

RESOLUTION NO. _____-2025

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY2026 AND FY 2027 BUDGET REDUCTION ACT

WHEREAS, the city is facing declining revenues because the state of Iowa has a priority to cut property taxes for residents; and

WHEREAS, the city must make cuts that will now result in less service to the Oelwein taxpayer and

WHEREAS, the cuts come at a time where the city is faced with multiple request for more services and a higher cost of operating; and

WHEREAS, the city council has worked through multiple work sessions to form t the best plan moving forward; and

WHEREAS, the city will cut positions and programs that helped the city operate efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the following shall happen:

- The city council is voting on the following major budget decisions:
 - Retaining the code enforcement position
 - Retaining road funding when available from local option sales tax and franchise fee
 - Removing the Administrative Assistant position from Community Development
 - Removing a Police Patrol Position
 - Removing one cemetery and one park part time employee
 - Eliminating \$30,000 from the library funding
- The city council will vote on the following minor budget decisions:
 - New phones, started September 2025
 - Lower cost internet
 - Drop big leaf in buildings that get fiber
 - Work to lower attorney fees
 - Less mowing with prairie plantings
 - No downtown hanging baskets
 - Remove downtown street scape when applicable
 - Reduce city cell phones
 - Cancel snow text alerts
 - End funding for the farmer's market
 - Reduce junk house removal to \$50,000 from \$60,000
 - Move bulk sticker item cost to landfill fund

; and

WHEREAS, should the city receive additional funding moving forward, the following will be implemented first:

- Police Patrol Position
- Park and cemetery part time workers
- Library funding

; and

WHEREAS, the city is committed to providing services that the public expects from their tax dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Oelwein, Iowa approves the approves the FY2026 and FY 2027 Budget Reduction Act

Passed and approved this 13th day of October, 2025.

Brett DeVore, Mayor

Attest:

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

Recorded October 14, 2025.

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Resolution as read be adopted, and upon roll call there were:

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Ricchio
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