



Minutes

City Council Work Session

Oelwein Community Plaza, 25 West Charles, Oelwein,
Iowa

May 10, 2021 - 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion Number Four on Utility Rates

Mulfinger opened the meeting by letting council know that all proposal for rates were provided and that should a new one need to be created another meeting would be needed.

DeVore felt that dropping the ordinance last meeting was a disservice to staff. The pushback on the rates was not large and one business that makes money off the water should not push council decisions.

Fisk wanted the council to know that the infrastructure fee was skewed and affected residents much more than businesses.

Stewart asked about the projects proposed and if the increases could cover all the projects proposed.

Mulfinger said that the plan was working on including all the projects within the five-year window. If the city could pay cash on projects, they would, but if not, a loan would be worked on for the city.

Stewart was concerned about the reed beds and the potential cost.

Kane reminded council that the reed beds do not work because of load, not design. Kane said the problem will be solved when council moves in the direction to start the project.

Fisk talked about his water bill and felt that the proposed increases were all similar.

Weber asked council if they had issues with the new May proposal which spread out the increases and the decreases of the infrastructure fee.

Weber let Mulfinger know that council will be ready to vote May 24 on a new ordinance.

Mulfinger let council know that should the next ordinance fail; he would not bring back another rate proposal.

Adjournment

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator