



# Minutes

City Council Meeting  
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein  
October 28, 2024 - 6:00 PM

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Call to Order

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

## Roll Call

**Present:** Garrigus, Ricchio (via speaker phone), Payne, Weber, Lenz

**Also Present:** Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, City Clerk/Treasurer Rigdon, City Attorney Herman

**Absent:** Seeders

## Additions or Deletions

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

All aye. Motion carried.

## Citizens Public Comments

Warren Fisk, 102 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, is against allowing for the whiskey tasting at the library. He feels if whiskey is served at the library's event it will no longer be a Library learning experience.

## Consent Agenda

2. Consideration of a motion to approve the October 14, 2024 minutes.
3. Claims resolution in the amount of \$834,465.10.
4. Consideration of a motion authorizing whiskey tasting at Oelwein Public Library's hosting of Ann Hanigan Kotz on November, 13, 2024.
5. Consideration of a motion to approve the Class 'C' Retail Alcohol License for Oil & Wine Beer Co. LLC. dba: Ampersand.

Payne stated she agrees with Fisk regarding the whiskey tasting.

Susan Macken, Library Director, elaborated the author had written a book on bootlegging in Iowa, whiskey tasting was an option. The whiskey will not be sold on library property.

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

All aye. Motion carried.

## Public Hearing

6. Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the Central Urban Renewal Area.

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 the Iowa Department of Transportation City Street Finance Report.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Garrigus to adopt Resolution No. 5653-2024.

Ayes: Garrigus, Ricchio, Payne, Weber, Lenz

Nays: NA

Absent: Seeders

Motion carried.

8. Consideration of a resolution to approve the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Central Urban Renewal Area.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 5654-2024.

Ayes: Garrigus, Ricchio, Payne, Weber, Lenz

Nays: NA

Absent: Seeders

Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution approving Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$56,244.04 to Woodruff Construction, Inc. for Oelwein Municipal Airport Airfield Vault.

A motion was made by Garrigus, seconded by Weber to adopt Resolution No. 5655-2024.

Ayes: Garrigus, Ricchio, Payne, Weber, Lenz

Nays: NA

Absent: Seeders

Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution approving the purchase of two lift station pumps from Electric Pump in the amount of \$43,657.75

Public Works Superintendent Doudney explained the need for the pumps for the sewer system and wants to have spares on hand as a disaster plan. The pumps would take eight to ten weeks to order.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to adopt Resolution No. 5656-2024.

Ayes: Garrigus, Ricchio, Payne, Weber, Lenz

Nays: NA

Absent: Seeders

Motion carried.

11. Consideration of a resolution approving an HVAC System heat pump repair with Waldinger Corporation in the amount of \$13,954.39 for the Oelwein Public Library.

A motion was made by Payne, seconded by Weber to adopt Resolution No. 5657-2024.

Ayes: Garrigus, Ricchio, Payne, Weber, Lenz

Nays: NA

Absent: Seeders

Motion carried.

12. Consideration of a resolution approving an agreement for the leasing, assignment, or sale of existing dark fiber located in the City of Oelwein right of way by Interstate Power and Light Company.

Mike Wagner, Alliant Energy, explained businesses outside of Oelwein leasing unused fiber line options.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Garrigus to adopt Resolution No. 5658-2024.

Ayes: Garrigus, Ricchio, Payne, Weber, Lenz

Nays: NA

Absent: Seeders

Motion carried.

13. Consideration of a resolution approving a Farmland Lease for Three Years 2025-2027 with Kent Reinking for the ground at the Oelwein Municipal Airport.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Garrigus to adopt Resolution No. 5659-2024.

Ayes: Garrigus, Ricchio, Payne, Weber, Lenz

Nays: NA

Absent: Seeders

Motion carried.

### **Motions**

14. Discussion on City Finance and Debt with Maggie Burger with Speer Financial, Inc.

Maggie Burger, Speer Financial, walked council through the city's outstanding debt, which includes General Obligation bonds, Revenue debt, and Tax Increment Financing debt. Burger reported the city is in good financial standing.

15. Receipt, Consideration, and Potential Action related to Councilperson Seeders Notice of Leave of Absence.

Weber stressed the importance of budget season and suggested the limiting of time posed for the leave of absence.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to receive Councilperson Seeders Leave of Absence and to direct the mayor to communicate to Councilperson Seeders City Council's recommendation of a 60 day limit on the leave of absence, stressing the importance of budget season.

All aye.

Motion carried.

16. Consideration of a motion to discuss with possible action Oelwein Celebrations, Inc. Hotel Motel funding.

City Attorney Herman discussed the legalities of taking back funds from Oelwein Celebrations, Inc. (OCI). Payne stated Oelwein Chamber and Area Development had paid back funding from their profit from the sesquicentennial celebration and so should OCI.

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Payne to request a closed session for further discussion on litigation.

All aye.

Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

17. Report from Seeders on the October Library Board Minutes.

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

### **Mayor's Report**

- A. Vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

Mayor DeVore reminded the council of the current vacant positions.

Mayor DeVore suggested instituting a code of conduct which council members would need to sign. He recommended adding it to the Rules of Procedure for Conduct.

### **City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Herman reported on the foreclosure of a revolving loan fund property.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM.

All aye.

Motion carried.

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Brett DeVore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 October 28, 2024 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register October 30, 2024.

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator