The City of Oregon Council met for regular session Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 106 S. Main St., Oregon. Present were Mayor Richard Wilson, Aldermen Rick Dozier, Kent Bohart, Paxton Crumbaker and D.A. Greiner. City Staff members present were Utility Superintendent Bill Prussman, Street Supervisor Steve Bradbury, Police Chief Joe Martin and City Clerk Tiffany French.

Aldermen Kent Bohart motioned to approve the minutes from the December 11th, 2023 meeting. Aldermen Rick Dozier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**Public Participation with Council**

None.

**Department Reports**

Utility Superintendent Bill Prussman advised they have been working at the lift station by the nursing home. While Bill was on vacation last week, Velocity was supposed to have the diesel pump hooked up and going and it was not. They are supposed to be here tomorrow.

Steve still has 4 days left of vacation, will get those in quick.

Street Supervisor Steve Bradbury said he will be out tonight pushing snow. They got the blade on skid steer. Council said they need to get other plow up and going. Aldermen Kent Bohart asked what does other the other plow need in order to be up and running. Steve said they think it’s the motor.

Steve advised he does not know when Hullman’s will take the red Ford truck. They have the parts in but are having trouble scheduling to get it in.

Police Chief Joe Martin said he finished the year with 150 calls for service. All of the year end reports were completed and his yearly crime reporting audit has been completed.

**Mayors Report**

Richard advised they spoke about street lights last month and he has received the prices from Evergy for adding new lights. Aldermen Rick Dozier asked Joe to see if there was a light by the substation.

Richard advised due to poor road conditions Larry Jacobson and Andy Macias with Snyder and Associates were not able to attend the council meeting this evening. In order to proceed, the council needs to discuss what plan of action they want to continue with for the street and drainage project. The council decided it was best and more cost effective to continue with first drafted cost estimate at once instead of in phases.

Richard asked Bill to get bids to be able to run off the TJ Hall generator at City Hall for the next fiscal year’s budget.

**Council discussion**

Aldermen Kent Bohart- Did MODOT say anything about their easements. Rick said he talked with an employee and they are saying each city has an agreement that they only care for paths that cars drive on. The agreements were put in place when the highways were constructed. City Clerk will look into the agreements and report at the next meeting.

Kent asked Bill if he heard anything further on the generator for the water plant. Bill said they have everything ready for it, the concrete pad still needs marked off.

Kent asked how Willie is doing. Bill said great and he will be attending school in March in St. Joseph and will be able to get 2 certifications.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

Mayor Richard Wilson advised Neptune is moving away from their current software, it will no longer be supported as of June 30th, 2024. If the city purchases new computers in City Hall they will not longer be able to use the current software. There will no longer be tech support for it also. To move to Neptune 360 it will be $6,566.50 which includes training and an annual fee of approximately $1,921.50. The current laptop will need to be replaced with a tablet or a phone. A motion was made by Aldermen Rick Dozier to accept the quote from Schulte supply for Neptune 360. The motion was seconded by Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker. Motion carried.

Mayor Richard Wilson advised Debbie Stroud is not resigning from cleaning TJ Hall, she called today and she will keep cleaning the building.

Richard Wilson advised the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for engineering for sewer plant upgrades are due before the February 12th for meeting for scoring.

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