



# Minutes

City Council Meeting

Oelwein Community Plaza, 25 West Charles,  
Oelwein

January 11, 2021 - 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order by Mayor DeVore at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call            Present:            Stewart, Seeders, Payne, Fisk, Cantrell (on speaker phone), Weber  
                         Also Present:      Mulfinger, Rigdon, Dillon  
                         Absent:             None

Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Fisk to adopt the agenda as presented. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

1. Dennis Paul Recognition of 34 Years of Service

Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Dylan Mulfinger and Utility Superintendent Vic Kane presented a Certificate of Recognition.

Consent Agenda

2. Consideration of a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 Council minutes with the correction to Consent Agenda Claims Resolution in the amount of \$651,189.21
3. Consideration of a Class 'B' Native Wine Permit Refund for Farmers Daughters Quilts

A motion was made by Fisk, seconded by Payne to adopt the Consent Agenda. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

Resolutions

4. Consideration of a Resolution Setting date for public hearing on 2021 amendment to urban renewal plan for Central Urban Renewal Area

Fisk and Weber expressed concerns using TIF Funding for upper level rental units making a profit. Prefer them to use a low interest loan. DeVore agreed. Economic Development Director supported use of Downtown TIF Funding for building improvements, structural, roof, windows, Hvac, etc. even though this also benefits the second story rental units. Weber prefers local contractors to do the improvements.

Mulfinger stated one of the city's goals is to improve and promote housing and second story rentals meet this goal using an alternate funding source.

A motion was made by Seeders, seconded by Weber to adopt Resolution No. 5234-2021.

Ayes: Stewart, Seeders, Payne, Fisk, Cantrell, Weber

Nays: None

Motion Carried

5. Consideration of a Resolution Voluntarily Extending Leave from the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act

A motion was made by Seeders, seconded by Fisk to adopt Resolution No. 5235-2021.

Ayes: Stewart, Seeders, Payne, Fisk, Cantrell, Weber

Nays: None

Motion Carried

6. Consideration of a Resolution Directing the Sale of the City's Interest in 17 1st Street NE, 19 1st Street NE, 102 1st Avenue NE, 225 2nd Avenue SE, 119 West Charles, 129 5th Avenue NE, 322 4th Avenue SE, 222 5th Avenue NE, Oelwein, Fayette County, Iowa

A motion was made by Seeders, seconded by Fisk to adopt Resolution No. 5236-2021 with sale price adjustments as follows:

Section 1. Grace United Methodist Church for the sum of \$1,000 and other valuable consideration.

Section 2. Grace United Methodist Church for the sum of \$1,000 and other valuable consideration.

Section 4. Deleted.

Ayes: Stewart, Seeders, Payne, Fisk, Cantrell, Weber

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### Motions

7. Consideration of a motion approving Pay Request to Lansing Brothers Construction in the amount of \$51,700.00 for 2020 House Demolition Project - Group 5

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Fisk to approve the Pay Request. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

8. Consideration of a recommendation from Planning, Finance, Enterprise and Economic Development Committee re: Demolition Assistance Application for 820 3rd Avenue SW

A motion was made by Fisk, seconded by Seeders to approve an amount of \$3,800.00. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

9. Consideration of a motion to postpone rental inspections due to Covid-19

Weber was against stopping rental inspections. People go to work everyday and follow CDC guidelines – make, wash hands, etc. The rental inspection process is no different. Seeders was in favor of stopping rental inspections until the Department of Health 14 day positivity rate is below 10%. DeVore talked to Department of Health who recommends one per day as to not cross contaminate from one building to the next.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Fisk to continue rental inspections at one per day per inspector. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

10. Consideration of a motion to approve Pay Request No. 1 to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$189,496.30 for work completed on West Elevated Water Storage Tank

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Fisk to approve Pay Request No. 1. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

#### Council Updates

Fisk stated his Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority Board term expired December 31<sup>st</sup>. Meetings are 1:00 P.M. on Thursdays. A new appointment will need to be made when a replacement is found.

#### Mayor's Report

DeVore stated he plans to addend the County Conference Board meeting to meet with Assessor in January.

Weber requested Mulfinger send a letter to Fayette Co. Supervisors requesting recycling containers be picked up and emptied twice a week. Also request one pick up takes place on Friday before the weekend. Remind them we are the largest community in the county and need more than one pick-up.

#### City Attorney's Report

- A. City Attorney's Report

#### City Administrator's Report

Mulfinger stated the private contractor removing silt from the bottom of the lake making it deeper has followed all of the DNR rules lowering the lake level. The DNR is overseeing this project.

#### Executive Session

1. Consideration of a motion to go into Executive Session per Iowa Code 25.1(1c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and per Iowa Code 25.1(1g) to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Seeders to go into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

Consideration of a motion to return to regular session

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Seeders to return to Regular Session at 8:20 P.M. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Seeders to adjourn at 8:21 P.M. All voted 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 January 11, 2021 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register January 12, 2021.

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator