



# Minutes

City Council  
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein  
February 10, 2020 - 6:00 PM

## Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order Mayor DeVore called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call	Present	Fisk, Stewart, Gerdts, Weber, Cantrell, Ericson
	Also Present	Mulfinger, Rigdon, Dillon
	Absent	None

## Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to adopt the agenda as amended. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

## Citizens Public Comments

Ron Winter, 914 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE questioned how the \$85.00 inspection fee was determined.

Mark Schmitz, 520 Eastline Road is in favor of the Eastline Road project. Project will be completed in the Summer of 2020. Assessments can be paid up front or apply to taxes over several years.

Paul Ganske, 116 Eastline Road stated Q Avenue paving should also be assessed if Eastline Road property owners are being assessed. Similar roads should be assessed equally.

## Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion approving the January 27, 2020 Council minutes
2. Consideration of a motion approving a Class 'C' Liquor, Outdoor and Sunday Sales renewal for Clete and Connies

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Fisk to adopt the Consent Agenda. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

## Public Hearing

3. Public Hearing on City of Oelwein Fiscal Year 2021 Maximum Property Tax Dollars

Mayor DeVore opened the Public Hearing. Mulfinger explained the maximum tax levy versus city tax levy.

No oral, written or website comments were received. Facebook comments only.

Jason Webb – What are the other employee benefits that caused the increase?

Response – Last fiscal year the city used existing fund balance to pay for Employee Benefits, this year we can't.

Debra Wells – Does this translate into by over 25%?

Response –While employee benefits levy increased, the debt service levy decreased to keep the overall city tax levy slightly lower. FY20 \$17.71952, FY 21 \$17.71858.

Mayor DeVore closed the Public Hearing.

4. Public Hearing on Proposed Resolution of Necessity covering the Special Assessment for Outer Road and 6th Street NE HMA Improvements

Mayor DeVore opened the Public Hearing.

John Gade explained the project is a 50/50 split between Fayette County and the City with 45% of the city's portion paid by property owners. In the fall, after project completion council will make a final decision on assessment. Today approves the maximum assessment but it can always be changed to be lower.

Fisk questioned if all properties could be assessed by size only and not frontage.

Jean Kane, 1311 East Charles thanked council for agreeing to do this project. She also believes this project is very similar to Q Avenue project which should also be assessed.

Paul Ganske, 116 Eastline Road stated he was happy Eastline Road was being paved.

Mayor DeVore closed the Public Hearing.

## Resolutions

5. Consideration of a Resolution of Necessity Covering the Outer Road and 6th Street NE HMA Improvements Project

A motion was made by Fisk, seconded by Gerdts to adopt Resolution No. 5146-2020 a Resolution of Necessity Covering the Outer Road and 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE HMA Improvements Project.

Ayes: Fisk, Stewart, Gerdts, Weber, Cantrell, Ericson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

6. Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Maximum Property Tax Dollars

A motion was made by Fisk, seconded by Ericson to adopt Resolution No. 5147-2020 to Approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Maximum Property Tax Dollars.

Ayes: Fisk, Stewart, Gerdts, Weber, Cantrell, Ericson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

7. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$2,385,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gerdts to adopt Resolution No. 5148-2020 authorizing the issuance of \$2,385,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same.

Ayes: Fisk, Stewart, Gerdts, Weber, Cantrell, Ericson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## Motions

8. Consideration of a motion authorizing repairs to traffic signals by K & W Electric, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$45,500

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Fisk authorizing repairs to traffic signals by K & W Electric, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$45,500. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

The current wiring is from 34 years ago when the 4-lane was put in. Each year going forward, traffic signal wiring along the 4-lane will need to be addressed at other intersections.

9. Consideration of a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Limited Site Usage License Agreement with the City of Jesup, Iowa for Public Safety Communications

A motion was made by Fisk, seconded by Cantrell authorizing the Mayor to sign a Limited Site Usage License Agreement with the City of Jesup, Iowa for Public Safety Communications. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

## Committee Reports

10. Report from Gerdts on January Library Work Session

Gerdts presented minutes for the January Library Work Session regarding Fire Sprinkler break.

## Council Updates

Fisk would like Code Enforcement to actively seek out properties who have not shoveled their sidewalk after a snowfall to be cited. If Code Enforcement doesn't have the time to address snow removal issues how will they be able to take over abatement that the Police Department is doing now.

Weber replied the city can't actively enforce everything in city code. That is why some items are complaint driven. Fisk would like to hire an extra full-time person to help with Code Enforcement.

## Mayor's Report

- A. Consideration of the reappointment of Roger Boleyn and Carol Tousley to the City of Oelwein Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Cantrell, seconded by Fisk to approve the reappointments. 5 voted aye, 1 (Weber) voted nay.

Motion Carried

- B. Consideration of the appointment of Robin Eick to the Civil Service Commission

A motion was made by Ericson, seconded by Weber to approve the appointment. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

City Administrator's Report

February 22, 2020 "Tour of Homes". Council will meet at City Hall at 8:00 A.M., lunch at noon with discussion following.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to adjourn at 6:42 P.M. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

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Brett DeVore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

I, Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator in and for the City of Oelwein, Iowa do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true accounting of the Council Proceedings held February 10, 2020 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register February 11, 2020.

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator