

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 9th, 2026, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday June 9th, 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

Also Present: James Accurso, Public Works Director Bill Covell, John Dickson, Mark Herman, SRO Terry Lester, and Josh Pickering.

Present via Zoom: City Attorney Paul Chadwick, Earleen Hinton, Katie Nagy, and Derke Price.

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.

Council Member Terry Schuster started the pledge of allegiance.

Presentations

James Accurso, Public Affairs Specialist with the U.S. Small Business Administration spoke about available disaster loans to help homeowners and renters. There are no fees or obligations for the loans if approved and can be used to repair or replace storm damaged property. The loans are not a typical bank loan; they are funded by the US Treasury.

School Resource Officer Terry Lester spoke about his role as School Resource Officer in the Oregon Junior/Senior High School. He said he really enjoyed his first year in the position and building relationships within the school environment. He said he has had the opportunity to teach in classrooms, help with the creation of a law enforcement club, and be available to respond to incidents timely. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he tries to have the SRO speak to the council at least once during the year about this incredibly important program. Chief of Police Matt Kalnins said Terry is doing a phenomenal job. Mayor Ken Williams stated the residents voted by referendum for a school resource officer. He said the community really supports this program.

City Manager Darin DeHaan provided the City Council with an overview of the budget. He said the overall budget is in really good shape. He said if the budget is passed as it is, it is a healthy balanced budget, but the general fund would be reduced by one hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars. He said to keep in mind there is a balance of 1.8 million dollars invested in Illinois Funds that are general funds. That sets aside about six months of operational expenses as a rainy-day fund. He stated the city primarily operates on funds other than property taxes. Property taxes are about fifteen percent of the city's entire revenue. The other revenue is TIF, Motor Fuel Tax, Sales Tax, and other sources. That is why there is a lot of focus on tourism and drawing people into the community. People from outside city limits spending money in stores and purchasing fuel adds to the city's

ability to add services with little impact. The city operates under appropriations, which is the max amount the city can spend however a budget is set to stay within revenue and expenses. Often come in lower than expected due to department heads doing a really good job trying to save the city money. He said if there are any questions, please let him know. Mayor Ken Williams said the city is going to have seven hundred and forty-six thousand dollars sitting in reserve in the motor fuel tax fund. It was not that long ago that the city only had twenty or thirty thousand dollars in that fund. The city would spend that every year on seal coating. The city had to be careful not to spend more than what came in. The city is in very good shape and can cover costs. He said Darin did a great job on the budget.

Proclamations, Commendations, Swear In, Etc.

None.

Public Comment

John Dickson asked about the Civil Defense fund and the Band fund listed in the budget. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the Civil Defense fund originated from the 1950's Civil Defense Act. The funds have been used for storm damage cleanup and emergency generators. There has been no additional revenue since the 1950's. The Band fund , which is a tax levy fund, provides entertainment at Autumn on Parade and for the Oregon Park District's Concert in the Park. John also asked about the amount of money paid towards the coliseum director position. City Manager Darin DeHaan said it is thirty-five hundred dollars a quarter.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve May 26th, 2026, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$66,552.16 and the current warrants as listed:

Amazon Capital Services, Inc	\$243.42
Athletico	\$5.00
Beesing Welding	\$177.10
Black Diamond Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc	\$165.00
Body Works of Rochelle	\$7,869.85
Butitta Bros Automotive - Oregon	\$83.56
Cintas	\$150.85
Comcast	\$285.00
ComEd	\$9,094.47
Envision	\$227.00
Fehr Graham & Associates LLC	\$4,875.00
Fehr Graham & Associates LLC	\$18,800.00
Fehr Graham & Associates LLC	\$19,423.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$492.92
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$3,542.00
Fidelity Security Life Insurance	\$175.40
Frontier	\$139.41
Frontier	\$414.58
Hawkins, Inc	\$1,088.54
IAPE	\$65.00

Illinois City/County Mgmt. Assoc	\$50.00
Illinois EPA	\$17,833.19
Illinois EPA	\$35,143.19
Ken Williams	\$33.07
Lexipol LLC	\$7,605.50
Linda S Pieczynski	\$86.00
MCS	\$145.00
Menards	\$205.97
Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers	\$20,297.80
NAPA	\$226.85
Northern Illinois Disposal Service	\$25,647.92
Oregon Depot Museum	\$1,000.00
Pace Analytical Services	\$1,645.00
Pines Meadow Vet Clinic	\$166.00
Postmaster	\$9.78
Rat Worx, Inc	\$100.00
Shawn Melville	\$250.00
Snyder's Pharmacy	\$257.50
Stratus Network, Inc	\$77.08
Stillman BancCorp	\$4,047.16
SundogIT	\$2,667.45
Terry Lester	\$21.35
The Flag Lady Corporation	\$737.94
Van Buran Equipment Services LLC	\$115.18
Village of Progress	\$1,280.00
Visa	\$1,282.45
Waste Water Management of Northern Illinois LLC	\$5,640.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$18,844.28
Wipfli	\$5,618.00
Zoro Tools Inc	\$147.99
	\$218,498.75

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Ordinances

Mayor Ken Williams asked the City Council to review the budget and appropriations ordinance. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting. He reminded the City Council that appropriations will be many times more than the budget. The city follows the budget more closely for real expenses.

Resolutions

None.

Motions

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the Bid for 7th Street Water Main Extension by Martin & Company for \$208,252.00, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: It was discovered the homes on the 7th Street block were all served by a one-inch line when there was a watermain break.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Fehr Graham for the 7th Street Water Main Replacement in the amount of \$25,000.00, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Public Works Director Bill Covell said they plan to do a directional bore, which could be a cost-saving method. Mayor Ken Williams said this is a standard engineering agreement.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the bid for the General Streets Project by Martin & Company for \$255,579.72, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said this is the bid result of the bid opening.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the Base Bid and Alternative Bid for MFT Streets Project 26-00000-00-GM by Struck & Irwin Paving Inc. for \$128,643.18, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Discussion: The project is for slurry seal coating and includes an alternate bid to seal the road to Well 5. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the bids were aggressive.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the Bid for IL 64 Sidewalk Extension by O'Brien Civil Works, Inc. for \$240,688.00, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the sidewalk extension project will connect River Road to Daysville Road. TIF funds will be used to pay for the project. He said the project is about connectivity; there could be potential to connect to the Stonegate Ridge Subdivision in the future. Public Works Director Bill Covell said the project will be completed in sections so there is less impact on the businesses. The businesses will be notified prior to construction.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Fehr Graham for the IL Route 64 Sidewalk Extension in the amount of \$40,000.00, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve Mary Howe as a member of the Public Art Committee, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve a Mural Grant for Oregon Living and Rehab 811 S. 10th Street, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Discussion: Recommendations from the Public Art Committee included for the service member to salute with the right hand, include female representation, and other areas of service such as the air force. He reviewed the mural with the city building inspector since the Oregon Living and Rehabilitation logo is on the mural; the logo does not make the mural a sign. He also asked the City Council to consider funding levels for murals. Previous murals have been approved at one hundred percent of the cost. Ten thousand dollars has been budgeted for murals this fiscal year.

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

Council Member Tim Krug move to approve the Purchase Agreement for 125 S. 3rd Street from Richard Haan for \$49,000.00 utilizing TIF Funds and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute all required documents on behalf of the City, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan stated purchase of the property falls in line with the city's long-term plan for S. 3rd Street. The space could be used for a multitude of things such as the farmers' market or city and resident event space. A subcommittee will be formed to decide the final use of the space. The residents that were living in the home have moved and the building will be demolished.

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

Discussion Items

None.

Board & Commission Reports

Economic & Community Development: City Manager Darin DeHaan attended the multi-county wide meeting. They continue to move forward on the housing project with IHDA.

Finance: Budget/Appropriations.

Sustainability Committee: The official Eco Oregon program debuts in July with community spotlights on a couple of local businesses.

Tree Board: Council Member Terry Schuster said the Bird City application has been submitted. The city should know in the next four weeks if the city will receive Bird City designation. He thanked Tom Pacey for his commitment to the project. Mayor Ken Williams said he received correspondence from a citizen stating they would like to see the Carnation Park area become a bird sanctuary.

Public Art Commission: City Manager Darin DeHaan said there may be a new member added to the committee.

250th Commemoration Committee: John Dickson stated he is looking forward to the kickoff on Friday evening and the entertainment on Saturday. Flag raising ceremony will be held on Sunday. City Manager Darin DeHaan thanked John and the great committee that worked on the events for the weekend.

Department & Officer Reports

Chief of Police Matt Kalnins: Thanked the City Council for allowing SRO Terry Lester to present the school resource officer program at the meeting tonight.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: The public works department shoveled fourteen tons of asphalt today. He thanked them for their hard work.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Budget and appropriations are available on the city website. If anyone has any questions, please contact him.

Council Reports

Mayor Ken Williams: An event brochure was mailed out for the events taking place this weekend for the 250th Commemoration celebration. They are also posted on the city website. He said congratulations to all the Oregon Hawk sports participants.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal suits at 6:21pm., Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Adjourn: 6:48 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk