



To: Mayor and City Council

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Subject: Status of the Oelwein Aquatic Center 2020

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The current pandemic is requiring the city of Oelwein to make a difficult decision to open or close the Oelwein Aquatic Center for the 2020 pool season. The pool is a great asset for the community and helps provide a healthy activity for children and families of Oelwein. With the current rules of the governor the city cannot open the pool as it would violate the rules set in place restricting the amount of people in one area.

The City Council has a difficult decision that must be made by May 11 to either close the pool for the 2020 season or work toward a reduced schedule with several restrictions.

Reasons to close

- The pool may have to close early as Iowa schools can open early in August
- The rules for allowing in patrons may change weekly depending on the state and the current pandemic
- Staffing levels may be difficult as former and new employees may not want to risk exposure
- Training for new staff was cancelled and would have to be done at the Aquatic Center
- Making the decision early on would allow the city to focus on improvements this year and ensure a great season next year

The city has had a limited number of passes sold and will provide refunds should the pool not open in 2020. This decision will be difficult as the pool continues to be a great asset for Oelwein families.