



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

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

July 27, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on cemetery maintenance.

Payne stated she was contacted by a resident and said the city left tombstones dirty and the grass was no longer grass in some spots. Payne wanted to see the city allocate more resources to the cemetery so it would look nicer. Payne asked about a cemetery sexton.

DeVore said anything done at the cemetery would require money the city does not have right now.

Cantrell wanted a list of places the city could stop mowing to help staff focus on the important parts of the cemetery.

Payne said if we stopped mowing empty lots the city would have more time for the cemetery.

Mulfinger said the work being done on empty lots did not affect the cemetery now since resources had been moved.

Tony said some lawn treatments would do well at the cemetery.

Payne wanted less attention to the downtown flower beds and more to the cemetery. Mulfinger agreed and said the goal is to eliminate the flower beds.

Weber said the city will never make everyone happy at the cemetery and this subject comes up often. He said people should take pride in their own spots and take care of issues they see. Weber did not believe more resources should be allocated to the cemetery.

Mulfinger stated he would work with Johnson on some options for the city council.

Adjournment