11-24, 6-25-24, 7-9-24, 7-23-24, 4-8-25, 5-27-25, 6-10-25, 6-24-25, 7-22-25, 8-26-25, and 9-9-25.

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

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Adjourn: 6:09 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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





COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday January 6<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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. for a work session.

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  
City Manager Darin DeHaan  
Police Chief Matt Kalnins  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton  
Public Works Director Bill Covell  
Street Foreman Jordan Plock

Absent: Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

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

Police Chief Matt Kalnins started the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Discussion Topics**

Mayor Ken Williams said the purpose of the work session is to review projects for the next fiscal year.

**Review FY27 Road Project Suggestions:** Bill Covell said the pavement in the Century Hills subdivision is deteriorating. He recommended mill and overlay as the slurry seal would not fix the structural issues. He estimated the cost to be about two hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars for the subdivision. He also recommended a second project which includes slurry seal application to the City Hall parking lot, street garage parking lot, and Adams Street. He estimated the cost for the slurry seal project to be about twenty thousand dollars. City Manager Darin DeHaan reminded the City Council of two outstanding approved projects that have been delayed. The East side of Oregon sidewalks project and the Safe Routes to School Project. Costs for both of those projects have increased since the initial approval of the projects.

**Sidewalk Project Review and Projections:** Street Foreman Jordan Plock said approximately twenty-eight percent of priority one and sixty-eight percent of priority two sidewalks remain to be replaced. He projects the cost to be about seven thousand dollars to complete priority one sidewalks and thirty percent of priority two sidewalks. The City Council suggested allocating ten thousand dollars to allow for more sidewalks to be completed if time allows.

**Other FY27 Priorities – Roundtable:** Continuation of the Sewer lining project was discussed. Public Works Director Bill Covell stated he would like to install flow meters and do additional

smoke and visual camera testing to figure out where sewer lining is needed. Council Member Terry Schuster said sewer lining extends the life of the pipes significantly. They also discussed the condition of manhole infrastructure. Bill will begin working on securing estimates for sewer lining and manhole repairs. Mayor Ken Williams said he would like to see the rest of the looping project added to the Capital Improvement Plan. The condition of storm sewers and replacement cost options were discussed. Some communities add storm sewer infrastructure fees to their utility bills. Bill said storm sewers can be televised to get their condition. Mayor Ken Williams stated that some of the storm sewers have collapsed and been costly to repair. Bill said another cost saving option would be to line the storm sewers. They also discussed using TIF funds for the East side storm sewer project.

**Use of Sarah Phelps Plaza:** Council Member Melanie Cozzi said the plaza is currently a mixed-use space, such as for the Farmers Market and AOP. She asked the City Council what they envisioned for future use of the space. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he has been approached by an individual who would like the space for a drive through coffee shop. Mayor Ken Williams said he is hesitant to allow this since the purchase of the location was made possible with a private public partnership. Local banks helped to secure the funds for the property. Council Member Terry Schuster said more time is needed for the space to reach its full potential. Council Member Melanie Cozzi said the space is unique and inviting. She would like to showcase how to use the space and allow local groups the opportunity to use the space for fundraising.

**Illinois Housing Authority – Plan:** City Manager Darin DeHaan presented the Illinois Home Repair and Accessibility Program to the City Council. The HRAP program is a state funded program designed to help low-income homeowners make repairs to their homes. A survey will be completed and provide an analysis of the current housing stock. Local volunteers would complete the survey with guidance from the program administrators. Up to forty-five thousand dollars could be available for repairs to eligible homeowners. No local funds would be used. City Manager Darin DeHaan will draft a resolution for the City Council.

**Update on other Housing Efforts/Types of Housing:** City Manager Darin DeHaan said affordable housing is a constant request. The city has been working with multiple housing developers. They continue to say housing growth is more north. He said the city needs to continue strategizing on how to lower costs to build here.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Adjourn: 6:30 P.M.

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
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Present: Mayor Ken Williams  
Council Member Terry Schuster  
Council Member Melanie Cozzi  
Council Member Tim Krug  
City Manager Darin DeHaan  
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

No public comment was made.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to go into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss Employee Compensation, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m., Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

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

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Ken Williams, Mayor

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

January 13, 2026

Payroll in amount \$73,886.11 & \$69,838.03

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

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
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
Village of Progress	\$1,310.00
Visa	\$766.10
Visa	\$2,212.94
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C.	\$477.00
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$582.99

**\$254,624.42**

**City Manager**



## **Resolution No. 2026-1**

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ILLINOIS HOME REPAIR AND ACCESSIBILITY PLANNING PROGRAM (HRAP)**

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon, Illinois recognizes that safe, stable, and accessible housing is essential to the health, safety, and overall well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, many low-income homeowners, including seniors and persons with disabilities, face increasing challenges in maintaining their homes due to rising repair costs and limited financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) offers technical assistance to communities, including the City of Oregon, by gathering and analyzing data needed to improve local housing conditions; and

WHEREAS, IHDA will facilitate community engagement through surveys, meetings, housing needs assessments, and quality-of-life data collection, which—when combined with historical planning efforts—will contribute to the creation of a comprehensive and multifaceted community revitalization plan; and

WHEREAS, such a plan will identify goals and strategies for improving housing conditions and community well-being, while also positioning the City to pursue future grants and other funding opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Oregon, Illinois, that the City hereby expresses its support of, and participation with the Illinois Home Repair and Accessibility Planning Program (HRAP) and its mission to provide valuable data regarding the City's existing housing stock and housing needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oregon encourages residents and volunteers to participate and work collaboratively with IHDA in gathering this data; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 13th day of January 2026.

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Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_



### Application for Variation/Rezoning

City of Oregon, Illinois

115 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. ♦ Oregon, IL 61061 ♦ (815)732-6321 ♦ Fax: (815)732-7292

1. Applicant's name Edwin Butters
2. Applicant's address 708 W. Washington, Oregon, IL 61061
3. Applicant's phone number \_\_\_\_\_
4. Address of property for which variance is being requested  
708 W. Washington St., Oregon, IL 61061
5. Nature of variance To rezone the property from single-family to multifamily to reflect its existing and long-standing two-unit configuration and allow continued multifamily use after sale of said property.
6. Charges and fees:

Application Fee	\$100.00
Changes and modifications:	
Residential	\$250.00
Commercial	\$1500.00
Commercial Business District	\$1500.00
Industrial & Any other type of zoning	\$1500.00

The amount of the variance will be determined by the City Council and the Building Inspector, based upon the expected complexity of the proposed application.

7. A drawing to scale – to include existing buildings, sizes, setbacks, unusual characteristics, and variation as requested. The plan commission has the right to request a survey at the landowner's expense if so needed.





# Ogle County, IL



## Overview



## Legend

- Municipalities
- Townships
- Roads
- Tax Parcels
- Tax Parcels with Details

Parcel ID	16-04-292-004	Class	0040	Owner Address Available with Subscription
Township	Oregon-Nashua	Acreage	n/a	
Property Address	708 W WASHINGTON ST OREGON			
District	01840			
Brief Tax Description	RNG/BLK: TWP:0 SECT/LOT: LOTS 7 & 8 BLK 1 POTTER'S ADD CITY OF OREGON (Note: Not to be used on legal documents)			

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**DATE:** 12/09/25  
**FOR:** 131 S. 3rd St.

**Bill To:**  
City of Oregon  
115 N. 3rd St.  
Oregon, IL 61061

DATE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE/UNIT	AMOUNT
	<i>Per proposal dated 10/21/25</i>		
	Demolition of Residential and Garage Structures		\$ 36,780.00
	<i>Work not Included in proposal</i>		
	Cistern removal		\$ 1,200.00
	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>37,980.00</b>

If you have any questions concerning this invoice, please contact our office at 815-732-2384.

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## CITY OF OREGON

115 N. 3rd Street, Oregon, IL 61061

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To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council

From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Manager & Staff

**DATE: Jan 13, 2026**

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Dec 6, 2025 – Jan 9, 2026

### Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager

- I hope everyone had Happy Holidays!
- Council Member Mel Cozzi, Terry Schuster, and Josiah Flanagan attended the Northern Illinois Council of Governments Legislative Luncheon. They provide a great panel of legislators for a Q & A roundtable.





- I attended the ACTION Grant Year 3 - 1st Quarter Update hosted by Joyce Lewis with the Ogle County Health Department. Great progress has been made with the Mini-food centers including the one in Oregon. They are encouraging individuals using the food center to take their survey to help them continue to improve the food centers. Huge thank you to Joyce and everyone involved in these programs.
- Continue work on the Safe Routes to School grant. Inter Governmental Agreements were approved by the Oregon Park District Board as well as the Oregon School District Board. The Oregon City Council had already approved both IGAs. Those will be provided to Willett Hoffmann and Associates who continue to work on this grant project for us.
- I'm proud to announce that Oregon was selected as one of six communities to receive the Strong Communities Initiative grant through Compeer Financial and Hometown Consulting. This grant value is around \$12,500 and will build organizational and leadership capacity, support business retention, improve communication and transparency with our residents as well as helping to set additional economic development goals.
- I attended the CMAAA board meeting.
- Oregon hosted IMRF representative Morgan Johnson who provided great details on the IMRF system. We were joined by staff of the Oregon Park District and Oregon School District. Thank you Cheryl for organizing this session.
- I helped prepare items of discussion for the 5 Area Mayor's meeting.
- I met with Ben from A5 to discuss our experience in working with Teska consulting in the past. (Riverfront Development Plan).
- I'm working with an area resident and our public works department on a strategy for a sanitary sewer connection into the City's system.
- I attended the OCEDC Executive Committee meeting to strategize on priorities for the organization in 2026. Thank you to our Director Liz Hiemstra for her dedication and leadership to move this organization forward.
- Set up and launched our 1st quarter cybersecurity training.
- Assisted our IT in deployment of new computers to replace workstations that couldn't be upgraded to Windows 11. We are also in the process of upgrading our server at City Hall.
- I met with Council Member Cozzi to discuss a new policy on public donations. (I appreciate her perspectives on this.) I've developed a policy for council review.
- We had our city awards banquet and holiday gathering. Thank you to Lisa, Mary, Aidan, and Skyler for their time putting things together. Public works did a great job preparing the space for the gathering. Congratulations to our Team of the year. Lynn, Cheryl, Jordan, and Aaron. And to Josh Pickering who was selected as our Employee of the Year!

- We held our 2026 work session with the City Council. Public Works presented several capital improvement projects and we had a good discussion on long term plans for our sewer lines and manholes. I provided some brief information on the IDHA housing study as well as some financial trend information for budget consideration.
- I attended the Illinois Financial Forecast Forum: Private sector views that will impact the Public Sector presented by ILCMA.
- We continue to communicate with and strategize on behalf of the Kunes dealership building. We have an upcoming meeting and will then start launching a marketing campaign for the space with the help of OCEDC.
- I want to remind the community that I am always open to hearing your perspectives if there are things you feel need addressed. I'm available via phone, email, or you can always message me via facebook messenger from the City page. We work for you and your input and communication is vital for our success.

### *City Hall - Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk*

- 3 building permits issued in December.
- Garbage and recycling schedules for 2026 are available on the city website and at City Hall.
- City Hall will be closed on January 19th in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### **MEETING INFORMATION**

#### *Planning & Zoning:*

Next meeting Jan 20, 2026 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

#### *City Council Meeting:*

Next meeting Jan 27, 2026 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

#### *Sustainability Committee:*

Next meeting: Feb 9, 2026 at 9am Oregon City Hall Conference Room

#### *Tree Board:*

Next meeting Mar 18, 2026 at 5:30pm at Oregon City Hall Conference Room

#### *Economic and Community Development Committee:*

Next meeting TBD

#### *Public Art Commission:*

Next meeting TBD

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## **PUBLIC WORKS**

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### ***Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell***

#### **Daily Tasks**

- a. Help Schedule
- b. Approve Bills
- c. Purchased supplies
- d. Monthly Fuel Reports
- e. Safety Training

#### **Projects**

- a. Headworks Project—nothing new
- b. Lead Service Inventory—Updated spreadsheet for Kirby to pot hole services
- c. 2026 Local Road Project—Preliminary planning for next summer
- d. Century Hill Subdivision—Exhibit for workshop meeting
- e. 2026 MFT Project—City Hall Parking Lot, Street Garage Parking Lot, Adams Street
- f. 2025 East Side Sidewalk—Followed up with Fehr Graham
- g. Pedestrian Crossing—nothing new

#### **Leaf Pick-up Program**

- a. 2025 Complete

#### **3rd Street House Demo**

- a. Complete

#### **Fire Station Addition**

- a. Public Works portion complete

#### **Meetings**

- a. Department Head
- b. Safety Meeting
- c. Workshop Meeting

#### **Miscellaneous**

- a. Worked on Fulcrum reports

### ***Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock***

#### **Daily Tasks**

- a. Trash pickup of city trash cans

- b. City mechanic working on daily maintenance tasks

### **Projects**

- a. Crew is working on sign replacement program to replace old and worn out signs within the city.
- b. Crew worked on upfitting a few plow trucks with new backup lights and a backup camera.
- c. Crew stripped and replaced the old deteriorating flooring in the city street garage with new epoxy flooring.
- d. Crew assisted the WS departments with a water main break on S 7th st.
- e. Crew along with Benesh and Sons worked on a large sink hole by the Ogle County Courthouse.

### **Training**

- a. Worked on Illinois Extension training for pesticide applicator license.
- b. Worked on weekly safety training
- c. Foreman worked on continuing education classes
- d. Worked on updating our list of required OSHA training for the year.

### **General**

- a. Street Foreman attended the department head meeting.
- b. Congratulations to Aaron Montoya and Jordan Plock on being named to Team of the Year.
- c. Congratulations to Josh Pickering on being named Employee of the Year.

## **Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace**

### **Daily tasks**

- a. Daily chores
- b. Complete testing (process control/EPA Required Monitoring)
- c. Half testing (process control)
- d. Pumped Sludge
- e. Cleaned bar screens, netting of tanks, multiple times daily due to rags, debris
- f. Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- g. Lift Station usage recording
- h. Assisted the Water Department
- i. Monthly reports to the EPA
- j. Generator/ Well checks
- k. Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)

### **Head Works**

- a. No new updates at this time

### **Training**

- a. Began know-b4 training

- b. Scheduling wastewater spring conference

#### **General**

- a. Thawing out back up digester
- b. Ordered impeller for jefferson st lift station
- c. Bi-Annual sludge report
- d. Worked with LAI on blower maintenance
- e. Worked with Aerzen on Digester blower issues
- f. Worked with Thern on replacement crane parts
- g. Water main break on South 7th

### **Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington**

#### **Daily Tasks**

- a. Chores
- b. Daily Testing
- c. Julie Locates
- d. Final reads
- e. Water turn-ons
- f. Water shut-offs
- g. Generator checks

#### **Wells**

- a. Repaired Chemical feed pump parts as needed
- b. Took Chemical delivery from Hawkins for process/control
- c. Held Meeting with Gasvoda to discuss Air Relief Valve at Well#3. They are scheduling a replacement of the valve.
- d. Worked on acquiring pricing for replacement Pressure tank for well #5 water service.

#### **Meter Replacement Program**

- a. Been scheduling and replacing meters as time allows

#### **EPA compliance**

- a. Completed Monthly operating reports for Epa compliance.
- b. Worked with Pace Laboratories to ensure that all samples were reported to EPA. Found a mistake and corrected it with the lab for School lead sampling.
- c. Forwarded email and started the process to update Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan with the City Manager and Public Works Director.

#### **Training**

- a. Completed Knowb4 training.
- b. Safety meetings with the Public Works Director and staff.

#### **General**

- a. Repaired Water main break on 500 block of S. 7th St.
- b. Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- c. Worked with customers on water leaks and sewer issues at numerous locations.



- d. Aidan took his Class C water exam for certification on Thursday Jan 8th and awaits results.
- e. Continued cleaning, organizing, and inventory of supplies for water and wastewater.

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## Oregon Police Department

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### *Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins*

- The Oregon Police Department hopes everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday and a safe New Year
- We would like to thank the Oregon School District and the Oregon Fire Department for their participation in the recent active threat training conducted at the high school during Christmas break. This training provides officers and staff the opportunity to train together and become familiar with the school facilities, ensuring preparedness should an emergency ever occur.

