



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

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

May 11, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion with Nick Humpal with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Humpal, IDOT District Two Engineer, stated the intersection of Highway 150 and 14th Street did not meet the criteria the DOT needs to address safety issues. Humpal said the intersection was functioning as expected. Humpal said the intersection of 20th and Highway 281 were rated at a medium concern for safety and would be better candidates for safety dollars.

Humpal said the best way to reduce crashes would be converting from four-lane highway to a three-lane highway. Humpal said the DOT noticed crash data drop by fifty percent in some cases were a road diet was completed. The issue is shadowing and rear ends of left turns would be minimized. Humpal said the DOT is about two years out if the city council decided to make a road reduction. Humpal said the stop lights would need adjusted for the lane conversion.

Humpal said the speed would not be automatically reduced with the four-lane highway to a three-lane highway conversion. Council had concerns about truck traffic. Mary Kelly, Assistant District Engineer, said truck traffic was five percent of the total traffic on 150 in town.

Humpal said the light at 20th and 150 was not helping with safety. He suggested other safety devices for the intersection which the city could install.

The city council requested the staff to provide a work session with a public comment period. The city council wants to hear from residents about their concerns on going from a four-lane to a three-lane.

2. Discussion on the enforcement of ordinance Article II Collections Sec 16-20.023.

Ricchio said the city council should step back and no longer worry about the issue. He advised the ordinance should be followed if issues persist with a hauler.

3. Discussion on City Council Facilities Tour.

The city council determined the tours should be on Wednesday and start at 6:00 PM. The first tour is the Aquatic Center on May 13th.

Adjournment