



Minutes

City Council Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
August 25, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Lenz, Cantrell, Payne, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, City Clerk/Treasurer Rigdon

Absent: NA

Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to approve the agenda as presented.

All aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Public Comments

John Latham, 230 4th Street SW, inquired about the location of the of the cell tower and other logistics. City staff answered accordingly.

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion to approve the August 11, 2025 minutes.
2. Claims resolution in the amount of \$576,518.48.
3. Consideration of a resolution authorizing temporary closure of public ways and grounds for Oelwein Rotary Club Events on August 28, 2025.

Resolution No. 5791-2025 was applied to this resolution

4. Consideration of a motion to approve the Class 'E' Retail Alcohol License for Hy-Vee, Inc DBA Hy-Vee Oelwein Dollar Fresh.
5. Consideration of a motion to approve the Special Class 'C' Retail Alcohol License for First Garden.
6. Consideration of a motion to approve the Special Class 'C' Retail Alcohol License for Oelwein Area Historical Society DBA Oelwein Coliseum.

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Ordinances

7. Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Industrial Property Tax Exemption. - Third and Final Reading.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Ordinance No. 1223.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Payne, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

Resolutions

8. Consideration of a resolution setting a public hearing for September 8th, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers for the construction plan specifications for the construction of the 10th Street Bridge.

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to approve Resolution No. 5792-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Payne, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution setting a public hearing on September 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers for a lease with Alltel Corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless for land at 230 4th Street SW for construction of a cell phone tower.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5793-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Seeders, Weber

Nays: Payne, Ricchio

Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution approving an employee education assistance agreement with Kameron Bennett.

A motion was made by Seeders, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5794-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Payne, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

11. Consideration of a resolution accepting 314 1st Avenue NE from Teresa Haas for a Property Forfeiture.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to accept the Planning, Finance, Enterprise and Economic Development recommendation and approve Resolution No. 5795-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Payne, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

Motions

12. Consideration of a motion approving a cemetery walk at Oakdale Cemetery on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. hosted by the Oelwein Public Library.

A motion was made by Seeder, seconded by Cantrell to approve a cemetery walk at Oakdale Cemetery on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. hosted by the Oelwein Public Library.

All aye.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

13. Report from Seeders on the Library Board minutes.

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

14. Report from Cantrell on the Park and Recreation Commission minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityofeelwein.org/bc-parks/page/parks-and-recreation-24>

Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVore spoke on a new program starting in January for elderly, disabled, and low income to fix issue with their homes.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Mulfinger reported former city council member Darin Christensen passed away. Christensen was on the council when Mulfinger was hired. This is a big loss for the community.

The Public Works department has purchased a new power washer as the almost 30-year-old unit has finally quit.

The City Attorney Herman will be at the September 8th work session to discuss the vicious dog process and other topics for an open work session.

Mulfinger invited the city council to the Rotary Sweet Corn Feed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to adjourn the meeting at 6:22PM.

All aye.

Motion carried.

Brett DeVore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 August 25, 2025 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register August 28, 2025.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator