



Minutes

City Council Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
May 11, 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, City Clerk/Treasurer Rigdon

Absent: Cantrell

Additions or Deletions

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Proclamations

A. Poppy Day Proclamation.

Mayor DeVore read the Poppy Day Proclamation. Alice Vargason, Miss Poppy, accepted the proclamation. Poppies will be handed out on May 22nd and 23rd.

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion approving the April 27, 2026 minutes.
2. Consideration of a motion to approve the Class 'C' Retail Alcohol License for Leo's Italian Restaurant.
3. Consideration of a motion to approve the Class 'C' Retail Alcohol License for the City of Oelwein for the Big O Weekend activities.
4. Consideration of a motion to move the May 25th council meeting to May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.
5. Consideration of a resolution approving the temporary closure of public ways or grounds for the American Legion Post 9 and the Oelwein Coliseum Ballroom.

Resolution No. 5898-2026 was applied.

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

6. Public Hearing for May 11th, 2026 at 6:00 PM for the construction plan specifications for the OLZ Rehabilitation of the T-Hangar Taxilanes.

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 setting a public hearing amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget on May 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5899-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Cantrell

Motion carried.

8. Consideration of a resolution approving the bid for the Oelwein Municipal Airport T-Hangar Taxilanes Rehabilitation to Mehmert Tiling, Inc. in the amount of \$762,956.90.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5900-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Cantrell

Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution Iowa approving a contract with ULTATEL for voice over internet protocol phones (VOIP).

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Resolution No. 5901-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Cantrell

Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution scheduling public hearing on the proposed 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. 5902-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Cantrell

Motion carried.

11. Consideration of a resolution approving the bid for the 2026 Nuisance Abatement Mowing Contract to H&C Rentals LLC. In the amount of \$65.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve Resolution No. 5903-2026.

Aye: Payne, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Cantrell

Motion carried.

Motions

12. Consideration of a motion to add Shoofly Crossing (Parking Lot C) to the chip seal work list in the amount of \$5,700.00.

A motion was made by Cannon, seconded by Weber to approve adding Shoofly Crossing (Parking Lot C) to the chip seal work list in the amount of \$5,700.00.

All aye.

Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

A. Vacant Positions on Zoning Boards of Adjustments.

Mayor DeVore reminded council of the two vacant positions on the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

B. Consideration of a motion reappointing John Fox to the Tree Board.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cannon to approve John Fox to the Tree Board.

All aye. Motion carried.

C. Consideration of a motion reappointing Ron Lenth to the Tree Board.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Ron Lenth to the Tree Board.

All aye. Motion carried.

City Administrator's Report

D. City Administrator.

FEMA denied the grant application last year for the flooding retention basin. There was a change in the rules and the city was encouraged to reapply.

The city is also currently applying for the BRIC grant for the flooding retention basin, which contains similar information to that of the FEMA grant.

The Railroad Crossing Elimination (Crossing Safety) Program grant application began on May 11.

The Big O weekend planning is going well, with a great group currently working on it. The group is seeking volunteers.

Adjournment

E. Additional Information.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 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 11, 2026 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register May 14, 2026.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator