



# Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

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

September 09, 2024 - 6:30 PM

## Roll Call:

**Present:** Garrigus, Ricchio, Payne, Weber

**Also Present:** Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger

**Absent:** Seeders, Lenz

## Pledge of Allegiance

### Discussions

#### 1. Discussion on 1 South Frederick Avenue.

Mulfinger requested the 1 South Frederick discussion be moved to the front of the agenda. Mulfinger introduced Megan Matt who was representing Matt Construction. Mulfinger informed the city council the city was in a tough position. While the community wants the building fixed and the sidewalk open, the best route for that solution was to wait a year for another grant opportunity. Mulfinger said waiting a year to make sure a downtown building doesn't disappear is not unrealistic. The city council questioned the odds of getting the grant and what would happen if the city was rejected again. Mulfinger advised if the grant fails a second time then the property owner would have to address the issue or remove the issue. Council directed Mulfinger to put the decision on the next agenda for a formal vote.

#### 2. Discussion on Public Works staffing.

Mulfinger discussed how staffing levels were at their lowest since his arrival and adding a staff member would help the department address several projects and tasks. The city council asked questions about workloads and funding of the position. Mulfinger said the position funding has been present as it is budgeted for each year. Mulfinger stated with no opposition from the city council he would move forward with the hiring process.

#### 3. Discussion on the safety committee.

Mulfinger presented his idea to provide funding to safety committee employees. Mulfinger discussed the history of the safety committee and how it helps the city and taxpayers. The city council voiced resistance and was not interested in the proposal. The city council encouraged Mulfinger to look at something different and bring it back to the city council in a year.

## Adjournment