



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

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

February 10, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Seeders, Payne, Weber, Lenz, Ricchio

Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger

Absent: NA

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on vacant city owned lots.

Mulfinger advised the city council the city needs to move on from empty lots. The current empty lots require mowing and snow removal. This work is a burden placed on the park and cemetery crews during the summer and winter. Weber requested the city staff incentivize the lots that are buildable. Weber encouraged staff to create a plan which provides no charge if a home is built.

2. Discussion on the general fund reserves.

Mulfinger discussed with the city council the need for additional budget cuts. Mulfinger informed the city council that several budget cut options will be presented this spring.

3. Review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 City Budget.

Mulfinger worked through the city's budget with the city council. Mulfinger focused on the general fund, road user tax, franchise fees, and local option sales tax.

4. Review of the proposed Capital Improvement Projects.

DeVore raised concerns about the items in the street capital. Mulfinger advised the post hole digger was included. Mulfinger stated the boom mower was needed and has been asked for by Public Works for over three years.

Weber advised the city council to ask any questions related to the budget now to ensure the city council passes the budget in March.

Mulfinger reminded the city council he is available to meet and go over any part of the budget at any time with the city council.

Adjournment