



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
April 27, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion with Matt Graham from Kinetic Fiber.

Graham discussed the buildout of the town would be in 2026. Kinetic would knife in all of the work and bore when needed. Graham said that Kinetic is in Hazelton, Aurora, and Manchester. More information can be found at [Kinetic Fiber](#).

2. Discussion on the 8th Avenue NE Crosswalk.

Mulfinger spoke about the impromptu crosswalk which was put up in July of 2025. Mulfinger said the crosswalk was not ideal as children, and anyone crossing had to cross the road at an angle leaving them in the street longer than a traditional crosswalk. Mulfinger said it wasn't the best product for this issue, but the need to try things as a city is the most important issue. Mulfinger talked about that public comment is important, but it shouldn't prevent the city from trying something new. Mulfinger also talked about the crosswalk does take away from parking, but the council should consider if the street is used more for parking or more for trail users and walkers.

Weber said the crosswalk took residents off guard in the neighborhood and was not addressing the full problem. Weber said removing brush on the east side of the road has helped the most with view being open for cars to see if someone is using the trail and crossing.

Gearhart said the crosswalk was not causing an issue and keeping it until a more permanent solution could be funded.

Cantrell raised concerns about snow removal and storm water issues around the crosswalk.

A general consensus was to leave the crosswalk for a year then bring it back for discussion in August of 2026.

3. Discussion on Goal Setting.

The city council advised a consultant was not needed, and staff should work on a plan which ties in several of the other options presented which can be approved by the city council.

Gearhart wanted to see more public engagement and felt a letter to each residence would work well.

Mulfinger advised the process could take up to a year.

Adjournment