



# Minutes

City Council Meeting  
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein  
September 08, 2025 - 6:00 PM

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Call to Order

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

## Roll Call

**Present:** Lenz, Cantrell, Payne (entered at 6:10 PM), Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

**Also Present:** Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, City Clerk/Treasurer Rigdon

**Absent:** NA

## Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve the agenda as presented.

All aye. Motion carried

## Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion to approve the August 25, 2025 minutes.
2. Consideration of a resolution authorizing temporary closure of public ways or grounds for Oelwein Volunteer Fire Department.

*Resolution No. 5796-2025 was applied to this resolution.*

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

All aye. Motion carried.

## Public Hearing

3. Public Hearing on September 8th, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers for the construction plan specifications for the construction of the 10th Street Bridge.

Mayor DeVore opened the public hearing.

Courtney Wand, Origin Design, had introduced herself as the engineer for the project. She had responded to the mayor's question stating the bid came in lower because we offered more flexibility on the start time.

No further written or oral comments were received.

Mayor DeVore closed the public hearing.

4. Public Hearing on September 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Oelwein City Council Chambers for a lease with Alltel Corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless for land at 230 4th Street SW (Parcel No. 1821376002) for construction of a cell phone tower.

Mayor DeVore opened the public hearing.

John Latham, 230 4th Street SW, had written a letter against the tower. Council member Weber stated he had two verbal communications in favor of the tower. Council members Ricchio and Weber heard comments about the debris pile, and whether it would be cleaned up. The brush trees are not on city

property for the city to clean up. Mayor DeVore contacted the Fayette County Assessor with her stating there is nothing in the State of Iowa that she is aware of showing a cell phone tower has affected property value. Seeders inquired if the letter from Latham was before or after City Administrator Mulfinger had visited with him. City Administrator Mulfinger shared information with the council earlier regarding cancer issues.

No further written or oral comments were received.

Mayor DeVore closed the public hearing.

## Resolutions

5. Consideration of a resolution approving the plans and specifications of the 10th St. Bridge Project from origin Design and approving the bid from Taylor Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,416,351.70

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5797-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Absent: Payne

Motion carried.

6. Consideration of a resolution approving a lease with Alltel Corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless for land at parcel number 1821376002, LOTS 1 TO 5 BLK 5 BENNETT'S ADD & PC 215' X 450' ADJ ON N LOTS 1 TO 5 BLK 1 MILES ADD, for construction of a cell phone tower

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Seeders to approve Resolution No. 5798-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Absent: Payne

Motion carried.

7. Consideration of a resolution approving Final Pay Application No. 9 in the amount of \$12,240.75 to Woodruff Construction for the Oelwein Municipal Airport Airfield Vault.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5799-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Absent: Payne

Motion carried.

8. Consideration of a resolution approving a demolition bid in the amount of \$43,558.00 with Matt Construction for the 2025 Demolition Project.

Applied for two grants through the Northeast Iowa Trust Fund, two homes will be demolished and one will be burned.

A motion was made by Seeders, seconded by Weber to approve Resolution No. 5800-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Absent: Payne

Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution approving a three-year contract with NUWAVE for Voice over Internet Protocol phones (VOIP).

*Council member Payne entered at 6:10 PM.*

City Administrator Mulfinger stated the cost will be half when compared to the current contract.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5801-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Payne, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Absent: NA

Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the release of mortgages granted by BBV, LLC. and Tiki Properties, LLC., to the City of Oelwein.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5802-2025.

Ayes: Lenz, Cantrell, Payne, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber

Nays: NA

Absent: NA

Motion carried.

### **Motions**

11. Consideration of a motion to move the employee December 24, 2025 holiday to December 26, 2025.

A motion was made by Seeders, seconded by Payne to move the employee December 24, 2025 holiday to December 26, 2025.

All aye.

Motion carried.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor DeVore congratulated the Oelwein Fire Department on earning the honor of hosting the state fire conventions in September 2027 and 2028.

### **City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Herman shared his written report to council prior to this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM.

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Brett DeVore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 September 08, 2025 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register September 10, 2025.

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator