The City of Oregon Council met for regular session Monday, April 15th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 106 S. Main St., Oregon. Present were Mayor Richard Wilson, Aldermen Rick Dozier, Paxton Crumbaker, D.A. Greiner, Kent Bohart was absent. City Staff members present were Utility Superintendent Bill Prussman, Street Supervisor Steve Bradbury, Utility Clerk Rose Crider and City Clerk Tiffany French.

City Clerk Tiffany French administered the Oath of Offices to Mayor Richard Wilson, Aldermen D.A. Greiner and Aldermen Rick Dozier.

Aldermen Rick Dozier motioned to approve the minutes from the March 11th, 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**

Kenneth Paxton advised they remodeled their house and asked questions about landscaping and sidewalks. Kenneth advised he would like the bradford pear tree which is invasive specials that is on the cities easement to be removed.

Laura Bowness said she had to pay a reconnect fee for her water being disconnected on the 7th of April right after she just received her new bill. She asked the council to waive the reconnect fee. Council were in agreement and the fee was adjusted.

**Department Reports**

Utility Superintendent Bill Prussman advised plant operator William Kingsbury passed both of his exams through Dept. of Natural Resources. Willie received the Water Distribution 1 and Water Treatment C Certification’s. A motion was made by Paxton Crumbaker to give Willie a $1.00 an hour raise. Motion was seconded by Rick Dozier. All were in favor.

Bill advised they had been having trouble at the lift station behind the nursing home, however the new submersible pump has been installed and should be working good now.

Bill said he had a minor vehicle accident, no injuries and minor damage. The other vehicle involved will be getting an estimate on damages and turn in to the city soon.

Liberty Gas came and ran the gas line for the generator at the water plant. Originally they were not going to charge an extra fees. However, corporate sent the city an invoice for $2,611.74.

Street Supervisor Steve Bradbury advised Cole Medsker will start patching pot holes in the streets when the patch comes in, we are on the list to get it when it is available from Keller Construction. Steve advised they will be digging ditches also very soon.

City Clerk Tiffany French advised the city wide garage sales are going to be June 8th. Council advised to go ahead and reserve the dumpsters with Montgomery and Son Trash for the same day for city wide clean up.

City Clerk Tiffany French advised she received a phone call from Jeri Dearmont with Northwest Regional Council of Government. Jeri advised the city will be able to split the streets and drainage project into separate phases and apply for more grant money since the application process did not open last year more money is available. A decision to split the project into phases was discussed and the council would like to know if this will delay construction further.

Utility Clerk Rose Crider advised she would like to stay employed with the city as part time but would like to cut her hours back. Council approved.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Wilson advised Police Chief Joe Martin sent out nuisance letters. If there is nothing done by May 1st, the city will need to hire a building inspector. Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker advised while they are in town might as well drive around and look to see if there are more properties that need attention.

**Council discussion**

Aldermen Rick Dozier advised he received a complaint about trash behind Farm Bureau. Mayor Wilson will advise Joe.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Bills for consideration**

**Bill No. 2024-2 Ordinance 335** was informally discussed with no motions made. A copy of said Ordinance was available to the public prior to tonight’s meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aldermen Rick Dozier, seconded by Aldermen Paxton Crumbaker. Vote was unanamious.