



Minutes

City Council Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
February 23, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order Mayor DeVore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call **Present:** Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart
 Also Present: City Administrator Mulfinger, Administrative Assistant Kaylonna McKee
 Absent: NA

Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to adopt the agenda as presented.

All aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Public Comments - See Guidelines for Public Comments Below

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion approving the February 9, 2026 minutes.
2. Claims Resolution in the amount of \$523,813.38.
3. Consideration of a motion approving the Class "E" Retail Alcohol License for Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh.
4. Consideration of a resolution authorizing temporary closure of public ways or grounds for Oelwein Chamber And Area Development Party in the Park Events.
Resolution No. 5863-2026 was applied to this resolution.
5. Consideration of a resolution approving Change Order No. 3 in the amount of –(\$165.25) for 10th St. Bridge Reconstruction Project with Taylor Construction.
Resolution No. 5864-2026 was applied to this resolution.
6. Consideration of a resolution approving Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$99,574.69 to Taylor Construction for the 10th St. Bridge Project
Resolution No. 5865-2026 was applied to this resolution.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve the consent agenda.

All aye. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

7. Public Hearing on proposed sale of city owned real property located at 502 E. Charles on February 23, 2026 at 6PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

Mayor DeVore opened the public hearing.

No further written or oral comments were received.

Mayor DeVore closed the public hearing.

8. Public Hearing on proposed sale of city owned real property located at 111 5th Avenue SW on February 23, 2026 at 6PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

Mayor DeVore opened the public hearing.

No further written or oral comments were received.

Mayor DeVore closed the public hearing.

Resolutions

9. Consideration of a resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2027 (2026-2027) Budget for March 23, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5866-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution approving construction engineering services for the 2026 Water System Improvements with Fehr Graham in the amount of \$123,500.00.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5867-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

11. Consideration of a resolution approving an easement with Hawkeye Telephone Company.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5868-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

12. Consideration of a resolution approving the sale of 502 E. Charles to Angela Elliott in the amount of \$50.00.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5869-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

13. Consideration of a resolution approving the sale of 111 5th Ave SW to Christopher J. Henderson in the amount of \$250.00.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve Resolution No. 5870-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

14. Consideration of a resolution approving approves appointments to the Williams Wellness Center Advisory Committee

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Resolution No. 5871-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

Motions

15. Consideration of a motion directing staff on Airport Board meeting frequency.

A motion was made by Gearhart, seconded by Ricchio to direct staff to update the airport board frequency to bimonthly. All aye. Motion carried.

16. Consideration of a motion to send the Max Tax Levy to the county.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to send the Max Tax Levy to the county. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

17. Report from Payne on the Library Board Minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.oelwein.lib.ia.us/about/library-board-minutes-1>

18. Report from Cantrell on the Park and Recreation Committee meeting.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityofoelwein.org/bc-parks/page/parks-and-recreation-29>

19. Report from Gearhart on the Airport Board minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityofoelwein.org/bc-ab/page/airport-board-42>

Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVore stated the Fayette County Landfill Commission continues to discuss privatizing the operations of the landfill pros and cons.

City Attorney's Report

City Administrator Mulfinger walked council through the city attorney bills.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Mulfinger stated the Iowa DOT has recommended the four-lane portion of Highway 150 to be altered into a three-lane.

Mulfinger spoke on the installation of the 10th Street Bridge. It is a project that has been made possible by the decisions made by council.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Cantrell, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 6:44PM.

All aye. Motion carried

Brett DeVore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

I, Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator in and for the City of Oelwein, Iowa do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true accounting of the Council Proceedings held February 23, 2026 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register February 24, 2026.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator