



# Minutes

City Council Work Session

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

November 14, 2022 - 6:30 PM

**Present:** Lenz, Garrigus, Seeders, Payne, Stewart, Weber

**Also Present:** Mulfinger, Kral

**Absent:** NA

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Discussions

### 1. Discussion on City Attorney Bids.

Mulfinger provided discussion points on pay and proximity of the firms who provided interest. The following firms provide an RFP:

- Brick Gentry P.C.
- Peters & Longmuir
- Hopkins Huebner P.C.
- Roberts, Stevens, and Prendergast
- Lynch Dallas

Council wanted to have an attorney on the line during meetings if possible. Mulfinger discussed how a sit down with the City Attorney would be needed to lay out expectations. Council selected Peters & Longmuir and Lynch Dallas to interview on November 28.

### 2. Discussion on Accessory Buildings.

Building Official David Kral presented the proposed code changes to Council that were recommend by Planning and Zoning, and Board of Adjustment.

Council provided direction to place the changes on the next agenda with an ordinance.

### 3. Discussion on Metal Siding.

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### 4. Discussion on Property Front Lines.

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Council provided direction to place the changes on the next agenda with an ordinance.

### 5. Discussion on Accessory Buildings on Vacant Properties.

Mulfinger advised that the Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment did not want accessory buildings on stand alone lots. Council advised that both boards revisit the items and that more reasons be provided to council on why it would not be a good idea. Several council members believed some structures on these properties would be a benefit to the community. Kral would go back to each board and work with them.

6. Discussion on Slum and Blight.

Mulfinger presented the slum and blight survey along with the proposed abatement schedule. Council was in favor of the item and wanted to see it on the next agenda.

7. Discussion on Snow Storage.

Mulfinger went into detail of why it was not a good idea for the City to get into the business of private snow storage and removal.

Stewart advised the City should be fair in their enforcement of the private storage of snow on public property.

Council was in favor of the City Administrator's recommendation and advised to put the decision on the next council meeting for a vote.

**Adjournment**