



Minutes

Work Session

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

January 24, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Absent: Lenz, Seeders

Discussions

1. Discussion of Community Development Budget

Jay Shekleton provided an overview of the rental inspection numbers. Dylan Mulfinger and Shekleton discussed the budget for Community Development. Mulfinger noted that the council has invested a great deal of money in ensuring nuisances and building codes are enforced.

Shekleton discussed the Community Development software and the pros and cons. Matt Weber wanted to make sure that staff time was calculated into a new program as this is a cost savings to have an improved software for the department. Brett DeVore wanted to see Community Development move toward a new software but understood that the current one was functional. Mulfinger discussed the car replacement and how this would push the old Impala to the airport. Weber was pleased with the investment the city was making in Community Development and enjoyed seeing the progress and improvement within the community.

2. Discussion of Parks Department Budget

Josh Johnson discussed the Parks, Cemetery, Pool, and Campground budget. Johnson noted that not many increases occurred, but the task of getting employees is providing difficult. Johnson discussed Lake Oelwein and the opportunity it presented to the city. Mulfinger let council know that a larger plan for Lake Oelwein should be created with ensuring a more utilized water area. Stewart mentioned that the City made it no wake and that changes could be made.

Johnson discussed his CIP items and the amount of chip seal being done. Weber thanked Johnson for the big picture ideas and bringing them to City Council. Dave Garrigus asked questions about the new pickup and the pricing. Mulfinger informed council that the state gets bids for vehicles and all government offices run off of those numbers. A brief discussion occurred on eliminating roads from the cemetery. Stewart advised that this may cause more issues than save money.

Adjournment