The City of Oregon Council met for regular session Monday, May 13th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 106 S. Main St., Oregon. Present were Mayor Richard Wilson, Aldermen Kent Bohart, Paxton Crumbaker, D.A. Greiner, Rick Dozier was absent. City Staff members present were Utility Superintendent Bill Prussman, Street Supervisor Steve Bradbury, Utility Clerk Rose Crider and City Clerk Tiffany French.

Aldermen Rick Dozier motioned to approve the minutes from the April 15th, 2024 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 Rick Dozier. Motion carried

**Public Participation with Council**

Lance Morton said he used 14,000 gallons last month and there was no leak found. He doesn’t know how that much water was used. Lance asked if the city could notify him when he has high usage.

Colton and Kim Brock discussed their property at 306 S. Main, they will work on getting it cleaned up. Council advised to get it mowed and cleaned up as soon as possible.

**Department Reports**

Police Chief Joe Martin advised several nuisance letters were sent out over 30 days ago and he has not heard back from any of the property owners. Joe advised the next step would be to hire a building inspector. The council were all in agreement to get a building inspector up here and look at them.

Street Supervisor Steve Bradbury advised they have started fixing ditches. He advised the hole on Auburn Street is a top priority right now, there is a sewer line that runs down the middle of the street. Cole will be starting soon when school is out, he will start patching pot holes.

Utility Superintendent Bill Prussman advised all of the lift stations have been running great and the water plant. They will be replacing a 6 inch tube at the intersection of West Missouri and South Washington by Karen’s Beauty Salon. They are going to place 100ft of 12 inch tube and replacing the tube going west on Missouri in the alley between Washington and Monroe Streets. Bill said Willie Kingsbury asked about his raise after the last meeting. Since he received 2 certification’s he would like $1.00 more an hour. A motion was made by Aldermen D.A. Greiner to give Willie $1.00 an hour raise. The motion was seconded by Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker. Vote 3-0.

City Clerk Tiffany French advised she spoke with Jerri Dearmont from NW Regional Council of Government about the 2 funding cycles open with CDBG regarding the streets project. If the city wants to do 2 applications it is not guaranteed that both would be funded and no timeline would be guaranteed. A motion was made by Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker to keep the streets project as a whole and hire NW Regional Council of Government to be the grant writer for the streets and drainage project at a cost of $1,500. The motion was seconded by Aldermen Kent Bohart. Vote 3-0.

The American Rescue Response Funds have been spent and that account is at zero balance. A motion was made by Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker to close that account at BTC Bank, motion was seconded by Aldermen Kent Bohart. Vote was unanimous.

Tiffany will be attending a NW Clerks Association meeting on Thursday, May 16th and City Hall will be closing at 11:00 a.m and will reopen around 2:00 p.m.

**Mayors Report**

Nothing to report.

**Council discussion**

Aldermen Kent Bohart spoke about putting concrete down instead of rock when they replaced the tube at South Washington and West Missouri due to high traffic It would hold up a lot better.

Kent asked Bill Prussman about hauling lime. Bill said it is muddy and sloppy right now, it will take about 6 months to dry up. However, they can take it to the other pond and let one pond dry up so it can be hauled off. The wet pond is about a quarter full and can most likely behauled off this fall.

**Unfinished Business**

Mayor Wilson advised City Wide Clean Up will be June 8th.

**New Business**

The council discussed the Snyder and Associates contract for the sewer plant upgrades preliminary engineering report. A motion was made by Aldermen Kent Bohart to accept and sign the contact. The motion was seconded by Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker. Vote 3-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aldermen Kent Bohart, seconded by Aldermen D.A. Greiner. Vote was unanamious.