



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

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

May 27, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Wellness Budget Discussion.

The mayor moved this item to the beginning of the meeting as the item had several guests. Mulfinger presented information about the loss and the need to make changes going forward. Mulfinger advised the changes would be the following:

- Reduce staffed desk hours (-\$5,000)
- Reduce Administrative Costs (-\$50,000)
 - The Wellness Center will go from two full time employees to one
- Sales Tax (+\$10,000)
 - We will no longer include this in the price of membership
- Card Processing Fees (+\$10,000)
 - We will pass along credit card fees to the members
- New Weight Room
 - This should help attract members who did not want to use the shared weight room
- Rental Agreements with Community Partners
 - We will explore these options throughout FY2026
- Breakout the District's financial obligations
 - To help the community see the input from the school district we will work with the administration to show these costs

The city council discussed raising rates for the center to cover some of the loss. Mulfinger said he would provide options at the next city council meeting. Mulfinger also advised a vote would need to take place June 9 on the items discussed.

2. Budget Discussion.

The city council focused on the following cuts:

- Community Development Positions
- OCAD
- Street Funding

Seeders raised concerns about cutting road funding and felt that was not an option. Three other council members agreed.

Some council members did not want the progress of the community development to go away and was hesitant to cut the code enforcement officer.

Mulfinger informed the city council that he would continue to work with the city council at the June 23 council meeting to ensure the council is on board with the proposed cuts.

3. Chapter 10 - Code Discussion

No discussion took place, and the item will be brought back at another time.

Adjournment