



Minutes

City Council Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
October 13, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

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

Roll Call **Present:** Cantrell, Payne, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber, Lenz
 Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, City Clerk/Treasurer Rigdon
 Absent: NA

Additions or Deletions

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Citizens Public Comments

- A. Presentation of Iowa Law Enforcement Accreditation Award to the City of Oelwein – Police Department.
Mike Venema, director of the Iowa Law Enforcement Accreditation Award program, presented the Oelwein Police Department with the accreditation award.
- B. Public Comment Policy.
David Malicke, 527 1st Street NW, raised concerns about neighbors who are taking photos and disturbing the peace. He feels his privacy and peace of mind is being invaded.
Dorothy Brickman, 116 5th Avenue NW, stated her neighbor will be out by October 30, 2025. She had mentioned she had photographs of lights shining in her windows.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Consideration of a motion to approve the September 22, 2025 minutes.
- 2. Consideration of a Class 'C' Liquor License renewal for Ross Reid Post #9 of the American Legion.
- 3. Consideration of a Class 'C' Liquor License renewal for Viper Lanes DBA PJ's Bar & Grill.
- 4. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the temporary closure of public ways or grounds for the Oelwein Chamber and Area Development Olde Tyme Christmas on December 5, 2025.
Resolution No. 5803-2025 was applied to this resolution.
- 5. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the temporary closure of public ways or grounds for the Oelwein Lion's Club for the Halloween Trick-or-Treat on October 31, 2025.
Resolution No. 5804-2025 was applied to this resolution.

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Resolutions

- 6. Consideration of a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Reduction Act.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5805-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

7. Consideration of a resolution approving the Oelwein Utility Assistance Programs.

A motion was made by Payne, seconded by Seeders to approve the Oelwein Utility Assistance Programs.

Ayes: Payne, Seeders

Nays: Cantrell, Ricchio, Weber, Lenz

Motion failed.

8. Consideration of a resolution approving the bid from Diamond Doctors of Iowa, LLC for the upgrades to the Wings Park Ball Diamonds in the amount of \$10,625.00.

Two quotes were received:

Diamond Doctors of Iowa, LLC	\$10,625.00
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Iowa Athletic Fields	\$12,000.00
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A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5806-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution approving a one-year lease agreement with Michael Wilhelms owner of Sky Valley Aviation, LLC. for mechanic services at the Oelwein Municipal Airport from November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026 in the amount of \$650 monthly.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5807-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

10. Report from Ricchio on the Airport Board Minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityfoelwein.org/bc-ab/page/airport-board-50>

11. Report from Seeders on the Library Board minutes.

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

Council Updates

Council member Ricchio expressed concerns the city is tearing down properties but there are not many being built. He would like to see an updated ordinance on non-conforming, empty lots to allow the building of tiny homes.

Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVore reported commercial properties values are being reviewed. Mayor DeVore discussed the Ward 1 Drainage issue.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Mulfinger reported October 15 was Business after 5 at Events on Frederick, and encouraged all to attend.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

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 October 13, 2025, and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register October 15, 2025.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator