



Minutes

City Council Work Session

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

June 08, 2020 - 5:30 PM

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor DeVore at 5:30 P.M.

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| Present | Stewart, Gerdtz, Weber, Cantrell, Seeders, Fisk |
| Also Present | Mulfinger, Rigdon, Dillon |
| Absent | None |

Discussion on Property Request

Council discussed taking over 208 8th Avenue SW as the resident lost the ability to take care of the homes and offered the property to the city. Fisk informed council that this cycle happens a lot in Oelwein and if the city does not step in, then the city must step in and clean up the home.

Weber was worried that if the city started taking property the word would get out and everyone would want to push their problems onto the city. DeVore did not want the city to have to pay the taxes or any liens on the property.

Mulfinger said the city should not bail out property owners, but with the houses that are being passed to the city, there is no good solution. Mulfinger stated he would place the item on the next agenda for a formal motion by council.

Discussion on Citation Process

Mulfinger noted that Council was out of time to have a larger discussion and that one would take place at the next work session. Mulfinger wanted council to consider how aggressive the city should be in going after overdue fees and fines in the Community Development department.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator