



# Minutes

City Council Meeting  
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein  
September 14, 2026 - 6:00 PM

## Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Roll Call**      **Present:**      Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell  
                         **Also Present:** Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, Administrative Assistant McKee  
                         **Absent:**      NA

## Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve the agenda as amended.

All aye.      Motion carried.

## Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion to approve the August 24, 2026 minutes.

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

All aye.      Motion carried.

## Public Hearing

2. Public Hearing on the Vacation and Transfer of the City Right of Way to Calvin Anderman on September 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

DeVore opened the public hearing.

No written or oral comments were received.

DeVore closed the public hearing.

3. Public Hearing on the Vacation and Transfer of the City Right of Way to James Walter and John Bamford on September 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

DeVore opened the public hearing.

No written or oral comments were received.

DeVore closed the public hearing.

## Resolutions

4. Consideration of a resolution approving the Vacation and Transfer of the City Right of Way to Calvin Anderman.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Resolution No. 5930-2026.

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

Nay:      NA      Motion carried.

5. Consideration of a resolution approving the Vacation and Transfer of the City Right of Way to James Walters and John Bamford.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5931-2026.

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

Nay: NA Motion carried.

6. Consideration of a resolution approving mortgage releases related to City of Oelwein Forgivable Loan Program and Revolving Loan Program.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cannon to approve Resolution No. 5932-2026.

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

Nay: NA Motion carried.

7. Consideration of a resolution approving a demolition bid in the amount of \$38,585.00 from Lansing Brothers Construction.

Council person Payne raised concerns about a previous working relationship with Lansing Brothers Construction regarding foundations. Mulfinger stated the city has not had issues with Lansing and if they did it was before his time in the position.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5933-2026.

Aye: Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio, Weber, Cantrell

Nay: Payne Motion carried.

8. Consideration of a resolution approving the bid for the Library Sprinkler System to Iowa Fire Protection in the amount of \$11,400.00.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Resolution No. 5934-2026.

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

Nay: NA Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution authorizing Northway Well & Pump Co. to complete work on the 42 Well.

Public Works Superintendent Doudney explained the need for the work to be completed, as well as the scope of the work.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve Resolution No. 5935-2026.

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

Nay: NA Motion carried.

## Motions

10. Consideration of a motion to send a personnel manual amendment to the public safety committee for Volunteer Emergency Services Response During Working Hours.

A motion was made by Cantrell, seconded by Weber to approve sending a personnel manual amendment to the public safety committee for Volunteer Emergency Services Response During Working Hours. All aye. Motion carried.

11. Consideration of a motion to create a temporary city flag committee.

A motion was made by Cannon, seconded by Weber to approve creating a temporary city flag committee. All aye. Motion carried.

12. Consideration of a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request for the Williams Center for the Arts in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Chairperson Gearhart stated the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee recommended approving the Hotel Motel request for the Williams Center for the Arts.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request for the Williams Center for the Arts in the amount of \$2,500.00.

All aye. Motion carried.

13. Consideration of a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request for the Grimms Custom Creations in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Chairperson Gearhart stated the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee recommended denying the Hotel Motel request for the Grimms Custom Creations in the amount of \$2,500.00.

A motion was made by Cannon, seconded by Gearhart to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request for Grimms Custom Creations in the amount of \$2,500.00.

All aye. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

14. Report from Payne on the Library Board Minutes.

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

### **Council Updates**

Council person Ricchio suggested Hotel Motel funds should be utilized for a free swim night for under privileged community members.

Council person Ricchio stated he would like bid openings to be more explicitly open to the public.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor DeVore stated there is an upcoming Landfill meeting. He also stated he and Council person Cannon will be attending the Iowa League of Cities Conference.

### **City Administrator's Report**

City Administrator Mulfinger stated he applied for an additional grant for the Flood Mitigation project.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to adjourn the meeting at 6:36PM.

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 September 14, 2026 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register September 16, 2026.

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator