



Minutes

City Council Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
March 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:** Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Ricchio (via speaker phone)
 Also Present: City Administrator Mulfinger, McKee, Guest Councilmember Ron Williams
 Absent: Gearhart

Additions or Deletions

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Employee Recognition

1. Recognition of years of service awards for the fire and police departments.

Public Safety Chief Jeremy Logan recognized the following for their years of service:

<u>Police Department</u>		<u>Fire Department</u>	
Shannon Cox	5 years	Kyle Randall	5 years
		Chris Brunscheon	5 years
		Ryan Haar	5 years
		Mike Hillman	15 years

Consent Agenda

2. Consideration of a motion approving the March 9, 2026 minutes.
3. Claims resolution in the amount of \$427,408.46.
4. Consideration of a motion approving the Class "C" Retail Alcohol License for the Columbus Club.
5. Consideration of a motion approving the Class "B" Retail Alcohol License for Kwik Star #665.
6. Consideration of a resolution authorizing temporary closure of public ways or grounds for Oelwein Fire Fighters Foundation.

Resolution No. 5873-2026 was applied to this resolution.

7. Consideration of a resolution authorizing temporary closure of public ways or grounds for Pony Express.

Resolution No. 5874-2026 was applied to this resolution.

- Consideration of a resolution approves pay application no. 6 in the amount of \$407,043.42 to Taylor Construction for the 10th St. Bridge Project.

Resolution No. 5875-2026 was applied to this resolution.

- Consideration of a resolution approving an expense reimbursement number five in the amount of \$43,746.57 for the Oelwein RISE Day Habilitation Center Improvements Project.

Resolution No. 5876-2026 was applied to this resolution.

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Ordinances

- Consideration of an ordinance amending, Chapter 6, Article IV, Oelwein Airport Board, Section 6-103 Meeting and Minutes of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oelwein, Iowa. - Second Reading.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article IV, Oelwein Airport Board, Section 6-103 Meeting and Minutes of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oelwein, Iowa.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gearhart Motion carried.

- Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 19 – Animal and Fowl - Sections 19-0.5 through 19-39 Related to Animal and Fowl. - First Reading.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cannon to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 19 – Animal and Fowl - Sections 19-0.5 through 19-39 Related to Animal and Fowl.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gearhart Motion carried.

Resolutions

- Consideration of a resolution scheduling a public hearing for the proposed City Budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 (2026-2027) for April 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5877-2026.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gearhart Motion carried.

13. Consideration of a resolution approving city property use and street closures for the Oelwein Fire Convention September 2027 and 2028.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5878-2026.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gearhart Motion carried.

14. Consideration of a resolution formally awarding Downtown Property Forgivable Loans for building improvements provided by Tax Increment Financing.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5879-2026.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gearhart Motion carried.

15. Consideration of a resolution amending the Oelwein Fee Schedule.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5880-2026.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gearhart Motion carried.

16. Consideration of a resolution amending the Oelwein Salary Schedule.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5881-2026.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gearhart Motion carried.

17. Consideration of a resolution approving an updated project cost for the 2026 Airport Paving Project.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5882-2026.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gearhart Motion carried.

Motions

18. Consideration of a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request from the Fayette County Agricultural Society.

A motion was made by Cantrell, seconded by Weber to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise and Economic Development Committee in the amount of \$2,500.00 on the Hotel Motel request from the Fayette County Agricultural Society.

All aye. Motion carried.

19. Consideration of a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request for the Big O Weekend.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise and Economic Development Committee in the amount of \$10,000.00 on the Hotel Motel request for the Big O Weekend.

All aye. Motion carried.

20. Consideration of a motion to approve a special event application for the Oelwein Christian Church Easter Egg Hunt.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve the special event application for the Oelwein Christian Church Easter Egg Hunt. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

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

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

Council Updates

Council member Cantrell inquired about open burning. Public Safety Chief Logan stated the dates will be posted soon but have not currently been set. Council member Cannon asked when the parks will be officially open. Parks Superintendent Johnson stated Redgate and Platt are currently open. City Park will be open soon, though is not currently.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Devore stated the county is continuing to investigate tipping fees.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Mulfinger stated the paving of the 10th Street Bridge is about to begin. Mulfinger stated that on Saturdays local legislators meet in Arlington to speak with constituents.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 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 March 23, 2026 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register March 25, 2026.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator