



Minutes

Public Safety Committee

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

August 11, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Lenz, Payne, Weber

Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger

Absent: NA

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Consideration of a motion declaring Gunningham's dog vicious.

Councilmember Weber asked Lacy Gunningham about the incident.

Gunningham stated her dog was provoked and that is why the child was bitten. Gunningham said the dog got out when they were moving from the car to their house after arriving home.

Councilmember Weber and Lenz discussed a child may try to defend themselves if an unknown dog is running after them.

Gunningham stated they have complied with the ordinance other than posting a beware of dog sign. Gunningham stated her spouse did not want to post the sign in fear on future litigation.

Lenz motioned to provide Gunningham one week to place the sign otherwise the city would move forward with declaring the dog vicious and the dog would have to leave town or be destroyed. Payne seconded the motion. All the committee members voted in favor.

Mulfinger informed Gunningham they would have one week from receiving the letter to comply.

Adjournment