



Minutes

City Council Work Session

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

December 20, 2021 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on the Police budget.

Mulfinger opened and let council know that this is the time to set priorities for the police department.

Mulfinger said that to ensure the meeting did not last all night, staff ask that council does not go line by line but ask questions about lines that they need more information.

Seeders asked about the salary line.

Logan informed the council that the salary line was in place based on approved increases from council.

Seeders questioned the animal enforcement.

Logan informed council that enforcement had changed during COVID and the changes would stay in place.

Fisk said that the police do a lot of animal calls and that higher fines should be set for offenders.

Logan discussed and answered questions from council on the remaining budget lines.

Logan presented the capital improvement plan (CIP).

Council had no objections to the CIP and felt the items presented were appropriate.

2. Discussion on Public Safety Chief Compensation

Mulfinger presented the proposal to council that showed how the city would compensate Logan for added Public Safety duties.

Fisk questioned if the city should take on a future liability.

Mulfinger let council know that the city had provided health insurance to some employees when they retired.

Stewart could not support a future liability for the city when the cost would be unknown.

Weber supported the request letting council know that changes are already occurring at the Fire Department and, they are positive.

Mulfinger explained that council can budget for the health insurance benefit now and pay it out when the time comes.

Stewart asked about the portion that Logan would pay.

Mulfinger informed the council that should Logan fail to pay the employee portion, the health insurance would end.

Council directed Mulfinger to bring to vote an amendment on the Chief's contract.