



Minutes

City Council Work Session

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

September 27, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion with property owner of 27 South Frederick and 33 South Frederick

Brett DeVore started the meeting raising concerns about the property owned by Barb Wegner. DeVore was concerned about the reports provided by Community Development.

Wegner said that she sold 33 South Frederick on contract.

DeVore explained that the city has waited patiently for Barb to improve 27 South Frederick and she has not completed the work required from the city. DeVore felt the city let too many timelines pass trying to resolve the issues diplomatically.

Wegner said she does not have the help to get the building cleaned out or up to code.

DeVore said that Wegner needs a plan otherwise the city has no choice to seek legal action. The buildings are causing harm to other building owners and are an issue for patrons walking by in the downtown.

Wegner did not want to give the buildings away and was concerned that the city was taking the properties from her and leaving her with nothing. She said that 27's roof was damaged and never repaired by the adjacent building owner who caused the damage.

Seeders asked if she filed for insurance on the damages.

Wegner said that the money she received from the settled agreement was not enough to make enough improvements.

Weber asked if any improvements were made.

Wegner said she has not made improvements to the roof.

Seeders said the council cannot help Wegner if she has not been working on the building.

DeVore informed Wegner that she can either sign over the buildings or the city will start enforcement of the codes that are being violated.

Wegner stated that she would not give up the buildings.

Pat Dillon informed Wegner that they would be in contact.

Adjournment

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator