



Minutes

City Council Meeting
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
August 24, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order Mayor DeVore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call **Present:** Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio (speaker phone), Weber, Payne
 Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, City Clerk Rigdon
 Absent: NA

Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve the agenda as amended.

All aye. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion to approve the August 10, 2026 minutes.
2. Claims Resolution in the amount of \$800,318.08.
3. Consideration of resolution approving Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$2,090.00 for 10th St. Bridge Reconstruction Project with Taylor Construction.

Resolution No. 5923-2026 was applied to this resolution.

4. Consideration of a resolution approving Pay Application No. 11 in the amount of \$17,859.54 to Taylor Construction for the 10th St. Bridge Project.

Resolution No. 5924-2026 was applied to this resolution.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve the consent agenda.

All aye. Motion carried.

Ordinances

5. Consideration of an ordinance adding Section 23-70- Bridge Safety Regulations for the bridge located at the 400 block of 10th Street SW to Chapter 23. - Third and Final Reading.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Ordinance No. 1229.

Aye: Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio (electronic), Weber, Payne

Nay: NA Motion carried.

Resolutions

6. Consideration of a resolution approving a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve Resolution No. 5925-2026.

Aye: Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio (electronic), Weber, Payne

Nay: NA Motion carried.

7. Consideration of a preliminary resolution pursuant to Section 384.42 of the Iowa Code related to the 6th Street Northeast Improvements Project.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5926-2026.

Aye: Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio (electronic), Weber, Payne

Nay: NA Motion carried.

8. Consideration of a resolution approving Construction Engineering Services for the 6th Street Northeast Improvements with Fehr Graham in the amount of \$75,000.00.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Gearhart to approve Resolution No. 5927-2026.

Aye: Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio (electronic), Weber, Payne

Nay: NA Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution scheduling a public hearing on the vacation and transfer of the city right of way to Calvin Anderman on September 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5928-2026.

Aye: Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio (electronic), Weber, Payne

Nay: NA Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution scheduling a public hearing on the vacation and transfer of the city right of way to James Walter and John Bamford on September 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Resolution No. 5929-2026.

Aye: Cantrell, Cannon, Gearhart, Ricchio (electronic), Weber, Payne

Nay: NA Motion carried.

Motions

11. Consideration of a motion to seek public input on the Oelwein Pedestrian Access Route Transition Plan as required by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve seeking public input on the Oelwein Pedestrian Access Route Transition Plan as required by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

All aye. Motion carried.

12. Consideration of a motion to seek bids for the 2026 Residential Demolition project.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve seeking bids for the 2026 Residential Demolition project.

All aye. Motion carried.

13. Consideration of a motion to refer the proposed curfew ordinance to the Public Safety Committee.

Council member Gearhart thinks 10:00 PM during the summer months is too early.

A motion was made by Cantrell, seconded by Payne to approve referring the proposed curfew ordinance to the Public Safety Committee.

All aye. Motion carried.

14. Consideration of a motion to refer the proposed scooter ordinance to the Public Safety Committee.

Council member Ricchio would like to have an educational training on how to ride and rules to follow. He also questioned where is riding permitted, on the street or on the sidewalk.

A motion was made by Cantrell seconded by Payne to approve referring the proposed scooter ordinance to the Public Safety Committee. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

15. Report from Gearhart on the Airport Board minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityofeelwein.org/bc-ab/page/airport-board-56>

16. Report from Cantrell on the Park and Recreation Commission minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityofeelwein.org/bc-parks/page/parks-and-recreation-33>

Council member Cannon stated he would like to review the revenue and expenses for the aquatics center. He recommended after September; once the aquatics center is closed and all expenses are posted.

17. Report from Payne on the Library Board minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.oelwein.lib.ia.us/about/library-board-minutes-1>

Council Updates

Council member Payne questioned if electric scooters would be allowed on trails.

Mayor's Report

- A. Consideration of a motion approving the mayor's recommendation to appoint Lindsey Rechkemmer to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve the mayor's recommendation to appoint Lindsey Rechkemmer to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

All aye. Motion carried.

Mayor DeVore stated he had called into the Fayette County Landfill meeting but was unsuccessful a hearing the meeting.

City Attorney's Report

- A. City Attorney.

The City Attorney invoices were included in the packet.

City Administrator's Report

- A. City Administrator.

City Administrator Mulfinger stated the Library Search Committee is hiring a new Library Director.

Mulfinger stated Building Inspector Bunn has resigned; a new inspector will be hired to take his place.

The city is getting more aggressive on the continuing issues with the Mealey.

On August 27, at 5:00PM will be the Rotary Sweet Corn feed.

Goal sheets were handed out to staff for the second year.

Adjournment

A motion was by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to adjourn the meeting at 6:37PM

All aye.

Motion carried.

Brett DeVore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

I, Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator in and for the City of Oelwein, Iowa do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true accounting of the Council Proceedings held August 24, 2026 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register August 26, 2026.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator