



Minutes

City Council Work Session

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

December 09, 2019 - 5:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on West Side Odor

Council member Warren Fisk opened the meeting and discussed the problems occurring with the West Side odor.

DCW Plant Manager Tim Hadden discussed what was happening and how DCW was working through the issues. Tim stressed that DCW is working to be a good neighbor.

Utilities Superintendent Vic Kane acknowledged that the city has not stopped monitoring the dumping of DCW.

Steve Koch question whether enough was being done and if the problem was ever going to be solved. Koch was worried that the air has not been safe a while and that the smell is not going away.

Dylan Mulfinger assured council that staff was following all city procedures, and that they are working with DCW. Mulfinger reminded council that businesses can emit an odor and still be within all of their regulations.

Council member Renee Cantrell wanted to make sure the City, DCW, and Community members were talking and updating each other.

Kane assured council that the standards presented to council in October are still being worked towards:

- 1) DCW shall submit a plan showing how the issue is being addressed and will continue to be adhered to
- 2) DCW shall submit a plan explaining safety checks to be conducted and documentation of those checks.
- 3) DCW shall provide a procedure to be followed if there were to be an issue with a discharge.
- 4) DCW must continue to notify the City of all discharges and times to allow spot observations

Fisk stressed that he wants to make sure community members are happy and that their quality of life is not being hurt. Fisk requested that staff continue to work with DCW and community members.

The meeting ended at 5:59 PM

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 City Council Work Session held December 09, 2019.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator