



# Minutes

City Council Meeting  
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein  
February 24, 2025 - 6:00 PM

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Call to Order

Mayor DeVore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mayor DeVore opened the meeting by informing the attendees the city was not closing the pool nor the wellness center, contrary to social media misconception.

## Roll Call

**Present:** Seeders, Payne (entered at 6:03 PM), Weber, Lenz, Ricchio

**Also Present:** Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, City Clerk/Treasurer Rigdon

**Absent:** NA

## Additions or Deletions

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

All aye. Motion carried.

## Council Member Appointment

1. Consideration of a resolution approving Renee Cantrell to the City Council for the Fourth Ward.

A motion was made by Seeders, seconded by Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 5700-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Weber, Lenz, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Absent: Payne

Motion carried.

2. Swearing in of Renee Cantrell to the City Council for the Fourth Ward.

Mayor DeVore swore in Renee Cantrell as the Fourth Ward City Councilmember.

*Renee Cantrell took her seat with other council members and started her duties immediately.*

Payne entered the meeting at 6:03 PM.

## Employee Recognition

3. Recognition of years of service awards for the fire and police departments.

Public Safety Chief Jeremy Logan recognized the following for their years of service:

Police Department

Charity Heller 5 years

Fire Department

Jim Lindstrom 15 years

Matt Weber 25 years

**Citizens Public Comments**

The following people spoke in favor of the pool and wellness center:

- John Amick                    1219 East Charles Street
- Jake Irvine                    409 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW
- Joe Lawson                    5604 H Avenue, Arlington, IA
- Andrea Baily                    21 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW
- Charles Rochford            113 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE
- Bob Baldyga                    701 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE
- Becca Sullivan                34 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE
- Tony Cannon                    411 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW

Dorthy Brickman, 116 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, informed Council her neighbor continues to harass her and was pleading for help.

**Consent Agenda**

- 5. Consideration of a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 minutes.
- 6. Claims resolution in the amount of \$380,768.03.

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

All aye.                    Motion carried.

**Public Hearing**

- 7. Public Hearing for February 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers for the sale of 632 5th Avenue SW to Travis Staack.

Mayor DeVore opened the public hearing.

No oral or written comments were received.

Mayor DeVore closed the public hearing.

**Resolutions**

- 8. Consideration of a resolution scheduling a public hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for March 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 5701-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Cantrell, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

- 9. Consideration of a resolution authorizing staff to seek bids for the Oelwein Municipal Airport Snow Removal Equipment and schedule a public hearing for March 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Seeders to adopt Resolution No. 5702-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Cantrell, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution approving an additional \$13,500.00 to K&W Electric for work completed on the traffic signal at Rock Island Road (State Highway 150) and 7th Street SE.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 5703-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Cantrell, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

11. Consideration of a resolution approving the sale of 632 5th Avenue SW to Travis Staack in the amount of \$1,050.00.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 5704-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Cantrell, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

12. Consideration of a resolution scheduling public hearing on proposed vacation and transfer of that portion of 1st Avenue SE and 2nd Avenue SE lying south of 11th Street SE for March 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 5705-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Cantrell, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

13. Consideration of a resolution amending the Demolition Assistance Grant Policy.

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to approve the recommendation from the Planning, Finance, Enterprise and Economic Development Committee and adopt Resolution No. 5706-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Cantrell, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

14. Consideration of a resolution creating the City of Oelwein Special Event Policy.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to adopt Resolution No. 5707-2025.

Ayes: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Cantrell, Ricchio

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

### **Motions**

15. Consideration of a motion to provide Fayette County with the City of Oelwein's Proposed Tax Levy.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to provide Fayette County with the City of Oelwein's Proposed Tax Levy.

All aye.

Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

16. Report from Seeders on the February Library Board meeting.

For full details, please visit: <https://www.oelwein.lib.ia.us/about/library-board-minutes-1>

17. Report from Ricchio on the February Airport Board meeting.

For full details, please visit: <https://www.cityofuelwein.org/bc-ab/page/airport-board-43>

**Council Updates**

Ricchio requested a work session for a citizen question and answer to get input and ideas on how to protect the Wellness Center and Aquatic Center.

**Mayor's Report**

A. Vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

Mayor DeVore reminded Council of the vacancies on the boards and commissions.

B. Consideration of a motion appointing Renee Cantrell to the Parks and Recreation Commission as the council liaison.

A motion was made by Seeders, seconded by Weber to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Renee Cantrell to the Parks and Recreation Commission as the council liaison.

All aye. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

A motion by Lenz, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

All aye. Motion carried.

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Brett DeVore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 February 24, 2025 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register February 26, 2025.

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator