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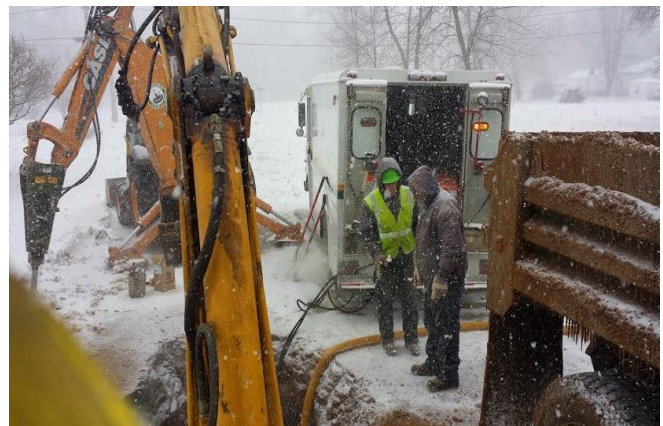
- July 2021 25 percent
- July 2022 6 percent
- July 2023 6 percent
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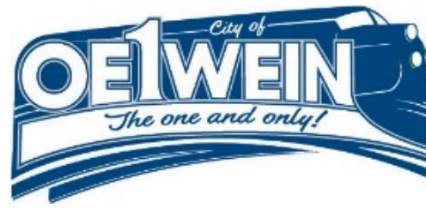
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- \$779,500 loan for Water Infrastructure Project
  - Already awarded \$600,000 in CDBG funds
- \$1,300,000 for an additional project/projects
- \$100,000 annual revenue for capital improvement projects in water

Water main breaks are too common in the City of Oelwein. Old pipes that are no longer viable continue to be used. City staff is working with City Council on a plan that allows for the city to tackle projects on the city's timeline and not because of an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Mandate, or because of failing infrastructure. Water delivery is the most important service in the City of Oelwein. City Council is committed to providing safe drinking water 24/7.





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The City of Oelwein is working toward an aggressive rate and fee schedule for the Sewer/Wastewater utility to complete several projects as shown below:

- \$1,000,000 Reed Bed Expansion
- \$300,000 Nutrient Reduction
- \$200,000 Clean Out Equalization Basin Replace Liner
- \$200,000 Sewer Main Replacement
- \$135,000 UV Disinfection
- \$100,000 annual revenue for capital improvement projects in sewer/wastewater
- \$70,000 staffing level
- Infiltration/Inflow (INI Study)
- Improvements to 4th and 5th NE

Raising rates on a utility is not something that the City takes lightly. City staff has planned out several projects and worked the numbers for months to prepare a successful plan for City Council. The current council is serious and determined to make improvements to infrastructure. The determining factor is that City Council no longer wants to make this problem the next generations and take a proactive approach. The City continues to deal with tighter regulations from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and believes that rate increases will help the city stay in front of these regulations which will cost the city millions of dollars.

