



Minutes

City Council Work Session

Oelwein Community Plaza, 25 West Charles, Oelwein,
Iowa

February 22, 2021 - 6:30 PM

Present: DeVore, Stewart, Seeders, Payne, Fisk, Cantrell (electronically), Weber

Absent: None

Discussions

1. Discussion on Fees and Marketing

Mulfinger started the meeting by discussing a rate increase in the tree utility to combat the ash tree removal. Mulfinger stated the city would take down 60 ash trees a year for five years.

Stewart stated that the city is required to burn the ash trees to properly dispose of them. Mulfinger said he would check with the DNR on removal requirements.

Seeders was not in favor of another increase and wanted to see other options for tree removal. Mulfinger stated he can present options to council.

Council was then presented with the need to change the current charging system of landfill trash from per person to per residence. The fee would increase for most of the residents. The fee would go to \$6.25 to pay the county charge. The fee change is because the auditor is not in favor of the current fee system. Mulfinger has put off the change for three years and the auditor is still requesting the change.

Fisk interjected about water rates and asked that the city look into removed the infrastructure fees and just changing the rates.

Mulfinger said he would present on that option March 8.

Mulfinger finished the meeting by discussing the need for marketing and presenting a marketing contract.

Fisk stated he wanted to see references

DeVore said he used Fusion Forward and enjoyed their professionalism and said they had fair pricing.

Seeders talked in length about working with Fusion Forward and their relationship with the school. Seeders said they very helpful and can do a lot for an organization. Weber was on board for promoting the city and showing off the great progress we have been making.

Mulfinger said he would provide references and reach out to the City of Independence. Once this information has been present to council Mulfinger will bring the contract up to vote.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator