



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

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

April 27, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on Phones.

Mulfinger spoke on the current issues with the phone system and the need to move to a new provider. Mulfinger said city staff has worked with the current provider for several months and has been unable to find a resolution.

2. Discussion on Codification.

Mulfinger talked about the need for codification and how bringing in an expert on the process should help the timeline. The current city code will need updated with some sections needing more discussions than others.

3. Discussion on options for HWY 150 in preparation of the Iowa DOT.

Mulfinger advised the council the city needs to work toward a plan for traffic that works for the DOT and the city. The main concern is the increasing accidents at Highway 150 and 14th St SE.

Payne was concerned what improvements would help as long as human error continued to lead in traffic accidents.

Weber stated even a stop light wouldn't stop or slow everyone down.

Mulfinger spoke on the need for each major intersection to be studied and a solution brought forward that the DOT and city could work on together.

Gearhart asked why it was a four lane to begin with and what a three-lane conversion would do for the traffic.

Mulfinger talked about the city council will be to be ready to ask about reduced speeds, three-lane conversions, and roundabouts.

Adjournment