



Minutes

City Council Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
January 27, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Garrigus

Additions or Deletions

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Public Comments - See Guidelines for Public Comments Below

1. Mike Leo, 3672 Outer Road, stated the information in Saturday's newspaper was slanderous and was very upset.
2. Warren Fisk, 102 6th Ave SW, emphasized the need to follow the demolition assistance policy. He stated when council goes against the policy it sheds a bad light on previous councils who chose to follow the policy and not give funding to landlords.

Consent Agenda

2. Consideration of a motion to approve the January 13, 2025 minutes.
3. Claims Resolution in the amount of \$759,798.53.
4. Consideration of a motion to approve the Class 'C' Retail Alcohol License amendment for American Legion Ross Reid Post #9.

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Resolutions

5. Consideration of a resolution approving the release of the City of Oelwein's counter claim.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 5693-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Absent: Garrigus

Motion carried.

6. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to serve as the city's authorized representative with regards to actions pertaining to application and administration of the Fiscal Year 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 5694-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Absent: Garrigus

Motion carried.

7. Consideration of a resolution approving Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee's recommendation for the demolition application for 725 2nd Avenue SE to Doug Bryan in the amount of \$4,100.00.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to adopt Resolution No. 5695-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Absent: Garrigus

Motion carried.

Motions

8. Consideration of a motion to seek bids on the 2025 Road Chip Seal Improvement Project.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to seek bids on the 2025 Road Chip Seal Improvement Project.

All aye.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

9. Report on the Library Board meeting minutes.

Mayor DeVore reported to see the full minutes at: <https://www.oelwein.lib.ia.us/about/library-board>

10. Report on the Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

Full minutes can be viewed at: <https://www.cityofoelwein.org/bc-parks/page/parks-and-recreation-20>

Council Updates

Weber would like to see when an individual is proposing to build on a city property they purchased, the city should have wording in the contract and purchase agreement to hold the buyers accountable.

Weber stated he would like an update from Celebrate Oelwein, Inc. also known as "Summer Fest", and if both are necessary with RAGBRAI coming to the city. He would like to know what has been done and what is transferable to RAGBRAI at the next council meeting, February 10th.

Mayor DeVore requested pressure to be put on Oelwein Celebration, Inc. to get the excess funds granted to them returned to the city to use for RAGBRAI. DeVore stated RAGBRAI's state committee is going to visit Oelwein in the following week.

Mayor's Report

11. Consideration of a motion approving the mayor's appointment of Jerry Bostian to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded Lenz to appoint Jerry Bostian to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

All aye.

Motion carried.

12. Vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

Mulfinger stated another round of letters to community members regarding the vacant positions on boards and commissions were sent out.

City Administrator’s Report

Mulfinger stated a 13-million-dollar grant request was turned down.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 6:21PM.

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 January 27, 2025 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register January 30, 2025.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator