



Minutes

City Council Work Session

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

March 09, 2020 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on Code Enforcement

Mulfinger stated that council must set their expectation on code enforcement. Code enforcement is in four categories: Nuisance, Structural, Snow and Weeds.

Mulfinger said that code enforcement has gone well each year and that it would be impossible to clean every property and treat every property equal.

Logan presented on the code enforcement for the last three years.

Shekleton discussed the difficulties of code enforcement.

Mulfinger talked about how code enforcement required people to take some initiative. Code enforcement is not a widget, putting more time into code enforcement does not mean a better product. Mulfinger stressed that putting more money into code enforcement takes money away from other priorities.

Council was unable to come up with an expectation for staff on code enforcement. Council felt that a bigger push with more staff would help code enforcement results.

Council directed Mulfinger to bring in an additional staff member for code enforcement and present in April.

2. Discussion on Economic Development

Mulfinger presented an option that would provide \$350,000 to each parcel in the industrial lot for tax increment financing (TIF) incentives.

Fisk was opposed to the TIF for retail. Council directed Mulfinger to start the process in April to put the TIF in place.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator