

Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa December 22, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

Discussion on an Oelwein Festival.

Kami Lecomte presented on ideas for an Oelwein festival July 10-12. She stated she had visited with several community members and wants to put on a great festival for everyone. She stated that more children's activities need to happen. Kami talked about her extensive experience and her ability to coordinate events.

Payne left the meeting.

The city council determined after further discussion that not enough time would be available to plan an event in 2025. The city council did not want to rush anyone or any organization to put on an event. The city council wants to fund a successful event that has had adequate time to plan. With the community no longer having a dedicated organization for the event, discussions on taking over the event delayed the planning. The city council did not want to put Lecomte through a time crunch and only wanted her to be successful for a first-year event. The city will not provide resources or staff toward an event in 2026 but will be a strong partner in 2027. The council directed the City Administrator to reach out to Lecomte.

2. Discussion on potential acquisition of revolving loan fund buildings.

The city council did not want to purchase 2 S. Frederick. Council members discussed that staff time would be better suited elsewhere. The council requested the item to be voted on by the city council.

The city council advised that the city work with the property owner of 7 S. Frederick to create a solution where the city does not own this property.

Mulfinger provided an updated on 120 South Frederick that the city owns.

Adjournment