



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa

July 08, 2024 - 6:30 PM

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

Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger

Absent: NA

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Fixed Base Operator Discussion.

DeVore opened the meeting by letting everyone know while the meeting was open to the public, it was not a public hearing. If anyone wanted to talk, they would need to be called on by the Mayor or City Council.

Seeders asked the airport board their opinion on the fixed based operator (FBO).

Nate Schares, Airport Board Member, stated an FBO was needed, and the current arrangement works well for the airport and pilots. Schares stated he understands the constraints the city faces, but cutting the FBO position should not be considered. Schares said having someone at the airport daily makes it a more viable service to anyone using the airport.

Airport Board Chair Ken Woodraska and Airport Board Member John Bagge stated their support for the airport.

Seeders and Payne felt the current setup was working and created a good service for pilots.

Ricchio said meeting with the FBO helped him understand his role at the airport.

Current FBO George Tegler stated mowing the grass at the airport takes a skill which takes years to learn and removing snow at the airport also requires intense snow knowledge.

Mulfinger reminded the city council the city, as an organization, would continue to provide services to airport patrons if the city council removed the FBO at the airport.

Garrigus was in favor of no FBO and the city taking over services.

DeVore directed Mulfinger to put a two-year contract on the next agenda for vote.

2. Oelwein Town Get-Together Party Discussion.

A new group of volunteers stated their potential plans for a town celebration.

3. City Administrator Benefits Discussion.

The City Council discussed benefits for the City Administrator and directed Mulfinger to put it on for a vote at the next council meeting. The city council discussed the need to keep a tenured administrator and the goal to keep Oelwein on the right path.

Adjournment