



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

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

January 15, 2024 - 5:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Garrigus, Ricchio

Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger

Absent: NA

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Wellness Budget and CIP Discussion.

Director Jessica Burkhart presented the expenses and capital improvement for the wellness center and recreation budget. Burkhart noted the wellness center budget will change as the school is taking over administration January 1. Burkhart proposed rate increases in recreation to make up for the budget cuts.

Payne had questions on the wellness center fees.

Weber advised the wellness center needs to be diligent on ensuring only paying members are utilizing the center.

2. Library Budget and CIP Discussion.

Mulfinger reminded city council the library is governed by the library board, and the city council provides funding to the library. The city council cannot decide on operations or how money is spent at the library.

Director Susan Macken provided an overview of the library and its services in 2023. Macken walked through the libraries budget and capital improvement plan. Macken provided an excellent overview of how the library is working toward goals in the new comprehensive plan.

3. Community Development Budget and CIP Discussion.

Building Official David Kral presented his budget to council. Kral had no capital items to discuss. Kral recommended increases in rental inspection fees and building permit fees.

Mayor DeVore was against increases in rental inspection fees.

Seeders was against increases in rental inspection fees.

Payne was concerned raising permit fees would go against the city's goal of bringing in more housing.

DeVore expressed the city needs to pursue residential and commercial abatements just as much as rental inspection.

Mulfinger advised changes would need to be made to the department if fees could not be increased.

Adjournment