

The Grand Theatre of Oelwein  
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On behalf of The Grand Theatre of Oelwein, I would like to thank you and the city for the \$10,000 grant from the Hotel/Motel Program. When you approved our funding, the theatre board thought we would be doing our seating update at the end of August. Disney had announced that it was releasing it's movie Mulan for mid to late September.

Since that time Disney has decided to release this movie direct to Disney Plus its online movie program. No other movie house is planning to release any new movies before Christmas. We have been showing "Classic Movies" since early July with social distancing and very strict cleaning protocols.

The COVID19 pandemic has been very difficult and very expensive to our theatre. We hope to move forward with our seating update in late February of 2021. If the movie houses delay release dates this will affect this date also. We also will plan to only update Theatre 1 our larger theatre. We have had to use our savings to continue the theatre operations.

I am asking the city to please hold our funds until this time. If things change, I promise to keep you informed of those changes.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew J Vogel  
President