



Minutes

City Council Work Session Meeting

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

February 17, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Present: Payne, Weber, Lenz, Ricchio

Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, City Clerk/Treasurer Rigdon, Building Official Kral, Public Safety Chief Logan, Public Works Superintendent Doudney, Parks Superintendent Johnson, Library Director Macken

Absent: Seeders

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2026 City Budget.

DeVore opened the meeting by encouraging all council members to ask any questions they may still have about the budget. DeVore stated to the council the city will need to pass the budget this year and a unanimous vote would be best for the organization.

Payne questioned how the budget cuts were coming and what else needed to be done. Payne asked about the \$75,000 cut from administration.

Mulfinger stated the first \$300,000 which was cut, or replaced with revenue has started and will need to be monitored. Mulfinger talked about the \$75,000 and stated he did not have a plan yet for the cuts to Administration.

Mulfinger stated he would need to come back to the city council in May and present a plan for more budget cuts to ensure the general fund is fiscally sustainable. Mulfinger stressed a first out first in concept where crucial items which were cut and affected service were added back in to the budget when additional revenue is available.

Lenz questioned some of the capital improvement items for the street department. Doudney discussed the need, and the department had already pushed off the items for several years.

Ricchio appreciated the meeting he had with Mulfinger last week and stated new ideas will be needed to meet the lack of revenue in the general fund.

Weber appreciated a plan was in place to discuss cuts well before next year's budget, so the council has time to work with the city staff.

DeVore closed the meeting thanking department heads for their time and the elected officials making time for an additional budget hearing.

Adjournment