



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

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

November 10, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Steak House City Land Acquisition Discussion.

Glenn Loeffelholz is requesting to purchase a portion of the downtown parking lot to expand on his future business at 9 1st St SW. This request comes as Loeffelholz wants to expand the building to create a patio for the restaurant. The City Administrator recommends selling the land for \$1.00 but including contingencies which would require Loeffelholz to pay \$25,000 if the restaurant does not come to fruition. A development agreement would be created and signed by both parties.

Loeffelholz is requesting 25X58 feet west of his building. This is requested parcel is all city parking. Staff has estimated this will remove six parking spots from the parking lot. Staff will need to remove the median, one tree, and pour back a ramp for the sidewalk. This work would be completed in late fall of 2025 or early spring in 2026. The removal of the walkway is needed to allow for cars to use the remaining parking spots and turn around.

The city council was in favor and wanted to see the item come to a vote.

2. Tiny Homes & Zoning Discussion.

Council member Ricchio opened up the conversation stating the city needs to be open for different types of homes and smaller homes at fifty foot lots.

DeVore said city is not in a position to allow mobile or trailer homes on small lots. DeVore stated homes need to maintain value and have a foundation.

Payne wants the city to help community members understand what can go on smaller lots.

Ricchio stated the city needs to work on providing more information and options to people wanting to build on smaller lots.

3. Fayette County Landfill Commission RFP Discussion.

The city council moved the item to the November 24 meeting for a vote.

4. Illegal Camping Ordinance Discussion.

The city council discussed the needs for more county and state service to help those who experience homelessness. The city council moved the item for vote on the November 24 meeting.

Adjournment