The City of Oregon Council met for regular session Monday, November 13th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 106 S. Main St., Oregon. Present were Mayor Richard Wilson, Aldermen Rick Dozier, D.A. Greiner, Kent Bohart and Paxton Crumbaker. City staff members present were Utility Superintendent Bill Prussman, Steven Bradbury, Police Chief Joe Martin, Utility Clerk Rose Crider and City Clerk Tiffany French.

Aldermen Rick Dozier motioned to approve the minutes from the October 9th meeting. Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker made a motion to approve to pay the bills. Motion was seconded by Aldermen Kent Bohart. Motion carried.

**Public Participation with Council**

Mike Sipes, owner of The Goat Grub & Pub said they were asked to participate with the Lesley Ramsey benefit on January 20th at the TJ Hall building. There has been discussion about serving beer during the corn hole tournament. They will need to get a state catering license but need a letter of permission from the city. Council approved The Goat to serve beer during the event.

Mike also mentioned there are no handicap parking spaces in front of his business. Discussion about making the two no parking spots a one parallel handicap space would be beneficial. Aldermen Rick Dozier made a motion to create ordinance to replace the no parking spaces in front of the Goat Grub & Pub to create a single parallel handicap space. Motion was seconded by Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker. Motion passed unanimously.

Rob Wilson from Accounting Solutions presented the 2021-2022 year audit and the single audit. A motion was made by Rick Dozier to accept both the 2021-2022 audit and the single audit. Motion was seconded by Paxton Crumbaker. Vote 4-0.

**Department Reports**

Police Chief Joe Martin advised he is working on finishing his yearly training and has been sending out nuisance violation letters.

Steven Bradbury advised the red Ford truck needs to have the exhaust repair. The exhaust manifold bolts broke off, leaking and we don’t want issues with heads. Walton’s bid is coming in around $6,500.00, he will take it to Holman’s to see what they can bid. Steve also said that one of the plows might have a bad solenoid and it needs to be taken down to Jackson’s for repairs.

Utility Superintendent Bill Prussman advised they got 2 water lines and meter sets in by Karen’s Beauty Salon. Waldinger’s have been working over at the water plant to get ready for the generator. We can go ahead and get the boards for the forms for the concrete and get that started.

Bill said he has a complaint about water drainage across from Riley’s Tire along Nodaway St. Water is washing out the bank. Bill said MODOT is saying there is an old agreement/contract that the city needs to take care of this. Bill said to do it right, the tube needs to extended and gabion stone needs to be put down. Bill will reach out to Jerry Jackson and report back next meeting.

City Clerk Tiffany French advised the council needs to look at a credit card use policy for employees. Also, asked if the council wants to look at passing an ordinance for hands free driving. Council advised yes, go ahead and get it on the agenda for next month.

Tiffany also said Evergy reached out and they took out 2 street lights by the old pool. Does the city council want to place them somewhere else in town? Council told Joe to drive around at night and see where they might be needed.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Wilson advised last month the council discussed employee raises since the city is not able to afford insurance and the new fiscal year budget has taken affect. A motion was made by Aldermen Kent Bohart to give all employees a $4.00 an hour raise, Mayor and Aldermen a $50.00 a month raise. Motion was seconded by Aldermen Rick Dozier. All were in favor. Council advised to leave new hire at the same rate as passed last meeting. Bill Prussman advised he would like to promote Steve Bradbury to Street Supervisor. A motion was made by Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker to Street Supervisor. Motion seconded by Aldermen Kent Bohart. All were in favor.

Richard asked the council about annual gift cards for Christmas. Council approved to get $100.00 gift cards from Price’s Grocery. The annual dinner will be held this year at the TJ Hall building.

**Council Discussion**

Aldermen DA Greiner advised he has been getting complaints about trees hanging over the streets again. After discussion, the council agreed to put an ad in the paper for bids again for someone to go around town and trim trees. Also, a lot of street signs are faded and need replaced. The Jake Brake sign on the west end of town needs replaced.

Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker said Doyal Acton spoke with him about an interest he has purchasing a piece of the cities property that backs up to his. Bill said there are control wires that run to our wells and new wire for the generator. Rick Dozier said we would have to get it surveyed and bid it out. No further discussion.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CLEAN STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM FOR AN ENGINEERING SERVICES GRANT UNDER THE MISSOURI CLEAN WATER LAW (CHAPTER 644, RsMO.).**

Resolution 2023-1 was read by title by Mayor Richard Wilson. Copies of said Resolution were available for the public. Motion was made by Aldermen Kent Bohart to pass the resolution and seconded by Aldermen Rick Dozier. Resolution 2023-1 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Wilson discussed insurance quotes.

Quotes received from Callow Insurance Agency were the following:

**Arlington Roe: Declined to bid (Phasing out writing public entities.)**

**Glatfelter: Declined to bid (Carrier considers Northwest Missouri a high risk for hail property damage and will not quote property insurance at this time.)**

**Missouri Rural Services (Carrier- STAR): $29,001.00**

**MOPERM- $23,961.00, however do not carry cyber coverage. Bid with additional coverage from another carrier for cyber would be$27,184.00**

**Trident: $27,195 however have a wind and hail deductible is $25,000.00**

Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker made a motion to stay with STAR and accept their bid for $29,001.00. The motion was seconded by Aldermen Rick Dozier. Vote 4-0.

Aldermen Rick Dozier motioned to go into closed session for reasons of Personnel 620.021 (3). Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker seconded. Vote: Crumbaker-aye; Greiner-aye; Dozier-aye; Bohart- aye; Nay- none. Motion carried.

No motions were made in closed session.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aldermen Rick Dozier, seconded by Aldermen Kent Bohart. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.