



# Minutes

City Council Work Session

Oelwein Community Plaza, 25 West Charles, Oelwein,  
Iowa

December 14, 2020 - 5:30 PM

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Discussions

1. Discussion with House Representative Elect Chad Ingles

Mulfinger opened the meeting with introductions and asked thanked Ingles for coming. Mulfinger provided the goals of the city to Chad and then discussed areas of importance for the City.

Oelwein uses tax increment financing and requests that the state continue to allow this tool to be used. If the program went away Oelwein would not be able to compete for new businesses.

Mulfinger asked that Ingles let the state know that more restatations to property taxes would only hurt city's and would not help the state. Communities need flexibility to make their budgets work to provide services to the community. Muflinger said that limiting the power of taxation hurts communities.

Muflinger expressed that Oelwein needs help with housing. Not many working-class families can build new homes. This causes many issues and does not allow for families to become established in Oelwein. The issue of home and places for lowans to live is a state problem.

Ingles said he would like to meet again after the session or during if possible.

Mulfinger asked that if an issue concerning local governments comes up that he contacts the cities he represents to get information.

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator