



## **Agenda**

**City Council Work Session Meeting**  
Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa  
6:30 PM

June 08, 2026  
Oelwein, Iowa

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**Mayor:** Brett DeVore

**Mayor Pro Tem:** Matt Weber

**Council Members:** Tony Cannon, Anthony Ricchio, Lynda Payne, Jason Gearhart, Renee Cantrell

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Discussions**

- [1.](#) Highway 150 and 3 Discussion.
- [2.](#) 6th Street NE Engineering Contract Discussion.

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### **Adjournment**

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To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator  
Subject: Highway 150 Work Session #2  
Date: 6/3/2026

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On May 11, 2026, the city council held a work session with the Iowa DOT District Engineer Nick Humpal and Mary Kelly, Assistant District Engineer. Nick informed the council that the Highway 150 and 14th St SE intersection did not meet their level of accidents to warrant intervention. Nick explained that the two intersections south, Highway 150 and 20th St. SE and Highway 150 and Highway 281, were at a higher level of incidents over the last five years.

The city council asked several questions and learned about what changes could be made. The DOT reviewed a four to three lane conversion and discussed roundabouts. Humpal discussed timing and when improvements or changes could be made. Nick stated that the council would need to provide them direction on the improvements as the DOT prefers to work with the local jurisdiction.

The city council must discuss the following so that a final vote can be made at a city council meeting:

- Request the DOT to change the current four lane to a three lane at the earliest time for the Iowa DOT.
- Determine the future of the light at Highway 150 and 20th St. SE
- Discuss the future and possible changes to the traffic signal at Highway 3 and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave



The following was provided to the city council at a previous work session:

The city council must have a shared goal when working with the Iowa DOT on the future of transportation in the community. This will ensure the best possible outcomes for Highway 150 and Highway 3. The city council is starting discussions on Highway 150 because the Highway 150 and 14<sup>th</sup> St SE intersection has seen an increase in incidents over the last year. City staff has provided the following goals that the city council should consider when approaching the Iowa DOT:

- Safer intersections on Highway 150
  - Highway 150 and 14<sup>th</sup> St SE
  - Highway 150 and 20<sup>th</sup> St. SE
  - Highway 150 and Highway 281
  - Discussion on roundabouts
- Slower Speeds
  - This will increase response times for drivers to reduce crashes
  - Lower crash speeds reduce severity of crashes
- Right size for traffic flow
  - Four to three lane conversion
- Long term goals
  - Give back right of way to adjacent homeowners
  - More room for snow, less snow on sidewalks
  - Walkability and cross ability

May 21, 2026

Mayor Brett DeVore and Council Members  
City of Oelwein  
20 2nd Avenue SW  
Oelwein, Iowa 50662-2241

**RE: Proposal for Civil Design and Construction Engineering Services  
6th Street Northeast Improvements, Oelwein, Iowa**

Dear Mayor DeVore and Council Members,

Fehr Graham is pleased to present the following proposal for professional services relating to improvements for 6th Street Northeast in the City of Oelwein.

The project will start at the intersection of 4th Avenue NE and extend to 8th Avenue NE for a length of just over 1,200 LF. The block from 4th Avenue NE to 5th Avenue NE is Portland Concrete Cement (PCC) surfaced with the remaining three blocks being asphalt surfaced with PCC curb and gutter. The PCC surfacing has many cracks and shifting panels. The asphalt surfacing is routinely lower than the adjacent PCC gutter section, causing surface runoff to drain along the asphalt edge and damage the surfacing. The section of roadway between 6th and 7th Avenue NE has previously undergone asphalt repair due to soft areas and a poor base. It appears this portion of the street is subject to groundwater seeping from the hillside, causing the surfacing issues.

The design concept includes crack and seat of the PCC surfacing from 4th Avenue NE to 5th Avenue NE with a 2" thick asphalt overlay; reconstruction (curb and gutter to remain) from 6th Avenue NE to 7th Avenue NE with subdrain tile to collect ground water, new crushed stone base and 5" thick asphalt; the remaining 2 blocks will have the existing asphalt surfacing milled and 2" thick asphalt overlay. Existing storm sewer pipe just east of 5th Avenue NE, from near the northerly right of way of 6th Street, southeasterly across the southerly adjacent property, will be replaced along with curb intakes. This will address pipe that is currently in poor condition.

There will be minor curb and gutter replacement for sections missing or in poor condition.

There are no sidewalks within the project area and none are proposed. Water distribution and sanitary sewer collection infrastructure are in satisfactory condition.

This project will have a special assessment component for those properties with frontage to 6th Street NE within the project area.

## **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **Design Services**

- » Topographic survey of project area to be used as basis for design. Survey will include visible features and utilities as located by the Iowa One Call Design Locate process.
- » Provide design of the street improvements as described above, including removals, excavation, subdrain tile and crushed stone base for reconstruction area and asphalt surfacing.
- » Provide design of storm sewer replacement as described above.

- » Provide a traffic control plan for use during construction.
- » Provide a preliminary and check set of plans for review and comments.
- » Attend one design review meeting with City of Oelwein staff.
- » Make communication with local utilities, as provided by contacting Iowa One Call, along the project corridor and send them plans during the design phase of the project if conflicts with location appear likely.
- » Prepare and assemble final plans, specifications, estimated quantities, contract documents and a final opinion of probable cost.
- » Provide addenda, if needed.
- » Coordinate virtual bid letting, including online plan distribution to contractors. All plan distribution expenses are in addition to the fees listed below.
- » Attend one council meeting to discuss the bid tabulation, answer any questions and recommend the award of bid.

### **Special Assessment Services**

- » Prepare preliminary assessment plat and schedule. Properties with frontage to 6th Street NE within the project area will be included.
- » Assist city attorney by providing information necessary for required resolutions and property owner notices, attorney to prepare documents.
- » Attend one property owner meeting to discuss the project and answer questions.
- » Prepare final assessment plat and schedule.

### **Construction Services**

- » Organize, coordinate and administer a pre-construction meeting.
- » Review shop drawings and submittals for conformance with project plans and specifications.
- » Be available to answer questions during construction.
- » Construction staking of storm sewer improvements and reconstruction area.
- » Prepare monthly pay estimates and, if needed, contract change orders.
- » Attend meetings as necessary to review the construction of the project, discuss project quantities, change order requests and answer any questions related to the project in general.
- » Provide part-time project observation. 80 hours of observation time are estimated and are the basis for the compensation estimate.
- » Perform a project walk-through and prepare punch list items.
- » Provide a recommendation of acceptance upon satisfactory completion of the project.
- » Provide record drawings based on observation documentation and other information made available to us.

### **EXCLUSIONS**

The following items are **not** included in the scope of services:

- » Right-of-Way acquisitions.
- » Easement preparation.
- » Grant application preparation.
- » Economic, environmental and archeological/historical studies.
- » Environmental assessments.
- » Geotechnical exploration.

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- » Subsurface utility exploration.
- » Pavement cores and soil sampling and testing.
- » Compaction testing.
- » Permit applications and fees.
- » Utility coordination related to construction activities for necessary relocations by franchise utilities such as field survey or scheduling.
- » Electric and lighting design.
- » National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit No. 2 application – disturbed soil area is expected to be less than one acre.
- » Plan distribution and bidding fees.

*Any of the above services can be performed at an additional cost to the project upon request.*

**FEES**

Based on the information available at this time, we are prepared to provide these services as outlined for the following fee amount:

Design: Lump Sum of	<b>\$43,000</b>
Special Assessment Services: Lump Sum of	<b>\$ 8,000</b>
Construction Services: Time and Materials with an estimate of	<b>\$24,000</b>

*All plan reproduction and distribution costs along with publication, bidding and permit fees will be paid direct by Client and are not included in the above fees.*

*Payment for the services rendered will be requested via a monthly invoice.*

*Reimbursables are not to exceed a 15% markup.*

**SCHEDULE**

Project work will proceed following approval of the agreement, with a tentative project letting date in February of 2027 allowing for construction during the 2027 construction season.

**AUTHORIZATION**

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this proposal and trust that the information we have provided is in line with your expectations. Please sign and return the attached Agreement for Professional Services, which will serve as your official authorization for us to proceed with the proposed work scope.

Sincerely,



Jon S. Biederman, PE, LSI  
Senior Project Manager

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Enclosure

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**AGREEMENT**  
**FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Client Mayor Brett Devore  
City of Oelwein  
20 2nd Avenue SW  
Oelwein, Iowa 50662-2241

Description of Services:

**6th Street Northeast Improvements, Oelwein, Iowa**

Fehr Graham will complete the scope of services as outlined in the proposal dated May 21, 2026, included herein.

**COST:**

The fees for services are outlined below. For the Time and Material portion, you will be billed on a monthly basis as per the annually established fee schedule.

Design: Lump Sum of \$ 43,000  
Special Assessment Services: Lump Sum of \$ 8,000  
Construction Services: Time and Materials with an estimate of \$ 24,000

*\*Reimbursables are not to exceed a 15% markup. Payment for the services rendered will be requested via a monthly invoice. Fehr Graham does not accept credit and/or debit card payments.*

*\*All plan reproduction and distribution costs along with publication and permit fees will be paid direct by Client and are not included in the above fees.*

The attached General Conditions are incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:**

I/we, the undersigned, authorize Fehr Graham to provide services as outlined above, and also agree that I/we are familiar with and **ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE ATTACHED GENERAL CONDITIONS.**

**CLIENT:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSULTANT:**

By  \_\_\_\_\_

Name Derek R. Thompson, PE

Title Business Unit Leader - West Region

Date Proposed May 21, 2026

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1. The Client requests the professional services of Fehr Graham hereinafter called "The Consultant" as described herein.
2. The Consultant agrees to furnish and perform the professional service described in this Agreement in accordance with accepted professional standards. Consultant agrees to provide said services in a timely manner, provided, however, that Consultant shall not be responsible for delays in completing said services that cannot reasonably be foreseen on date hereof or for delays which are caused by factors beyond his control or delays resulting from the actions or inaction of any governmental agency. Consultant makes no warranty, expressed or implied, as to his findings, recommendations, plans and specifications or professional advice except that they were made or prepared in accordance with the generally accepted engineering practices.
3. It is agreed that the professional services described in the Agreement shall be performed for Client's account and that Client will be billed monthly for said services. A 1½% per month service charge will be incurred by Client for any payment due herein and not paid within 30 days of such billing which is equal to an ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE OF 18%. Partial payments will be first credited to the accrued service charges and then to the principal.
4. The Client and the Consultant each binds himself, his partners, successors, executors, and assigns to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successor, executors, and assigns of such other party in respect to this Agreement.
5. The Client shall be responsible for payment of all costs and expenses incurred by the Consultant for his account, including any such monies that the Consultant may advance for Client's account for purposes consistent with this Agreement.
6. The Consultant reserves the right to withdraw this Agreement if not accepted within 30 days.
7. A claim for lien will be filed within 75 days of the date of an invoice for services (last day of services rendered) unless the account is paid in full or other prior arrangements have been made. All attorney fees incurred by the Consultant due to the filing of said lien or the foreclosure thereof shall be borne by the Client.  
In the event suit must be filed by Consultant for the collection of fees for services rendered, Client will pay all reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.  
If Client defaults in payment of fees or costs due under the terms of this Agreement and Consultant incurs legal expenses as a result of such failure, Client shall be responsible for payment for Consultant's reasonable attorney fees and costs so
8. The Consultant shall present, for the consideration of the Client, engineering and technical alternatives, based upon its knowledge and experience in accordance with accepted professional standards, with selection of alternatives and final decisions as requested by the client to be the sole responsibility of the Client.
9. Construction Phase Activities (When applicable) - In connection with observations of the work of the Contractor(s) while it is in progress the Consultant shall make visits to the site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction as the Consultant deems necessary in Agreement to observe as an experienced and qualified design professional the progress and quality of the various aspects of the Contractor(s)'s work. Based on information obtained during such visits and on such observation, the Consultant shall endeavor to determine in general if such work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Consultant shall keep the Client informed of the progress of the work.  
The purpose of the Consultant's visits to the site will be to enable the Consultant to better carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned to and undertaken by the Consultant during the Construction Phase, and, in addition, by exercise of the Consultant's efforts as an experienced and qualified design professional, to provide for the Client a greater degree of confidence that the completed work of the Contractor(s) will conform generally to the Contract Documents and that the integrity of the design concept as reflected in the Contract Documents has been implemented and preserved by the Contractor(s). The Consultant shall not, during such visits or as a result of such observations of Contractor(s)' work in progress, supervise, direct or have control over Contractor(s)' work nor shall the Consultant have authority over or responsibility for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction selected by Contractor(s), for safety precautions and programs incident to the work of Contractor(s) or for any failure of Contractor(s) to comply with laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, or orders applicable to Contractors(s) furnishing and performing their work. Accordingly, the Consultant can neither guarantee the performance of the construction contracts by Contractor(s) nor assume responsibility for Contractor(s)' failure to furnish and perform their work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
10. Estimates of Fees – When fees are on a time and material basis the estimated costs required to complete the services to be performed are made on the basis of the Consultant's experience, qualifications, and professional judgment, but are not guaranteed. If the costs appear likely to exceed the estimate in excess of 20%, the Consultant will notify the Client before proceeding. If the Client does not object to the additional costs within seven (7) days of notification, the increased costs shall be deemed approved by the Client.
11. The Consultant is responsible for the safety on site of his own employees. This provision shall not be construed to relieve the Client or the Contractor(s) from their responsibility for maintaining a safe work site. Neither the professional services of the Consultant, nor the presence of his employees or subcontractors shall be construed to imply that the Consultant has any responsibility for any activities on site performed by personnel other than the Consultant's employees or
12. Original survey data, field notes, maps, computations, studies, reports, drawings, specifications and other documents generated by the Consultant are instruments of service and shall remain the property of the Consultant. The Consultant shall provide copies to the Client of all documents specified in the Description of Services.  
Any documents generated by the Consultant are for the exclusive use of the Client and any use by third parties or use beyond the intended purpose of the document shall be at the sole risk of the Client. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Client shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Consultant for any loss or damage arising out of the unauthorized use of such documents.

13. No claim may be asserted by either party against the other party unless an action on the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the date of the Consultant's final invoice to the Client.
14. If a Client's Purchase Order form or acknowledgment or similar form is issued to identify the agreement, authorize work, open accounts for invoicing, provide notices, or document change orders, the preprinted terms and condition of said Purchase Order shall be superseded by the terms hereof.
15. Standard of Care – Services performed by Consultant under this agreement will be conducted in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing under similar conditions. No other representation expressed or implied, and no warranty or guarantee is included or intended in any report, opinion or document under this agreement.
16. Liability Insurance – Consultant will maintain such liability insurance as is appropriate for the professional services rendered as described in this Agreement. Consultant shall provide Certificates of Insurance to Client, upon Client's request.
17. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability – Client and Consultant each agree to indemnify and hold the other harmless, including their respective officers, employees, agents, members, and representatives, from and against liability for all claims, costs, losses, damages and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent such claims, losses, damages or expenses are caused by the indemnifying party's acts, errors or omissions.  
The Client understands that for the compensation herein provided Consultant cannot expose itself to liabilities disproportionate to the nature and scope hereunder. Therefore, the Client agrees to limit Consultant's liability to the Client arising from Consultant's professional acts, errors or omissions, such that the total aggregate liability of Consultant shall not exceed \$50,000 or Consultant's total fee for services rendered on this Project, whichever is less.
18. Allocation of Risk – Consultant and Client acknowledge that, prior to the start of this Agreement, Consultant has not generated, handled, stored, treated, transported, disposed of, or in any way whatsoever taken responsibility for any toxic substance or other material found, identified, or as yet unknown at the Project premises. Consultant and Client further acknowledge and understand that the evaluation, management, and other actions involving toxic or hazardous substances that may be undertaken as part of the Services to be performed by Consultant, including subsurface excavation or sampling, entails uncertainty and risk of injury or damage. Consultant and Client further acknowledge and understand that Consultant has not been retained to serve as an insurer of the safety of the Project to the Client, third parties, or the public.  
Client acknowledges that the discovery of certain conditions and/or taking of preventative measures relative to these conditions may result in a reduction of the property's value. Accordingly, Client waives any claim against Consultant and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Consultant and its subcontractors, consultants, agents, officers, directors, and employees from any claim or liability for injury or loss allegedly arising from procedures associated with environmental site assessment (ESA) activities or the discovery of actual or suspected hazardous materials or conditions. Client releases Consultant from any claim for damages resulting from or arising out of any pre-existing environmental conditions at the site where the work is being performed which was not directly or indirectly caused by and did not result from, in whole or in part, any act or omission of Consultant or subcontractor, their representatives, agents, employees, and invitees.  
If, while performing the Services set forth in any Scope of Services, pollutants are discovered that pose unanticipated or extraordinary risks, it is hereby agreed that the Scope of Services, schedule, and costs will be reconsidered and that this Agreement shall immediately become subject to renegotiation or termination. Client further agrees that such discovery of unanticipated hazardous risks may require Consultant to take immediate measures to protect health and safety or report such discovery as may be required by law or regulation. Consultant shall promptly notify Client upon discovery of such risks. Client, however, hereby authorizes Consultant to take all measures Consultant believes necessary to protect Consultant and Client personnel and the public. Furthermore, Client agrees to compensate Consultant for any additional costs associated with such measures.
19. In the event of legal action to construe or enforce the provisions of this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to collect reasonable attorney fees, court costs and related expenses from the losing party and the court having jurisdiction of the dispute shall be authorized to determine the amount of such fees, costs and expenses and enter judgment thereof.
20. Assignment - Neither party to this Agreement shall, without the prior written consent of the other party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, assign the benefit or in any way transfer its obligations under this Agreement or any part hereof; provided, however, either Party may freely assign this Agreement to a parent, subsidiary or affiliate without the other party's consent. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, and except as otherwise provided herein, upon their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.
21. Termination – The obligation to provide further services under this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven (7) days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof through no fault of the terminating party. In the event of any termination, Consultant will be paid for all services rendered to the date of receipt of written notice of termination, at Consultant's established chargeout rates, plus for all Reimbursable Expenses including a 15% markup.
22. Provision Severable – The unenforceability or invalidity of any provisions hereof shall not render any other provisions herein contained unenforceable or invalid.
23. Governing Law and Choice of Venue – Client and Consultant agree that this Agreement will be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa. If there is a lawsuit, Client and Consultant agree that the dispute shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the Iowa District Court in and for Fayette County, Iowa.