



Minutes

City Council Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
May 26, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call **Present:** Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, Administrative Assistant McKee

Absent: Cantrell

Additions or Deletions

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Public Comments - See Guidelines for Public Comments Below

Helen Barrett, 405 4th Street NE, requested the council revisit the parking at the pool. She stated when the pool is operating, it makes it difficult to get out of her garage. DeVore stated he would have staff look into a solution.

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion approving the May 11, 2026 minutes.
2. Claims resolution in the amount of \$2,035,624.45.
3. Consideration of a motion to approve the Class 'C' Retail Alcohol License for the Hacienda Del Rio.
4. Consideration of a motion to approve the Class 'C' Retail Alcohol License for the City of Oelwein for the Big O Weekend activities.

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

5. Public Hearing amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget on May 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

Mayor DeVore opened the public hearing.

No written or oral comments were received.

Mayor DeVore closed the public hearing.

6. Public Hearing on the proposed sale of city owned real property located at 208 8th Avenue SW on May 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

Mayor DeVore opened the public hearing.

No written or oral comments were received.

Mayor DeVore closed the public hearing.

Resolutions

7. Consideration of a resolution adopting a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5904-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Cantrell Motion carried.

8. Consideration of a resolution supporting the submission of a Railroad Crossing Elimination (Crossing Safety) Program Grant.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5905-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Cantrell Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution approving support for the local match of the application through the Iowa Department Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding from the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cannon to approve Resolution No. 5906-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Cantrell Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution approving sale of city owned real property located at 208 8th Avenue SW.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Resolution No. 5907-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Cantrell Motion carried.

11. Consideration of a resolution approving Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$318,450.95 to Taylor Construction for the 10th Street Bridge Project.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5908-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Catrell Motion carried.

Motions

12. Consideration of a motion to approve the goal setting calendar.

Cannon questioned if the calendar could be moved up three months to begin working on goals sooner rather than later. Gearhart and Ricchio both would like to keep the calendar as is to ensure there is maximum opportunity for community input.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve the goal setting calendar as listed.

4 Aye, 1 Nay (Cannon). Motion carried.

13. Consideration of a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request for the Oelwein Area Historical Society in the amount of \$1,500.00.

A motion was made by Ricchio, seconded by Gearhart to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request for the Oelwein Area Historical Society in the amount of \$1,000.00.

3 Aye, 2 Nay (Weber, Payne). Motion carried.

14. Consideration of a motion approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request for the American Legion Ross Reid Post 9 in the amount of \$3,490.00.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request for the American Legion Ross Reid Post 9 in the amount of \$3,490.00.

All aye. Motion carried.

15. Consideration of a motion approving the special event application for the Fayette County Democrats.

A motion was made by Gearhart, seconded by Cannon to approve the special event application for the Fayette County Democrats.

All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

16. Report from Cantrell on the Park & Rec meeting minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityfoelwein.org/bc-parks/page/parks-and-recreation-31>

17. Report from Payne on the Library Board meeting minutes.

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

Mayor's Report

- A. Consideration of a motion approving Christian Solsma to the Library Board.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Christian Solsma to the Library Board.

All aye. Motion carried.

Mayor DeVore reminded the council of the openings on the Zoning Boards of Adjustments. City Administrator Mulfinger stressed the importance of the board.

City Attorney's Report

For full invoices, please visit: <https://www.cityfoelwein.org/citycouncil/page/city-council-meeting-187>

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Mulfinger stated his progress on the Railroad and Flood mitigation grants. Mulfinger also stated the pool is open and in full force.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM.

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 May 26, 2026 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register May 28, 2027.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator