



Oelwein Public Library
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To the Honorable Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator:

During the month of September, it became apparent that the library's HVAC system was not cooling the building. Waldinger Corporation from Cedar Rapids was called to check the system since they were the company that had repaired the unit in August of 2023. The technician discovered that the R-22 refrigerant was depleted due to a leak. Six (6) pounds of R-22 was added to the system as a temporary measure to get the system running until a complete examination of the system could be done. The technician noted that R-22 is hard to find since it is no longer produced and that the library's HVAC system will require this refrigerant to run the heating and the cooling.

The technician returned in October and fixed the leak in Heat Pump 1. The technician discovered that the compressor in Heat Pump 2, that heats and cools the entire west side of the library, was no longer functioning. The proposal to replace the compressor and refill 18 pounds of R-22 is \$13,954.39. The City Administrator has recommended using franchise fee dollars for this expense as the reserves in the capital projects can handle this expense.

Sincerely,

Susan Macken
Library Director