



Minutes

Joint Airport Board and City Council Work Session Meeting

Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa
February 27, 2023 - 5:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on the recommendation from the Airport Board to eliminate funding the Fixed Based Operator Position at the Oelwein Municipal Airport.

DeVore opened the meeting and asked some of the Airport Board members who were present what the plan was if city staff could not attend to the airport. DeVore did stated that staff was not at a point to take on more duties especially snow removal and lawn mowing.

Bryan the Airport Board Chair stated the hours on the tractor show how much is needed for snow removal and lawn mowing.

Woodraska stated the runway should be cleared within 6 hours to abide by federal regulations.

Bryan stated most of the FBO duties could be contracted out.

DeVore said the fuel and maintenance would take staff time and staff would not be able to address these areas as soon as the FBO.

Seeders stated help has been hard to find at the city and contractors are also struggling.

Woodraska stated the airport needs an FBO.

Bryan was not apposed to an FBO, just using city dollars to fund the position. Bryan did not believe the city should subsidize the FBO's private business.

Stewart explained the city had looked at outsourcing mowing several times for the cemetery and it was never cheaper.

Payne questioned why the fuel could not be automated and checked by staff not at the airport.

No direction was provided to the City Administrator by council.

Adjournment