



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa
September 28, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on the single hauler fuel surcharge.

Jack O'Brien with Kluesner Sanitation provided an overview of their need for a fuel surcharge. O'Brien said the company did not have the surcharge in the contract, but with skyrocketing fuel cost, they are requesting the city council to work with Kluesner. O'Brien said the surcharge would fluctuate monthly based on the cost of fuel.

The city council agreed the surcharge was reasonable considering the cost of fuel. The council was grateful for the service with Kluesner.

Mulfinger informed the city council that staff would meet with Kluesner and work on a process for implementing the surcharge after a vote was taken by the city council. Mulfinger stated a resolution would be needed to implement the charge.

2. Discussion on the scooter ordinance.

Weber was concerned about the safety of children on scooters.

Gearhart wants children to have access to scooters, but follow city rules.

DeVore provided a sample ordinance to staff.

Cantrell said the amount of scooters has only increased.

Several city council members were grateful for the helmet requirement. They also expressed the need for some type of training on the scooters.

3. Discussion on the clerk transition.

Mulfinger talked about a retirement in May and the city being prepared to fill the Clerk position.

Mulfinger talked the council through several scenarios before the recommendation was made to the city council.

Weber asked if the expense was warranted considering we just asked general fund departments to make cuts.

Mulfinger advised the transition plan does have costs, but it is needed to ensure services are provided without a delay. Mulfinger would bring the item to a vote at the next meeting.

Adjournment