



Minutes

City Council Work Session

Oelwein Community Plaza, 25 West Charles, Oelwein,
Iowa

January 25, 2021 - 6:30 PM

Present: DeVore, Stewart, Seeders, Payne, Fisk, Cantrell, Weber

Discussions

1. Discussion on Water and Sewer Rates

Mulfinger presented on rates for council. Mulfinger provided rate increase in water and sewer showing council the need in the next several years to tackle many projects.

The following items were considered:

- Water
 - \$779,500 loan for Water Infrastructure Project
 - 1,300,000 for an additional project/projects
 - \$100,000 annual revenue for capital improvement projects in water
- Sewer/Wastewater
 - \$1,000,000 Reed Bed Expansion
 - \$300,000 Nutrient Reduction
 - \$200,000 Clean Out Equalization Basin Replace Liner
 - \$200,000 Sewer Main Replacement
 - \$135,000 UV Disinfection
 - Infiltration/Inflow (INI Study)
 - Improvements to 4th and 5th NE
 - \$100,000 annual revenue for capital improvement projects in sewer/wastewater
 - \$70,000 in operating loss needs to be reconciled

Fisk stated that he was impressed with the preparation and presentation. Fisk was not a fan of rate increases but stated that he wanted the city to get ahead of the issues and not be behind them.

Seeders did not like the rate increases but understood that action should be taken. Seeders wanted to make sure that the city knew the impact that rates would have on community members.

Weber felt that pushing off the projects would only lead to more costs and it was not a good move for the city.

Mulfinger said that no one likes a rate increase, but this is an opportunity for the city to get ahead and make their own path with the utilities. Mulfinger said that he would gather more information then have one final work session before he presented the rate changes to council.

Adjournment

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator