



Minutes

City Council Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
January 26, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call **Present:** Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart
 Also Present: City Administrator Mulfinger, Administrative Assistant Kaylonna McKee
 Absent: NA

Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to adopt the agenda as amended.

All aye. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion approving the January 12, 2026 minutes.
2. Claims Resolution in the amount of \$862,157.56.
3. Consideration of a motion authorizing wine tasting at the Oelwein Public Library's Chocolate Fest on February 13, 2026 from 4:30PM-7:00PM.
4. Consideration of a motion approving the Class 'B' Alcohol License for Dollar General #2328.
5. Consideration of a motion approving the Class 'C' Alcohol License for The Spot #7.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve the consent agenda.

All aye. Motion carried.

Resolutions

6. Consideration of a resolution approving a revised development agreement with Matt Construction in the amount of \$45,000 to build three zero lot line homes at 201 9th Avenue SW.

Cannon clarified the construction plans. Mayor DeVore emphasized the longer-term benefits of the development.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5851-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

7. Consideration of a resolution setting a public hearing for February 9, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers on the sale of 201 9th Ave SW.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Resolution No. 5852-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

8. Consideration of a resolution approving Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$2,460.00 for 10th St. Bridge Reconstruction Project with Taylor Construction.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Resolution No. 5853-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution approving Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$90,701.82 to Taylor Construction for the 10th St. Bridge Project.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5854-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution approving a ten-year internet agreement with Hawkeye Telephone in the amount of \$26,000 for the City Hall and Police Station.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5855-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

11. Consideration of a resolution fixing the amount to be assessed for nuisance abatement, approving the special assessment schedule, and directing the clerk to publish, mail and file the assessment schedule all in accordance with Chapter 384 of the Iowa Code.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve Resolution No. 5856-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

12. Consideration of a resolution approving a payment to AECOM in the amount of \$17,340.02 for the OLZ T-Hangar Taxilanes Rehabilitation.

A motion was made by Cantrell, seconded by Weber to approve Resolution No. 5857-2026.

Ayes: Ricchio, Weber, Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

Motions

13. Consideration of a motion directing staff to provide a plan to the city council on a summer festival.

Council person Cannon felt it was important to hold a celebration with the 250th anniversary of the United States of America being this year. Council person Ricchio agreed, stating that parades tend to be a big draw in small towns. Council person Payne agreed, adding fireworks would also be essential to the celebration.

A motion was made by Ricchio, seconded by Cannon to direct staff to create a plan for a summer festival.

All aye.

Motion carried.

14. Consideration of a motion approving direction from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request of \$4,600.00 to Oelwein USBC.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve the direction from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request of \$4,600.00 to Oelwein USBC.

All aye.

Motion carried.

15. Consideration of a motion approving direction from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request of \$2,500.00 to Williams Center for the Arts.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve the direction from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee on the Hotel Motel request of \$2,500.00 to Williams Center for the Arts.

All aye.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

16. Report from Payne on the Library Board minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.oelwein.lib.ia.us/about/library-board>

17. Report from Gearhart Airport Board Minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityofeelwein.org/bc-ab/page/airport-board-52>

Council Updates

Council person Ricchio would like to invite developers and contractors to present their plans to city staff for building homes.

Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVore stated the Fayette County Landfill Commission has voted to pursue privatizing the operations of the landfill.

City Attorney's Report

- A. City Attorney.

City Administrator Mulfinger walked council through the city attorney bills.

City Administrator's Report

- A. City Administrator.

City Administrator Mulfinger proposed a new agenda layout. The city council was receptive to the new idea.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM.

All aye.

Motion carried.

Brett DeVore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 January 26, 2026 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register January 28, 2026.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator