

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 23rd, 2026, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday June 23rd, 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 Tim Krug
Council Member Josiah Flanagan
City Manager Darin DeHaan
Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
Absent: Council Member Melanie Cozzi
Also Present: John Dickson, Earleen Hinton, and Josh Pickering.

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

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

Mayor Ken Williams started the pledge of allegiance.

Presentations

None.

Proclamations, Commendations, Swear In, Etc.

None.

Public Comment

None.

Public Hearing

Mayor Ken Williams opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2026-008 Annual Appropriations at 5:31pm. City Manager Darin DeHaan stated the city is legally mandated to approve an appropriations ordinance annually. The appropriation ordinance sets the maximum amount the city can spend per line item. The city does not spend this amount as the amounts are inflated for emergencies. The city follows a budget, which is closer to the projected expenditures for each fund. John Dickson asked if the coliseum receives enough revenue to expend what is appropriated. City Manager Darin DeHaan said no, the expenditures are based on the tax levy. Mayor Ken Williams said the actual budget for the coliseum is closer to fifty thousand dollars. The appropriation amount is much higher in case of an emergency. Council Member Terry Schuster said to think of appropriations as your credit card limit. You do not intend to spend up to your credit card limit, but it is there if you need it. Mayor Ken Williams closed the public hearing at 5:36pm.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve June 9th, 2026, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$69,481.52 and the current warrants as listed:

a5Group Inc	\$8,356.25
Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$350.00
AlcoPro	\$2,385.50
Amazon Capital Services Inc	\$1,495.73
Audubon Council of Illinois	\$200.00
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,550.00
Comcast	\$850.34
Comcast	\$1,031.82
ComEd	\$5,931.12
Display Sales	\$16,440.28
Ecolab	\$150.00
EM Benefits	\$1,822.66
Fischer's	\$2,116.82
Hawkins, Inc	\$987.17
Highstar Traffic	\$1,143.25
Illinois Rural Water Association	\$657.72
Illinois Tax Increment Association	\$100.00
Kaleel's	\$610.00
Martin and Company Excavating	\$1,170.96
Menards	\$352.96
O'Brien Civil Works Inc	\$20,439.01
Polo Cooperative Association	\$8,288.70
Postmaster	\$10.48
Postmaster	\$819.84
Robinson Outdoor, LLC	\$1,950.00
Shaw Media/Sauk Valley Media	\$56.09
Sun Life Financial	\$415.51
Verizon	\$925.57
Visa	\$3,035.04
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson P.C.	\$132.50
Zoro Tools Inc	\$844.89
	\$84,620.21

Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

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

Ordinances

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2026-008 Annual Appropriations, Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

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

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve Ordinance 2026-009 Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Estate within Oregon Tax Increment Financing District – 125 S. 3rd Street, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said the City Council approved the purchase of the property, but an approved ordinance is needed for TIF. City Manager Darin DeHaan said a subcommittee will decide the vision for how the space will be utilized.

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

Resolutions

None.

Motions

Council Member Terry Schuster moved to approve the FY2027 Annual Budget, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

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

Discussion Items

None.

Board & Commission Reports

Planning: Review and approved zoning map.

Economic & Community Development: Housing. City Manager Darin DeHaan encouraged residents to take the Oregon Community Needs Assessment survey. The survey is available on the city website.

Finance: Budget/Appropriations.

Sustainability Committee: Continue to work on the possibility of converting property in front of the city dog park into prairie. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the EV charging station in the 5th Street parking lot is being utilized a little more. He is working on replacing the sign that is missing. Council Member Terry Schuster asked if a document showing the revenue received over time is available.

Tree Board: Will be creating a report for residents to complete when reporting tree issues. Josh Pickering will work on this with the Tree Board.

Public Art Commission: Continue to work on downtown banners. Will be utilizing art from the Oregon Public Library and photos from the Ogle County Historical Society.

250th Commemoration Committee: John Dickson said attendance was good over the weekend for the event. He estimated at least one hundred and twenty attendees.

Department & Officer Reports

Public Works Department: Held preconstruction meeting for the 7th Street watermain extension project. Project start date is planned for July 13th. The Century Hills general street project, IL-64 sidewalk extension projects will start shortly after followed by the Slurry Seal project. Residents and business owners in areas affected will be notified before construction begins. City Manager Darin DeHaan thanked the City Council for approving the IL-64 sidewalk project.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Testing at the old foundry location on S. 1st Street continues. Should have the results of those tests by the end of July. The city is hopeful of receiving funding to clean up the property.

Council Reports

Council Member Josiah Flanagan: Thanked all who attended and the committee for the 250th Commemoration Event. He said the event was very nice.

Mayor Ken Williams: Thanked the 250th Commemoration Committee. He said the Tug of War was a lot of fun and there were great bands at the Oregon Depot Museum, great event.

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

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

Adjourn: 5:52 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk