



Minutes

Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic
Development Committee

Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa
November 27, 2023 - 5:15 PM

Roll Call

Present: Seeders, Payne, Weber

Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger

Absent: NA

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Consideration of a motion on recommending the proposed sale of city owned real property located at 11 12th Avenue SW to Council.

The committee discussed the opportunity to build a home on the property. Mulfinger said building is possible, but it would be a long run for utilities as they would have to go to Charles Street.

Weber motioned to recommend the sale to the city council. Payne seconded; all were in favor.

2. Discussion on Catalyst Grant for 1 South Frederick.

Seeders questioned providing funding to an owner who has collected rent for 20 years.

Weber was concerned about the amount of tax dollars being invested in one building.

Mulfinger told the committee that the vision for this building should be for multiple generations and not just the current generation. Mulfinger said the comprehensive plan showed a need for investment in the downtown. Mulfinger said the hard decision for council is where the investment should be made in the downtown.

Weber advised he could not decide on the property unless there was a better plan for the building in which the committee could evaluate.

Mulfinger said he would work with the property owner and come back to the city council in December.

Adjournment