



## **Agenda**

City Council Meeting  
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein  
6:00 PM

January 12, 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**

### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

### **Additions or Deletions**

**Citizens Public Comments** - See Guidelines for Public Comments Below

[A.](#) Public Comment Policy.

### **Consent Agenda**

[1.](#) Consideration of a motion approving the December 22, 2025 minutes.

### **Resolutions**

[2.](#) Consideration of a resolution approving appointment for the Mayor Pro-Tem, committees, and board for Oelwein City Council members for terms in 2026 and 2027.

[3.](#) Consideration of a resolution setting a public hearing for January 26, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers on the sale of 201 9th Ave SW.

### **Council Updates**

### **Mayor's Report**

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

A. City Attorney meeting will be January 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM

### **City Administrator's Report**

[A.](#) City Administrator.

### **Adjournment**

[B.](#) Additional Information.

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Public Comment Policy  
Oelwein Guidelines for Public Participation during City Council Meetings  
Adopted by Council Resolution 5495-2023

1. Regular City Council Meetings “Public Comments” on non-agenda items.
  - a. The first opportunity for public comment is listed on the agenda as “Public Comments”. This time is set aside for the public to address the City Council on issues not scheduled on the agenda. It is not to be confused with a public hearing, which is a formal proceeding conducted for the purpose of discussing a specific topic, such as the city budget.
  - b. Anyone wishing to address the City Council must adhere to the following “Rules of Procedure and Decorum”:
    - i. Be recognized by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem.
    - ii. State their name and address.
    - iii. Speak from the podium in a civil, non-argumentative and respectful manner.
    - iv. Whenever a group wishes to address the City Council on the same subject, the Mayor may request that a spokesperson be chosen by the group to avoid significant repetitive comments. Follow up comments by others that are similarly minded, should be limited to acknowledging their agreement with the comments made by the spokesperson or any other prior speaker, and not merely repeating previously made comments.
    - v. Each person wishing to speak during the public comment period shall be given three (3) minutes to share their comments.
    - vi. Speakers will be required to speak into the microphone, speak clearly and succinctly, to ensure all in attendance, in person or virtually, can clearly hear and understand what is being said.
    - vii. All remarks shall be directed to the Mayor and City Council as a body rather than to the Mayor, any particular Councilmember, or any member of the staff or audience.
    - viii. If the speaker intends to share any documents the City Council during their comments, a copy must also be provided to the City Clerk. If the speaker is reading a “statement” to the Council, it is requested that a copy of the “statement” be provided to the City Clerk so as to have a clear and accurate record of what was said.
    - ix. Speakers shall refrain from the use of profanity; language likely to incite violence or outbursts from the audience; language that is disruptive to the orderly process of the meeting; engaging in conversations with individual council members; making comments of a personal nature regarding others; shouting, yelling or screaming.
    - x. Speakers shall not continue to address the City Council once they have left the podium and will at no point address or engage in conversation with the Mayor, Council, or staff from their seat.
  - c. Other matters relevant to the Public Comment section reference topics not on the Agenda.
    - i. Should the Mayor or Council request clarifications from the speaker the Mayor, in the Mayor’s sole discretion, may provide additional time to the speaker.



- ii. The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, in the sole discretion of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of the Mayor, may provide additional time or reduce time allowed any speaker and/or make other allowances or judgements deemed appropriate under the circumstances, in the Mayor's capacity as the presiding official.
- iii. In many cases, the speaker will be directed to meet with staff outside of the meeting to further discuss, obtain answers to questions, to resolve the issue, and/or to discuss next steps.
- iv. Other than asking a question to clarify a statement made by the speaker, Council members shall refrain from entering into a dialogue with the speaker. This portion of the agenda is not intended for a discussion or debate between the City Council and the speaker and should not be used for that purpose. Iowa Code requires public notice of all items to be considered/debated to be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting. Therefore, Council discussion or debate on a topic brought up in the public comment section would be a violation of Iowa Code.
- v. The Mayor is responsible for maintaining order and decorum and will not allow the speaker, or any other person in attendance, to make personal attacks or inflammatory comments and will, when appropriate, direct any person violating any of the rules set forth herein to be quiet, to sit down and/or return to their seat as appropriate. Failure to comply with directives of the Mayor may result in the person being asked to leave the meeting or removed from the meeting. The Mayor may call for a break or recess to allow the speaker to leave or be removed from the meeting.

2. City Council Meetings "Public Comments" on Agenda Items during the meeting

- a. The City Council meeting is designed for the City Council to discuss and make decisions on the various issues on the agenda. The procedure for introduction, consideration, and action on agenda items is as follows:
  - i. Each agenda item is introduced by the Mayor
  - ii. The Mayor asks for a staff presentation or clarification of any relevant staff report.
  - iii. If dealing with an issue tied to an applicant, the Mayor may ask for comments from the applicant.
  - iv. The Mayor will then request whether any person in attendance wished to comment on the agenda item.
  - v. After the cessation of Council debate and any other comments as appropriate, the Mayor will call for a motion and second.
  - vi. Once a motion has been made and seconded, no additional comments will be received from the public, only City Council debate, with staff input as appropriate, will occur from this point forward.
- b. The rules for addressing the City Council at the designated time during this portion of the meeting are:
  - i. The speaker must be recognized by the Mayor.
  - ii. The speaker must speak from the podium and must provide their name and address for the record.





- iii. At no time will members of the public be allowed to enter into the City Council discussion from their seat. Upon recognition by the Mayor, a person may only be allowed to speak at the podium during the City Council discussion so long as the Mayor finds the comments to be germane, necessary and/or helpful to the City Council.
  - iv. No speaker will be allowed to speak more than once on any agenda item unless clarification is requested by the City Council and permission granted by the Mayor.
  - v. When an agenda includes a “Public Hearing”, any comments from the Public will only be received during the Public Hearing, not after the Public Hearing during consideration of any action item tied to the Public Hearing discussion.
  - vi. All rules set forth above in the “Public Comments” on non-agenda items section of this Policy, unless specifically excepted by the provisions of this section, shall by this reference be applicable to Public Comments on agenda items.
3. Public Hearings
- a. When an item under consideration requires a public hearing by statute, the Mayor will open and facilitate the public hearing. Public comments will be received in the same manner, and subject to, all provisions described and set forth under Paragraph 2 of this Policy.
  - b. Reasonable limitations on the number of speakers and time allowed to speak may be imposed by the Mayor in order to keep the meeting moving.
  - c. Public hearings are held to gather data and opinions from the public to assist and facilitate the decision-making process.
  - d. All rules set forth above in the “Public Comments” on non-agenda items section of this Policy, unless specifically excepted by the provisions of this section, shall by this reference be applicable to Public Comments on agenda items..
4. Public Comments at Council Workshops / Work Sessions.
- a. The committee chair runs the work session. The purpose of work sessions is to allow staff to present material and for the Council to have time to discuss and consider issues in greater detail before taking action.
  - b. Public Comments:
    - i. Because the Workshop/Work Session is designed for discussion among the members of the City Council and staff, public comment is not warranted. A member of the audience may only speak should the chair recognizes a member of the public or interested party or if a Council member requests that a member of the public be recognized. If so recognized, the same rules of decorum as listed for Council meetings apply, and the chair may impose any and all other restrictions deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of the chair.
  - c. All rules set forth above in the “Public Comments” on non-agenda items section of this Policy, unless specifically excepted by the provisions of this section, shall by this reference be applicable to Public Comments on agenda items.
5. Rules of Decorum for the Audience during Council Meetings and Work Sessions
- a. Meeting attendees (the audience):



- i. Will refrain from commenting, clapping, shouting, booing, or other inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior.
  - ii. Will refrain from private conversations during meetings.
  - iii. Should not address Council members in individual conversation or make comments to individual Council members.
- 6. Contacting City Council Members outside of Meetings
  - a. You may contact your City Council member at any time. Their contact information is on the City's website (<https://www.cityfoelwein.org>) at the button marked Government then City Council. Phone numbers may be provided City Hall should permission be given by the elected official.



# Minutes

City Council Meeting  
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein  
December 22, 2025 - 6:00 PM

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Call to Order

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

**Roll Call Present:** Payne, Seeders, Ricchio, Weber, Lenz, Cantrell

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

## Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to adopt the agenda as amended

All aye. Motion carried.

## Citizens Public Comments

Anthony Ricchio, 522 West Charles, president of the Waste Industry Museum thanked the city for granting him permission to drive one of the museum trucks with Christmas lights on it around town. He felt it was a good way to showcase the museum and received good feedback.

## Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion approving the December 8, 2025 minutes.
2. Claims Resolution in the amount of \$434,078.87.
3. Consideration of a motion approving the Class "E" Retail Alcohol License for Super Mart.

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

All aye. Motion carried.

## Public Hearing

4. Public Hearing for the status of funded activities for the City of Oelwein Rise Day Habilitation Center Improvements Project on December 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Oelwein City Council Chambers.

Mayor DeVore opened the public hearing.

Ashley Christensen from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission read the following points:

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

To comply with the participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, local government applicants and recipients must do the following:

**1) Conduct at least one public hearing on the status of funded activities. The hearing on the status of funded activities must include a review of:**

**(a) a general description of accomplishments to date:**

Exterior work is mostly complete including a new roof, canopy and exterior window. Interior work completed includes select demolition, additional attic insulation, new framing, drywall and finishes starting to go in.

**(b) a summary of expenditures to date:**

The latest pay estimate is current through October 31, 2025 and indicates that CDBG reimbursable construction expenditures are at \$129,181 in terms of work completed and engineering or administrative expenditures are at \$23,011. The total CDBG construction and engineering or administrative expenditures requested-to-date are at 40%. Local match expenditures since October 31, 2025 have been \$19,573.

**(c) a general description of remaining work:**

Interior casework, plumbing fixtures, door hardware, partial ceiling work, paint and flooring are still ongoing or not installed.

**(d) a general description of changes made to the project budget, performance targets, activity schedules, project scope, location, objectives or beneficiaries:**

The project budget decreased from \$824,635 at the time of CDBG grant application to \$436,071 due to construction price fluctuations, modifications to the planned outdoor canopy and an overall favorable bidding environment. There have been six change orders to the project due to unknown conditions being uncovered during demolition, electrical service upgrade to single phase, new acoustical ceilings throughout, additional attic insulation, door hardware adjustments, plumbing changes and sales tax status change. The project performance targets, activity schedules, project scope, location, objectives and beneficiaries are unchanged. The project should be substantially complete in early January for RISE Ltd. to move back into their improved space.

For more information on this project, feel free to contact Ashley Christensen from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission at 563-419-6112.

No further oral or written comments were received.

Mayor DeVore closed the public hearing.

**Ordinances**

5. Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 23: Miscellaneous Law Enforcement, Article IV – Miscellaneous Prohibitions; Illegal Camping. - Third and Final Reading.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cantrell to approve Ordinance No. 1224.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

**Resolutions**

6. Consideration of a resolution approving Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$801.00 for 10th St. Bridge Reconstruction Project with Taylor Construction.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5840-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

7. Consideration of a resolution approves Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$103,031.27 to Taylor Construction for the 10th St. Bridge Project.

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to approve Resolution No. 5841-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

8. Consideration of a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$130.00 to Baker Enterprises, Inc. for the Oelwein Trails Segment 2.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5842-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

9. Consideration of a resolution approving Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$257,135.61 to Baker Enterprises, Inc. for the Oelwein Trails Segment 2.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5843-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

10. Consideration of a resolution approving the contract with Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission and the City of Oelwein for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Water Improvement Project #25-WS-027.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5844-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

11. Consideration of a resolution approving the Office of the State Archaeologist at the University of Iowa (OSA) in the amount of \$1,493.00 for a Phase 1 Archaeological Survey for the 10th St. SE, 1st Ave SE, and 6th St NE 2026 Water Improvement Project.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5845-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

12. Consideration of a resolution approving a development agreement with Matt Construction in the amount of \$45,000.00 to build three zero lot line homes at 201 9th Ave. SW.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ricchio to approve Resolution No. 5846-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

13. Consideration of a resolution amending the Oelwein personnel manual.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5847-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

14. Consideration of a resolution amending the Oelwein Salary Resolution.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve Resolution No. 5848-2025.

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

Nays: NA

Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

15. Report from Seeders on the Library Board minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.oelwein.lib.ia.us/about/library-board-minutes-1>

16. Report from Cantrell on the Park and Rec Minutes.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityofelwein.org/bc-parks/page/parks-and-recreation-28>

### Council Updates

Council member Ricchio would like to discuss signage the Oelwein Cemetery near the railroad property line noting the historical significance.

### Mayor's Report

- A. Consideration of a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation to reappoint Savannah DeJong to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve the mayor's recommendation to reappoint Savannah DeJong to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

All aye. Motion carried.

- B. Consideration of a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation to reappoint Dave Gearhart to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Lenz to approve the mayor's recommendation to reappoint Dave Gearhart to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

All aye. Motion carried.

Mayor DeVore reported he would have more information regarding the landfill as they meet in January.

Mayor DeVore stated he had received an email from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission announcing the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust fund was awarded \$429,312.00 from the state to use within the cog – Allamakee, Winneshiek, Fayette, Howard, and Clayton counties. Furthermore, an additional \$747,000 was awarded from the federal level to assist veterans, disabled and/or elderly individuals to make home improvements.

**City Administrator's Report**

City Administrator Mulfinger thanked Seeders and Lenz for their time serving Oelwein. They have made a great impact and the city is better because of it. Mayor Devore second this notion.

Mulfinger reported he attended a legislative update in Calmar to meet with federal and state representatives on upcoming policies.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lenz, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 6:38PM.

All aye.

Motion carried.

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Matt Weber, Mayor Pro Tem

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 December 22, 2025 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register December 23, 2025.

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT FOR THE MAYOR PRO-TEM, COMMITTEES, AND BOARD FOR  
OELWEIN CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR TERMS IN 2026 AND 2027

WHEREAS, the city is required to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor Brett DeVore has requested Matt Weber as the Mayor Pro Tem; and

WHEREAS, the city shall make the following appointments:

**Planning, Finance, Enterprise & Economic Development**

Chair Weber, Cannon, Gearhart

**Public Safety**

Chair Weber, Ricchio, Gearhart

**Housing Committee**

Chair DeVore, Cannon, Ricchio

**Fayette Co. Solid Waste Commission**

Mayor DeVore, Alternate Mulfinger

**Fayette Co. Emergency Management**

Councilperson Weber

**Airport Liaison**

Councilperson Gearhart

**Library Liaison**

Councilperson Payne

**OCAD Liaison**

DeVore, Alternate Mulfinger

**Park & Recreation Liaison**

Councilperson Cantrell

**Regional Planning Board Transportation Policy Board**

DeVore, Mulfinger Alternate

**Regional Planning Transportation Technical Board**

DeVore, Doudney Alternate

**Regional Planning Transportation Enhancement Board**

DeVore, Johnson Alternate

**County Conference Board**

Mayor DeVore, Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Weber

;and

WHEREAS, these appointments come from the Mayor and are confirmed by the city council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of Oelwein, Iowa approves appointment  
for the Mayor Pro-Tem, committees, and board for Oelwein city council members for  
terms in 2026 and 2027



Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Oelwein, Iowa this 12th day of January, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Weber, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded  
by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Resolution as read  
be adopted, and upon roll call the following  
votes were cast:

Aye    Nay    Absent    Abstain

Ricchio  
Weber  
Payne  
Cantrell  
Cannon  
Gearhart

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2026

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 9th Ave SW

WHEREAS, the City of Oelwein, Iowa, is the owner of real property ("Property") situated in the City of Oelwein, Fayette County, Iowa, located at 201 9th Ave SW, Oelwein, Iowa, also identified by Parcel No. 1820435001, legally described as follows:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 15, ARMSTRONG'S ADDITION TO OELWEIN, FAYETTE COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City acquired title to the Property by Tax Sale Deed dated and recorded on February 18, 2025 in Book 2025, Page 454, records of the Fayette County, Iowa Recorder, and

WHEREAS, the Council has received an offer to purchase said property from Matt Construction Inc., an Iowa limited liability company, for the sum of \$1.00, and other good and valuable consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that continued City ownership of the property serves no public purpose, and that the transfer, consistent with the received offer, is appropriate and in the best interests of the City of Oelwein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a public hearing must be set and held prior to the sale and transfer of real property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OELWEIN IOWA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: *Public Hearing*: City Council will hold a public hearing as part of its regular meeting at 6:00 P.M. on January 26, 2026, at City Hall, 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SW, Oelwein, IA, for purposes of obtaining public input on the proposed sale of the Property as set forth above.

SECTION 2: *Publication of Notice*: The City Clerk is directed to publish notice of said public hearing, which publication shall be not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for said public hearing pursuant to the requirements of Iowa Code §§ 364.7 and 362.3.

SECTION 3: *When Effective*. This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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Matt Weber, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded  
by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Resolution as read  
be adopted, and upon roll call the following  
votes were cast:

Aye    Nay    Absent    Abstain

Ricchio  
Weber  
Payne  
Cantrell  
Cannon  
Gearhart

## CITY OF OELWEIN

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Oelwein, Fayette County, Iowa, proposes to sell and convey by Quit Claim Deed, the following described real estate situated in the City of Oelwein:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 15, ARMSTRONG'S ADDITION TO OELWEIN, FAYETTE COUNTY, IOWA

Located at 201 9th Ave SW., Oelwein, Iowa  
Parcel No. 1820435001

The City proposes to sell the property to Matt Construction Inc. for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration.

Public Hearing on the proposed sale, and terms associated therewith, will be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 26, 2026, before the Oelwein City Council, at Oelwein City Hall, 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SW, Oelwein, IA. After acceptance of public comment, if any, and closing of the public hearing, the City Council may act upon the proposal to sell and transfer said property.

Any person may appear at the Public Hearing to comment on the proposed terms of the sale and/or may submit written comments in advance of the Public Hearing by delivery of same to the City Clerk's Office, at Oelwein City Hall, 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SW, Oelwein, IA during regular business hours, by mailing to the City of Oelwein at the same address, or by email to the City Clerk's Office at [dmulfinger@cityfoelwein.org](mailto:dmulfinger@cityfoelwein.org), on or before the date and time of the Public Hearing.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator  
City of Oelwein, Iowa



To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Dylan Mulfinger  
Subject: City Administrator Agenda Memo  
Date: 1/12/2026

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#### Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion approving the December 22, 2025 minutes.

#### Resolutions

2. Consideration of a resolution approving appointment for the Mayor Pro-Tem, committees, and board for Oelwein City Council members for terms in 2026 and 2027.
  1. After each election in accordance to the city code, the Mayor must make appointments for the Mayor Pro-Tem, committees, and boards. This is done by the Mayor bringing the appointments to the city council for confirmation. The City Administrator recommends approving the resolution.
3. Consideration of a resolution setting a public hearing for January 26, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers on the sale of 201 9th Ave SW.
  1. This property is for the new partnership with Matt Construction. The city will sell the property for a dollar and three homes will be built on the property. The City Administrator recommends approving the resolution.

DECEMBER 2025

## CITY OF OELWEIN TREASURER'S REPORT

Date Printed

1/6/2026

Fund	Beg Balance	Revenue	Expense	Transfers	Fund Balance	BANK BAL
001 General	1,173,881.42	102,066.86	187,415.45	(916.67)	1,087,616.16	
051 County Emergency Management	14,498.20	603.81	-	-	15,102.01	
110 Road Use Tax	643,253.44	65,692.75	54,145.49	-	654,800.70	
112 Trust and Agency	839,277.25	39,850.41	78,823.72	-	800,303.94	
113 Flex Spending	1,415.73	1,369.66	1,369.66	-	1,415.73	1,415.73
119 Emergency	-	-	-	-	-	
120 Sidewalks Repaired/Replaced Dwtm	125,000.00	-	-	-	125,000.00	
121 Sales Tax	314,793.03	122,327.41	-	-	437,120.44	
122 Hotel/Motel Tax	56,655.91	13,280.02	-	-	69,935.93	
123 Gas-Electric Franchise Fee	229,999.87	-	231.75	(21,295.00)	208,473.12	
124 Library Bequest	367,362.70	6,215.33	1,375.00	-	372,203.03	
126 Downtown TIF	284,891.30	1,902.96	-	-	286,794.26	
127 Industrial Park TIF	81,106.58	-	81,106.58	-	-	
128 Ind Park SubFund TIF East Penn	908,591.93	2,096.01	-	-	910,687.94	
132 DARE	-	-	-	-	-	
136 Trees Forever	2,107.11	2,500.00	-	-	4,607.11	
146 Oelwein Housing Revolving Loan Fund	113,613.09	482.82	-	-	114,095.91	
160 Econ Dev (\$12,500 Wellness Res)	(152,013.13)	1,201.00	7,970.34	-	(158,782.47)	
161 IRP Revolving Loan	357,357.26	11,839.70	1,297.13	-	367,899.83	367,899.83
162 Downtown Business Grants	151,516.29	-	-	-	151,516.29	
167 Oelwein Volunteer Fire Dept	17,240.44	-	4,566.85	916.67	13,590.26	
177 Forfeit Assets	6,849.14	593.97	5,753.45	-	1,689.66	
200 Debt Service	703,309.53	21,929.42	-	21,295.00	746,533.95	
201 Water Bondsinking	240,349.28	520.29	11,922.50	29,287.00	258,234.07	
202 Sewer Bondsinking	446,489.26	956.91	19,115.54	62,653.00	490,983.63	
205 Special Assessments	30,594.00	698.00	-	-	31,292.00	
282 CDBG Housing Rehab	-	-	-	-	-	
287 2020 GO Bond	6,846.67	-	-	-	6,846.67	
301 HMGP 4483 GRANT	-	-	-	-	-	
302 Oelwein Housing Teardown	784.50	-	-	-	784.50	
305 Airport Grant	(23,301.14)	-	-	-	(23,301.14)	
307 Tri Park Trail Extensions	1,047,320.51	-	257,135.61	-	790,184.90	
310 Plaza Park Expansion (OCAD Project)	-	-	-	-	-	
314 Dry Run Creek Flooding	(189,993.77)	-	-	-	(189,993.77)	
360 Cares Act NE Sewer Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	
385 Water Main Rpl 1 Av NE 5 & 12 Av SE	5,679.97	-	-	-	5,679.97	
387 '23-24 HMA Paving Imp 1st 12th SF Evnt	232,156.75	-	-	-	232,156.75	
388 2024 GO Bond Const 10th St Bridge	1,275,460.39	3,706.85	130,085.10	-	1,149,082.14	
393 2022 GO Bond Construction City Hall	24,354.64	-	-	-	24,354.64	
397 Railroad Grant-Viaduct	37,901.24	-	-	-	37,901.24	
501 Cemetery Perp Care	300,491.96	0.30	-	-	300,492.26	3,492.26
600 Water (2016D Reserve \$67,000)	846,055.55	179,625.50	81,711.82	(64,287.00)	879,682.23	
601 Water Infrastructure Fee	441,474.78	3.53	-	35,000.00	476,478.31	
620 Customer Water Deposits	143,111.50	1,979.63	2,100.00	-	142,991.13	
640 Fuel	3,575.67	1,053.25	-	-	4,628.92	
670 Landfill	209,479.04	53,455.84	31,713.34	-	231,221.54	
671 Recycling	55,953.34	6,676.35	81.59	-	62,548.10	
672 ROW Trees Utility Fee	39,065.59	8,400.79	16,737.29	-	30,729.09	
680 Wellness Center	(25,849.51)	18,654.52	20,773.70	-	(27,968.69)	
700 Sewer/Waste Treatment	1,530,271.67	207,054.28	64,375.54	(97,653.00)	1,575,297.41	
701 Sewer Infrastructure Fee	592,240.62	0.15	-	35,000.00	627,240.77	
706 Reed Bed Exp - EQ Liner	(37,031.20)	5,000.00	-	-	(32,031.20)	
	<b>13,474,188.40</b>	<b>881,738.32</b>	<b>1,059,807.45</b>		<b>13,296,119.27</b>	

Fidelity 999-1003 and Community 999-1004 Money Market Accounts

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CD'S Fidelity 999-1113, Community 999-1114 Cemetery 501-1001

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Fidelity IRP 999-1001/Flex 999-1002/Cem Perp Bank Ckng 501-1002

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Date:

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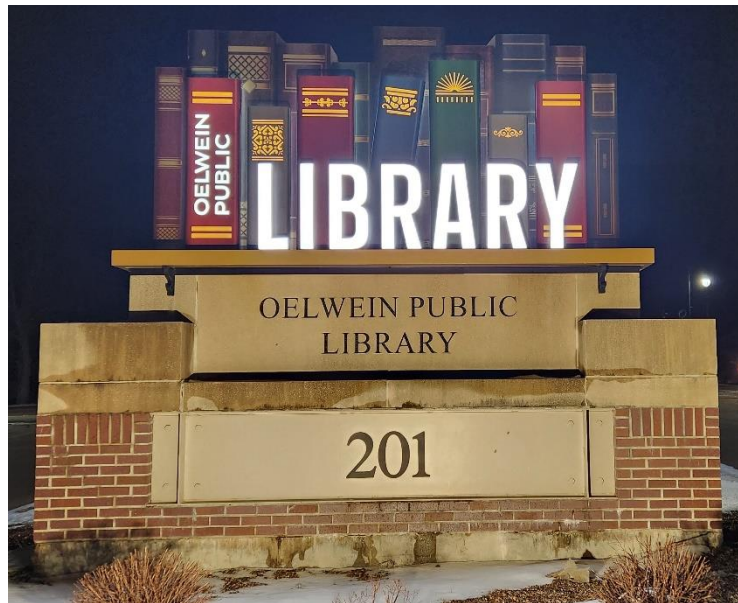
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# Oelwein Public Library

2025 Annual Report

Library Board of Trustees

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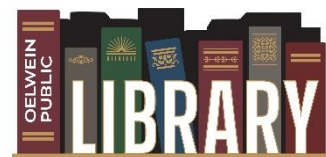
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January 3, 2026





## Year in Review

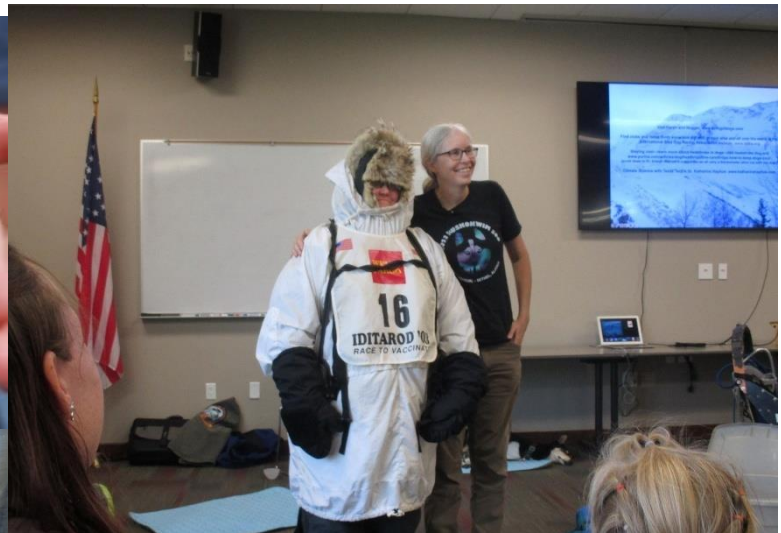
- Staff executed 193 passport applications in 2025, an increase of 72 applications from the previous year.
- The Annual Charging Station Report was submitted to the Iowa DOT. There were 185 charging events with 40 unique users.
- After reviewing the statistics for program attendance, the Library Board decided to discontinue weekly Story Time at the library during the school year since many children are in preschool or daycare. Instead, “Pop-Up Programs” will be offered on different times and days with an emphasis on programs offered during holiday breaks.
- The library was a place to cool off, relax, charge devices, refill water bottles, use computers and Wi-Fi, use the restrooms, and do some reading during RAGBRAI. Over 500 people (and a few bike-riding librarians) visited the library that day and were appreciative of the services. The Iowa Geocache Club has a “book” on the library shelves. Several bike riders found the book, registered their name, and shared a trinket. We ended up having around 50 tents set up on the grounds for tired bikers.



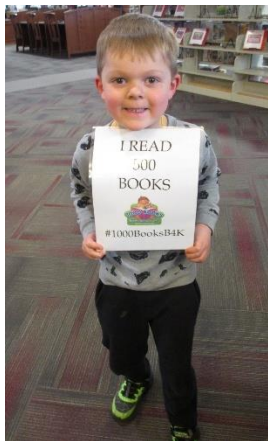
- Due to budget cuts at the federal level to the Institute of Museum and Library Services which affects the Grants to States program, adjustments were made to services provided to Iowa libraries. The Inter-library loan delivery system was discontinued through STAT. An agreement was made with the AEA's to deliver items through the van system. In addition, several databases were eliminated. Brainfuse, a test prep database, was replaced with Momentrix.
- The Library Board of Trustees worked through the impending cuts to the library at the local level. For the upcoming fiscal year, a full-time position will be reduced to part-time, library hours will be reduced, and passport acceptance will be by appointment only.
- Baker and Taylor book seller and the mainstay book jobber for libraries around the United States declared bankruptcy. Our library staff immediately cancelled all orders, back-ordered items, and standing orders. Book jobbers were flooded with new client requests and did not have enough staff or inventory to meet the overwhelming demand. Eventually, our library was able to get an account with Ingram.
- New library cards were ordered using the new logo inspired by the new library sign.

# Programs and Events

- Staff presented an AI and ChatGPT class for beginners.
- Staff set up a library info booth at the Decodable Books Literacy Night at Wings Park School.
- An info booth on challenged books was set up at the High School HEARTS Club Diversity Night.
- The Little Husky Learning Center students, and the kindergarten classes visited the library in honor of “Love Our Library Week.”
- Staff attended the Farmer’s Market and used the Iowa PBS program activities, games, and recipes.
- Staff had an activity table at the summer Party in the Park events. Making Spin Art was a hit!
- The Summer Reading Program theme was *Level Up at Your Library* with a kick-off event for decorating and personalizing a book bag. Fifty-seven children and adults registered to participate. A variety of programs were offered such as the Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Pokémon Club, the annual Art Show, a visit from IDITAROD Racing Dog: Noggin, Mini Book Necklace and Puzzle Art Tree workshops, and a live Butterfly Display Tent. Casey’s sponsored Pizzas during the final event of drawing for prizes.



- The Oelwein Police Department organized a series of reading events with local officials.
- Fontana Naturalists brought in toads, salamanders, and Monarchs for the summer Creature Feature.
- Discarded books were used to make Hedgehog Book Art.
- The library hosted the Holocaust Virtual Reality Traveling Trunk from the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Participants could see and hear the stories of Holocaust survivors. In addition, Brad Wilkening presented a program on *Lessons of the Holocaust*. This program was sponsored by the Oelwein Genealogical Society.
- Local author, Dale Price, shared supernatural stories from his book, *What the Hell was That?*
- Fayette County Conservation joined us for a Halloween Party. Families enjoyed treats, games, and crafts.
- End-of-the-year activities included Pumpkin Book Art, making holiday Bath Fizzies and designing Ugly Sweater Ornaments during Olde Tyme Christmas.



- Steve Russell led a woodcarving class. Attendees made a Christmas Ornament.
- The Winter Reading Challenge participants were entered into the drawing for the latest Dog Man book.

## Condition of the Building and Grounds

- Midwest Janitorial was hired to clean the library three days per week.
- Randy Kaune was hired to remove snow from library property sidewalks. For the 2025-26 season, the city Parks Department is doing the job.
- The auto door opener at the main entrance was replaced.
- A chair rail was installed in the meeting room. The room was repainted, the drapes were removed, and a dozen Scott Jans pen and ink drawings of Oelwein landmark buildings were hung.
- The building is treated with pest control, monthly.
- Northeast Iowa Community Foundation gave a grant to the library for updating the AV equipment. A Smart TV was installed.
- The wallcovering in the public restrooms was removed. The rooms were painted and new vanities and faucets were installed. In addition, water damaged areas of the library were repaired and repainted.
- The security camera in the New Books Room was replaced.
- Another segment of the roof was repaired. The columns and curbs were fully enclosed with metal which will eliminate relying on caulk to keep things watertight.
- Patron computers were upgraded to Windows 11. An upgraded version of DeepFreeze was installed due to compatibility issues.
- Scheels applied Weed and Feed to the lawn.
- The HVAC belts were replaced, and new thermostats were installed in the main library.
- A charging end was damaged on the EV Charging Station. Since replacement parts were not available, a new charger was sent under warranty.
- A proper sill was installed under the west windows.
- The Parks Department trimmed rogue trees from the landscaping.
- Streak Free Window Clean cleaned all the exterior and interior glass plus the entryway canopy.

### Library Statistics

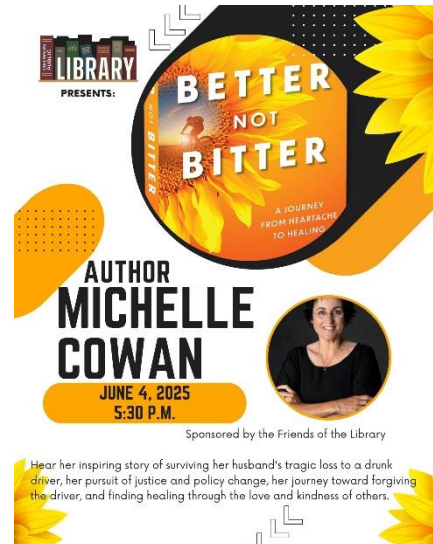
	2024	2025
<b>Attendance</b>	28,827	26,989
<b>Program Attendance</b>	2,118	2,049
<b>Circulation of materials</b>	44,845	49,109



# Friends of the Library Contributions to the Library

## Speakers and Programs

- ✓ Chocolate Festival in February
- ✓ Sponsored the Butterfly Tent for the Summer Reading Program
- ✓ Book and Bake Sales twice-a-year
- ✓ Sponsored Michelle Cowan, author of *Better Not Bitter*



## Library Enhancements

- ✓ Purchased two 4' pre-lit holiday "porch" trees
- ✓ Donated \$2500 towards the new library sign
- ✓ Provided Poinsettias at Christmas Time



## Community Outreach

- ✓ Sponsored the *BookPage* book review magazine
- ✓ Memorial books in honor of Friend's Members who have passed away
- ✓ Keychains for new library patron's library card
- ✓ Served popcorn and water at the Oakdale Cemetery Walk

# Oelwein Public Library Foundation

- The Robert and Ruth Walker Charitable Foundation will be funding the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program for Oelwein. Currently, 186 children from age 0-5 are registered. One hundred forty-four(144) children have graduated from the program. Each month, the children receive their own, age-appropriate book mailed directly to their home.
- Contributed \$1000 towards the library painting project.
- Sponsored a Virtual Reality Game Truck that accommodated 18 multiplayer game consoles and 6 VR stations.





## PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND





# 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



## PARK SUPERINTENDENT

*JOSHUA JOHNSON MA*

## PARK ASSISTANT

*JUSTIN BEATTY*

## AQUATICS MANAGER

*KIM LAWLESS*

## CAMPGROUND HOST

*LINDA BICKLE*

## PARK

*DENNY HAAR*

*MARC BUSH*

*CRAIG ROHRICK*

*RON FOGLE*

*DAN OHL*

## CEMETERY

*CHRIS JELINEK*

*WILLIE PHILLIPS*

*BRETT MAHONEY*

*DANNY CARNICLE*

## SHELTER RESERVATIONS & RESTROOMS

*STEVE HORAN*

## ADMINISTRATOR

*DYLAN MULFINGER*

## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

*RENEE CANTRELL*

*JOSEPH BOUSKA*

*TIM GEARHART*

*CONNIE JORGENSEN*

*MIKE MESKA*

*DAN STASI*

## TREE BOARD

*RON LENTH*

*KYLE SCHEEL*

*JEFF MILKS*

*JOHN FOX*

*TERRY SCHERBRING*

## TRAILS COMMITTEE

*SUE CRANDALL*

*SANDIE GRAF*

*MARCIA WOODRASKA*

*WAYNE SAUR*

*MARK LEVIN*

*RON LENTH*

## MAYOR

*BRETT DEVORE*

## COUNCIL

*MATT WEBER*

*DAVE LENZ*

*LYNDA PAYNE*

*RENEE CANTRELL*

*KAREN SEEDERS*

*ANTHONY RICCHIO*



## 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

### Parks

#### ➤ Trees removed

- Platt – 1
- Redgate – 3
- Wings Park – 1
- Complex – 2
- Pool – 3
- City – 12
- Trails – 8

Total – 30 trees removed 2025  
Total – 78 ash trees removed 2024  
Total – 176 ash trees removed 2023  
Total – 132 ash trees removed 2022  
416 trees removed

#### ➤ Trees planted

- Bare root tree planting - 20
- Trees for Kids planting - 15
- Trees Forever planting – 41
- Chestnut saplings – 40
- Donated trees - 3

Total – 119 trees planted

#### ➤ Mowed all park / cemeteries / empty lots

Total – 20 times

#### ➤ Snow removal, trails / sidewalks / cemetery

#### ➤ Delinquent snow removal, homeowner sidewalks

Total – 40 times

### Shelter reservations

#### ➤ 51 reservations

### Campground

#### ➤ Nights stay at campground

Total –1,693

### Cemetery

- Full burials 29
- Cremation burials 17
- Infant disinterment 1

Total – 47

### Aquatics

- Group lessons – two sessions
- Private lessons
- Passes sold
- Pool parties
- Dog dip
- Daily entrance

Total - 142  
24  
197  
15  
45  
Paid – 9,812  
Pass – 6,190  
16,002

### Trail counts

22,645

## 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

### Large Projects

- All asphalt trails crack filled and sealed
- Various park and cemetery roads sealed
- RAGBRAI overnight stay
- Starting gazebo fundraiser
- Civicrec full implementation
- City Park south entrance culvert replaced
- Started (50) chestnut trees whips
- Shop windows replaced
- BCHC free day at pool, late night swim, various other events
- Raised over \$16,000 through RAGBRAI event at pool
- Pool Tiki Hut refurbished
- United Way, Day of Caring – several projects completed
- Yellow safety diamond topper – Diamond 2 - \$550 raised
- Concession wall installation / CIP improvements
- Storm damaged clean-up Platt and City Park - Monday after RAGBRAI
- Map created by NE Iowa RC&D for campground
- 26 electrical pedestals replaced at campground
- Arbor day – planting presentation / tree whip giveaway-3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- Trail Segment 2 – Started 9-15-2025 – Bid \$429,743.65 - Baker Enterprises LLC
  - \$100,000 REAP grant, \$82k private donation, Charitable Foundation
- Drinking fountain installation
  - Delta Dental \$6,814.99
- Tree plantings
  - Trees for Kids \$2,500 – Iowa DNR
  - Trees Forever \$5,000 – featured community
- Ball diamond improvements – Charitable Foundation \$17,000
- Cemetery foundations and bean bag game pads poured
- Private tree donation - \$500



## 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

### OELWEIN PARK DEPARTMENT GRANTS & DONATIONS

08/15/2016	Trees Forever	Complex	\$1,210.00
01/25/2017	Trees Forever	Platt/Wings	\$2,124.00
05/22/2017	NEIC	Diamond 3	\$6,880.30
08/07/2017	Deb Kellogg	Memorial Bench	\$854.00
10/20/2017	Colleen Stasi	Memorial Bench	\$854.00
01/24/2018	FEMA	City Park Road	\$3,962.87
01/27/2018	Trees Forever	Complex	\$4,000.00
03/01/2018	AmeriCorps	8-person crew	\$960.00
03/01/2018	AmeriCorps	7-person crew	\$840.00
03/14/2018	FCCF	Drinking Fountains	\$2,000.00
03/26/2018	Paint Iowa	Diamond one Concession	\$261.72
04/10/2018	Hancor	4" Tile donated -D3	\$400.00
04/01/2018	Greg Bryan	Bridge - in-kind	\$10,000.00
04/17/2018	John Rethwisch	Cemetery- LaMarr Kappmeyer	\$192.35
04/25/2018	Modern Woodman	Pool Plantings	\$200.00
05/02/2018	Well mark	Wings Trail Extension	\$87,353.00
05/31/2018	NEIC	Wings Trail Extension	\$8,814.00
06/20/2018	Dave Sondrol	2 Memorial Bench's	\$1,708.00
08/06/2018	AmeriCorps	21-person crew	\$2,520.00
08/20/2018	Trees Forever	Multiple Parks	\$1,019.20
09/06/2018	AmeriCorps	5-person crew	\$1,800.00
09/14/2018	Roger Polark	Trails	\$10,000.00
09/24/2018	State FEMA	City Park Road	\$528.38
12/06/2018	Gary Gilson	Memorial Bench	\$854.00
12/20/2018	OCSD	Grave Heater	\$500.00
02/02/2019	ITC	Bike Fixit Station	\$3,000.00
04/01/2019	Paint Iowa	Campground Buildings	\$261.72
04/15/2019	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
06/15/2019	Jim Lindstrom	Memorial Bench	\$854.00
10/07/2019	R.J. McElroy Trust	Pool Shade Structures	\$5,000.00
10/08/2019	Nursery Trees	Tree Spading	\$2,275.00
10/29/2019	Dave Sondrol	Cemetery Signs	\$16,000.00
01/01/2020	Friends of Trails	Donations	\$14,885.00
01/09/2020	ITC	Park Improvements	\$2,000.00
03/16/2020	FCCF	Electrical Upgrades	\$10,000.00
04/14/2020	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
05/27/2020	Cannons	Red Gate Tree Replacement	\$725.00
09/01/2020	Paint Iowa	Campground Picnic Tables	\$600.00
09/17/2020	R.J. McElroy Trust	Playground Equip.	\$8,818.00
10/14/2020	Dave Sondrol	Cemetery Trees	\$320.00
10/15/2020	Corner Market	Red gate Trees	\$200.00
12/07/2020	Missy Rau	Memorial Bench-Henderson	\$932.00
12/07/2020	Dave Sondrol	Memorial Bench-Schulz	\$932.00
03/29/2020	NEIC	Trails	\$250,000.00
01/12/2021	Community Bank	Bridge Decking	\$906.33
02/16/2021	Dave Sondrol	Trail Donation	\$1,000.00
02/16/2021	BCHC	Trails Donation	\$1,000.00
03/11/2021	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
04/09/2021	Pizza Ranch	Trail Donation	\$4,000.00
03/29/2021	NEIC	Trails Donation	\$250,000.00
07/14/2021	Mark Levin	Trails Donation	\$250.00
10/15/2021	Cannons	Tree Donation	\$600.00
10/15/2021	Andrea Williams	Tree Donation-Redgate	\$300.00
12/17/2021	Community Bank	Trails Donation	\$2,500.00
12/18/2021	ITC	Donation- solar station	\$3,000.00
12/19/2021	Reeves	Memorial Bench	\$932.00
08/29/2022	NEIC	Trails	\$250,000.00
02/02/2022	Sondrol	Trail Bridge	\$38,000.00
02/23/2022	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
03/01/2022	Jack Freeman	Tree Donation	\$1,000.00



01/25/2022	Jon Latham	Memorial Bench – Latham	\$1,036.00
08/29/2023	NEIC	Trails	\$250,000.00
02/24/2023	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$4,000.00
02/27/2023	Delta Dental	Drinking Fountain	\$3,285.00
05/01/2023	NEIC	Filter/Drain	\$126,750.00
05/17/2023	Aubrey Sadler	Tree Donation	\$150.00
04/15/2023	Transco	Arch Sign Paint	\$1,000.00
07/17/2023	Jeannette Hoth	Memorial Bench	\$1,036.00
08/22/2023	Iowa P&R Assoc.	CPRP Certification	\$455.00
09/01/2023	Anothny Ricchio	Tree Donation	\$300.00
09/08/2023	USDA	Community Forestry Grant	\$4,991.64
09/18/2023	Florence Delong	Memorial Bench	\$1,036.00
10/09/2023	Greg Bryan	Tree Donation	\$2,000.00
02/01/2024	Transco	12 railroad ties – Bocce	\$300.00
02/01/2024	Douglas Heller	Tree Donation	\$200.00
02/15/2024	FCCF	Aquatic Lounge Chairs	\$5,675.00
03/01/2024	Enbridge	CPR Manikins	\$2,000.00
03/01/2024	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
04/01/2024	Diamond Vogel	Campground Paint	\$300.00
04/01/2024	Legion	City Park Sign	\$410.00
04/01/2024	Legion/Aux	Diamond Capper	\$550.00
04/16/2024	Van Denover	Diamond Capper	\$100.00
04/18/2024	Veridian Bank	Diamond Capper	\$500.00
04/22/2024	Carrico Aquatics	Diamond Capper	\$1,100.00
04/24/2024	Community Bank	Diamond Capper	\$500.00
04/26/2024	Berryman Dentistry	Diamond Capper	\$200.00
04/26/2024	Vogel Insurance	Diamond Capper	\$100.00
04/26/2024	Kens Electric	Diamond Capper	\$100.00
04/27/2024	Jenna Schares	Diamond Capper	\$500.00
04/27/2024	Irvine Water	Diamond Capper	\$25.00
04/29/2024	NEIC	Trails	\$175,000.00
05/03/2024	Business Donations	Paint/Volunteers / United Way	\$2,500.00
06/27/2024	Jaime Pirillo	Memorial Bench	\$1,500.00
06/27/2024	Jon Latham	Memorial Bench	\$1,500.00
07/19/2024	BCHC	Free Swim Day	\$2,285.00
07/19/2024	Fareway/Dollar	Donated pool food	\$200.00
08/01/2024	Craig Lau	Memorial Bench	\$1,500.00
08/10/2024	Janette Simon	Tree Donation-Dog park	\$300.00
08/15/2024	Lori Suckow	Memorial Bench	\$1,500.00
09/06/2024	Iowa DNR	Trees for Kids	\$2,500.00
09/15/2024	AmeriCorps	Woodlawn Tree Planting	\$1,288.00
11/14/2024	Iowa DNR	REAP	\$100,000.00
01/15/2025	Iowa DNR	Community Forestry	\$30,000.00
02/12/2025	Trees Forever	One Million Trees	\$5,000.00
02/17/2025	Phyllis Muller	Memorial Bench	\$1,500.00
04/04/2025	Berryman Dentistry	Diamond Capper	\$100.00
04/04/2025	Midwest Collision	Diamond Capper	\$100.00
04/08/2025	Manske Corner Mkt.	Diamond Capper	\$250.00
04/07/2025	Betty Tribon Estate	Memorial Donation – Trails	\$83,737.18
04/10/2025	Performance Rehab	Diamond Capper	\$100.00
04/11/2025	Paint Iowa Beautiful	Diamond Vogel	\$400.00
04/17/2025	Transco	Pool Donation	\$450.00
04/18/2025	Delta Dental	Complex Drinking Fountain	\$6,814.99
04/21/2025	Fidelity Bank	Diamond Capper	\$200.00
05/09/2025	Business Donations	Paint/Volunteers/United Way	\$2,500.00
05/09/2025	NEIC	Diamond Improvements	\$17,000.00
07/18/2025	BCHC	Free Swim Day	\$645.00
09/08/2025	Iowa DNR	Trees for Kids	\$2,500.00
10/06/2025	Andrea Beane	Roger Beane Memorial	\$500.00
10/15/2025	Jeannette Simon	Tree Donation	\$300.00
11/01/2025	Chuck Serra	Tree Donation	\$150.00
12/22/2026	FCCF	Diving Board	\$5,552.50
			<b>\$1,901,406.83</b>



## 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

### Oelwein Tree Board Accomplishments

#### Trees Donations/Grants:

08/15/2016	Trees Forever	Complex	\$1,210.00
01/25/2017	Trees Forever	Platt/Wings	\$2,124.00
01/27/2018	Trees Forever	Complex	\$4,000.00
08/20/2018	Trees Forever	Multiple Parks	\$1,019.20
04/15/2019	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
10/08/2019	Nursery Trees	Tree Spading	\$2,275.00
04/14/2020	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
05/27/2020	Cannons/Anonymous	Red Gate Tree Replacement	\$725.00
10/14/2020	Dave Sondrol	Cemetery Trees	\$320.00
10/15/2020	Corner Market	Red gate Trees	\$200.00
03/11/2021	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
10/15/2021	Cannons Greenhouse	Tree Donation - Redgate	\$600.00
10/15/2021	Andrea Williams	Tree Donation-Redgate	\$300.00
02/23/2022	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
03/01/2022	Jack Freeman	Tree Donation - Redgate	\$1,000.00
05/18/2022	Jim Arnold	Tree Donation-Redgate	\$150.00
02/24/2023	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$4,000.00
05/17/2023	Aubrey Sadler	Tree Donation-Redgate	\$150.00
09/01/2023	Anthony Ricchio	Tree Donation-Redgate	\$300.00
09/08/2023	DNR	Community Forestry Grant	\$4,991.64
10/09/2023	Greg Bryan	Tree Donation -Gravel Bed	\$2,000.00
03/18/2024	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
09/06/2024	Iowa DNR Forestry	Trees for Kids – Wings Park	\$2,500.00
01/15/2025	Iowa DNR	IRA Community Forestry Grant	\$30,000.00
02/13/2025	Trees Forever	Boulevard Trees	\$5,000.00
09/08/2025	Iowa DNR	Trees for Kids	\$2,500.00
10/15/2025	Roger/Amy Beane	Tree Donation	\$500.00
11/01/2025	Jeanette Simon	Tree Donation – City Park	\$300.00
10/15/2025	Chuck Serra	Tree Donation - Woodlawn	<u>\$150.00</u>
			<b>\$61,313.84</b>

#### Trees Planted:

2016	39	2020	66	2024	110
2017	69	2021	68	2025	<u>119</u>
2018	39	2022	50		<b>931</b>
2019	254	2023	117		

#### Accomplishments:

- ❖ Hundreds of tree whips given to kids for Arbor Day events
- ❖ Tree City Award - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- ❖ Growth Award - 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024
- ❖ 2016 Hosted Operation ReLeaf – distributed 240 trees to the public
- ❖ 2018 Boulevard tree survey with Iowa DNR Forestry Department
- ❖ 2019 Governors volunteer award
- ❖ 2021 Outstanding Community Organization – Iowa Urban Tree Council
- ❖ 2022 Park and cemetery tree survey with Iowa DNR Forestry Department
- ❖ 2024 Constructed a gravel bed to raise bare root trees
- ❖ 2025 Tree keeper course taken
- ❖ 2025 Started 40 chestnut trees seedlings
- ❖ 2026 Hosting Operation ReLeaf – April 25th
- ❖ 2026 Second gravel bed construction

#### Tree Board:

Current Members - Jeff Milks, Ron Lenth, Kyle Scheel, John Fox, Terry Scherbring

Past - Bill Brownell, Tom Fick

## 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

### Parks

- Daily maintenance of downtown streetscape
- Developing Parks Master Plan
- Update Park and Recreation Brochure
- Update CIP Items
- Update Park / Campground / Aquatics / Cemetery Fee Schedules
- Update Department Equipment Maintenance Schedule
- Monthly safety meetings/ checklists
- Maintain all City owned empty lots
- Host monthly park and recreation commission meetings
- Develop trails and host committee meetings
- Host monthly tree board meetings
- Conducted employee interviews /evaluations
- Weekly/Monthly/Yearly reports
- Weed spraying as needed
- Pesticide Applicator CEU's
- Shop/vehicle/equipment maintenance
- Playground equipment replacement/inspections
- Tree trimming / mulch Fall leaves
- Ash tree removal / stump grinding
- Replace / repair vandalism on as needed basis
- Continued trail maintenance – brush/tree trimming and dead tree removal
- Cleared trails of snow in winter
- Hosted United Way Day of Caring
  - Picnic table painting
  - Disc golf course work
  - Aquatic center prep
  - Playground safety mulching
  - Trail work
  - Diamond maintenance
- Diamond maintenance for recreation department
- Assist with all three tree plantings
- Assist with cemetery foundations
- Playground mulching

## 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

### Cemetery

- ❖ Ash tree removal – cemetery / parks
- ❖ Cleaned up all workshops
- ❖ Cleaning up fence lines and water lines
- ❖ Memorial Day flag raising
- ❖ Flag raising for RAGBRAI
- ❖ Poured foundations in spring and fall

### Aquatics

- ❖ 29<sup>th</sup> season for facility
- ❖ Certified Pool Operator CEU's
- ❖ Daily checks
- ❖ Annual boiler inspection / backflow
- ❖ Pool boiler maintenance
- ❖ New mulch in front area
- ❖ New area constructed for concessions
- ❖ New chlorinator – CIP
- ❖ New floor mats installed
- ❖ New kickboards for swim lessons
- ❖ Replaced a few items in concessions
- ❖ E-stop installed for shower house water heater

### Campground

- ❖ Stirred up pads with harley rake
- ❖ Painted picnic tables
- ❖ Updated several electrical outlets/breakers
- ❖ Replaced gaskets and parts of yard hydrants
- ❖ Cleaned out septic system



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### Tree Board

- ❖ Hosted monthly meetings
- ❖ Received \$5,000.00 grant from Trees Forever
  - Planted 41 trees in the street boulevards
- ❖ Received \$2,500 from the DNR – Trees For Kids
  - Planted 15 trees in City Park
- ❖ Planted and maintained trees in gravel bed
  - Planted these 20 trees at Woodlawn Cemetery
- ❖ Received Tree City Award – 2024
- ❖ Received Growth Award – 2024
- ❖ Arbor Day Event – Distributed 200 tree whips to elementary kids

### Trails Committee

- ❖ Hosted meetings
- ❖ East and west trails crack filled and sealed
- ❖ Swept trails weekly
- ❖ Nearby ash tree removal
- ❖ Further development of trails master plan
- ❖ Applied to several grants
- ❖ Attended all upper explorer meetings
- ❖ Install signage from the pool to the NW trail, along with on-road markings
- ❖ Friends of the Trails raising additional funding
- ❖ Retrieve trail counter to compile information for grant writing



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TREES FOREVER GRANT - \$5K

TREE TRIMMING



WINTER BURIAL

SNOW REMOVAL

TREE MEETING



WINTER BURIAL

SNOW REMOVAL



DEPOT PARK DAMAGE

FLAG REPLACEMENT

BURIAL TREE TRIMMING



TREE TRIMMING





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## APPRECIATION PARK TREE TRIMMING



SNOW REMOVAL

TREE BOARD YOUNG TREE TRIMMING



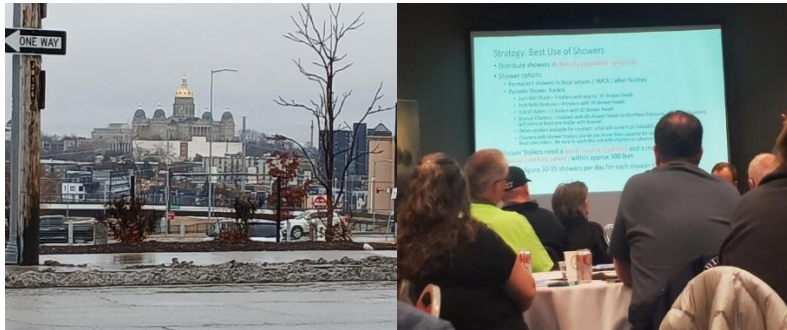
DRAINAGE CLEANING

TRAIL SWEEPING

CEU CLASS



RAGBRAI MEETING



CHESTNUT TREES





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CHESTNUT TREES



CERTIFICATION CLASS



VANDALISM



MEMORIAL BENCHES INSTALLED



FENCELINE CLEANING



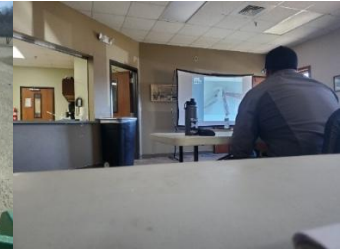
TREE KEEPER CLASS



COMPLEX



CEU CLASS



LEAF CLEARING



CEMETERY ROADS



TREE TRIMMING



TREE TRIMMING



RAGBRAI PREP



STUMP GRINDING



PICKING UP STICKS



SAFETY ORIENTATION



CONTRACTOR





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UNITED WAY – DAY OF CARING 2025



EVERYONE THAT VOLUNTEERED AND/OR DONATED

United Way - Joe Bouska	Rise LTD.
Ken's Electric	Parent Share & Support
Veridian	Oelwein Schools
Transco	Park staff
Irvine Water	Cemetery staff
Fidelity Bank	Van Denover
Mercy One	Parent Share
Norby's	Ashley Molding
East Penn	Alpha Trailers
Lumber Ridge	Plentiful Pantry
Ace Hardware	Trees Forever
Manske's Corner Market	Tree Board



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CONCRETE WORK



YELLOW TOPPER



DEPOT PARK



INFANT DISINTERMENT



WATER LINE FIX



CEMETERY WORK



CEMETERY WORK



ONLINE PROGRAM



EMPTY LOTS



GRANT RECEIVED - COMPLEX



FLAGS UP AT WOODLAWN





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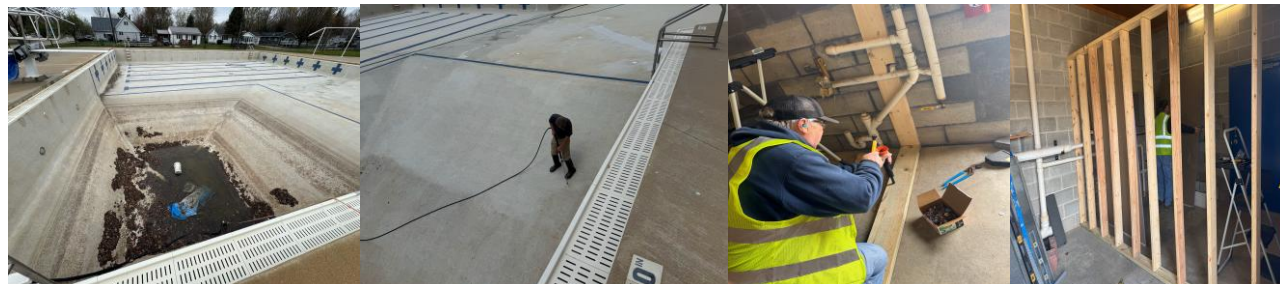
FLAG RAISING



POOL WORK



POOL PREPARATIONS



POOL PREPARATIONS



POOL PREPARATIONS



TREE BOARD TREE TRIMMING





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## CHESTNUT TREES



TREE KEEPER CLASS

GROWTH AWARD

VANDALISM DEPOT PARK

MULLER MEMORIAL BENCH



TREE TRIMMING

SHADE CANOPIES UP

WATER LINE REPAIR



FLAGS UP

TRIMMING

MULCHING



YELLOW SAFETY TOPPER – DONATED FOR D2





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## SEALCOATING ROADS



## STORM DAMAGE – MONDAY AFTER RAGBRAI



## AQUATICS



CASEY!

OPEN SWIM



See insights and ads

Boost post

506

45 comments 35 shares 96.3K views





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## TRAILS CRACK FILLED AND SEALED



CULVERT REPLACED

STORM DAMAGE CLEANUP



FLOODING

STORM DAMAGE CLEANUP



MORE STORM DAMAGE CLEANUP



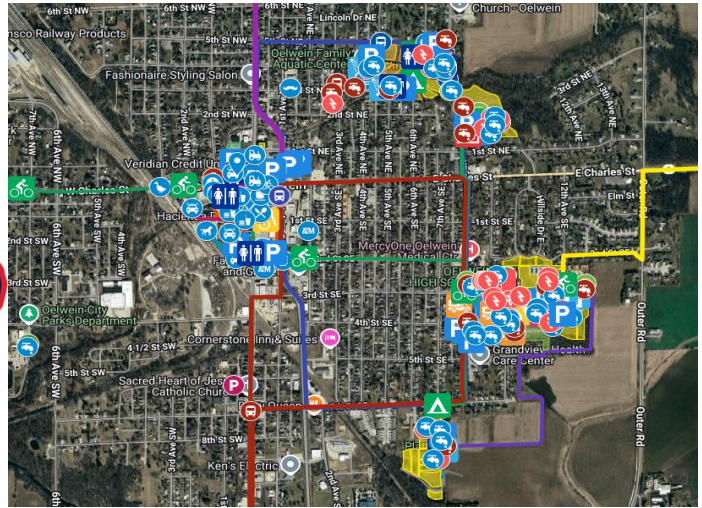
RAGBRAI PREP





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## RAGBRAI 2025





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## RAGBRAI 2025





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CAR SHOW PREP

COMPLEX DRAGGING

CEMETERY PREP



STREET MAINTENANCE

FLOODING

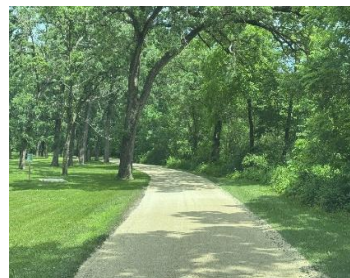


ROAD MAINT.

TREE TRIMMING

XMAS PREP

DIRT WORK



AQUATICS



STORM DAMAGE

CIP POOL LADDER



NIGHT SWIM





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BCHC FREE SWIM



TRAIL PREPARATIONS



DOG DIP



BURIAL PREP

POOL WINTERIZATION



POOL WINTERIZATION

TREE TRIMMING



TREE TRIMMING

GRAVE PREPARATION



BOILER MAINTENANCE

STUMP REMOVAL





# 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT TREES FOR KIDS GRANT -\$2,500

PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND





# 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

TREES FOREVER GRANT - \$5,000

OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

42 TREES





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CHESTNUT TREES



GRAVEL BED TREES



ASH TREE REMOVAL



CONCRETE POUR



DOWNTOWN WINTERIZATION



CEMETERY WORK



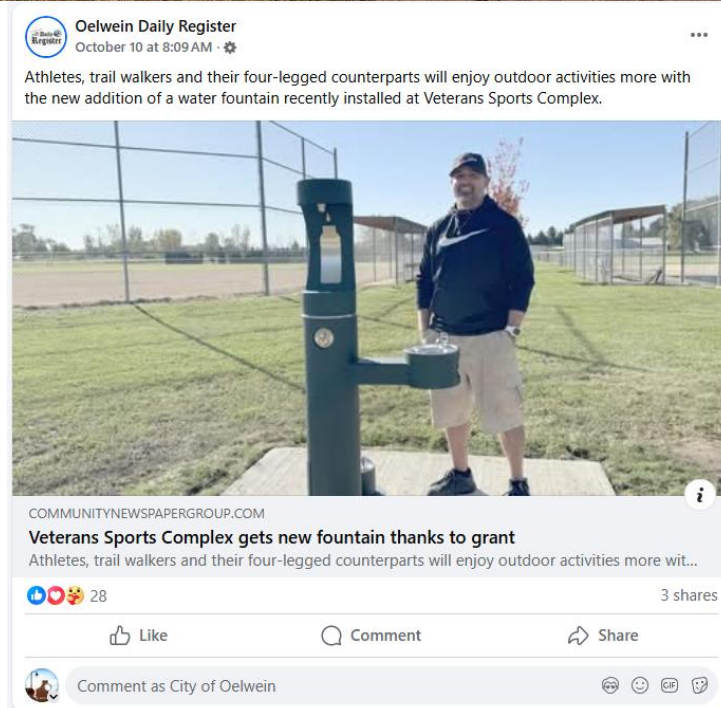


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COMPLEX DRINKING FOUNTAIN

DELTA DENTAL FOUNDATION

\$6,814.99

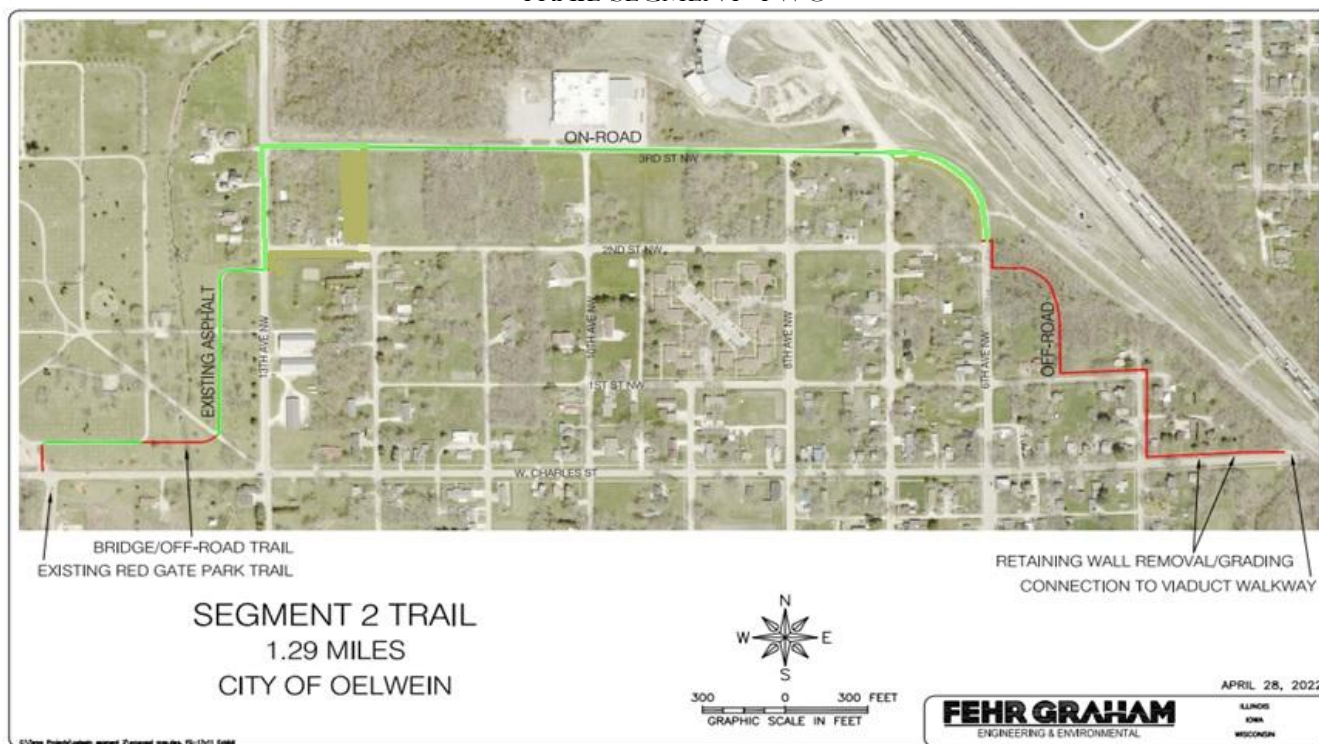


**DELTA DENTAL**  
FOUNDATION



# 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

## TRAIL SEGMENT TWO





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## TRAIL SEGMENT TWO

PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND





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## TRAIL SEGMENT TWO





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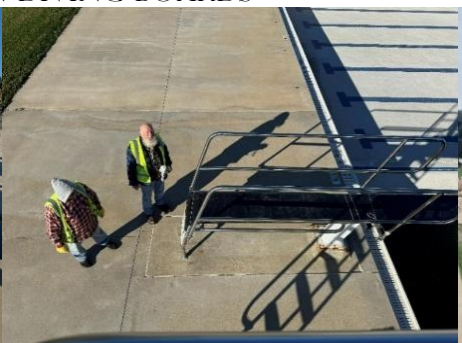
BURNING LEAVES

CAMPGROUND TABLES



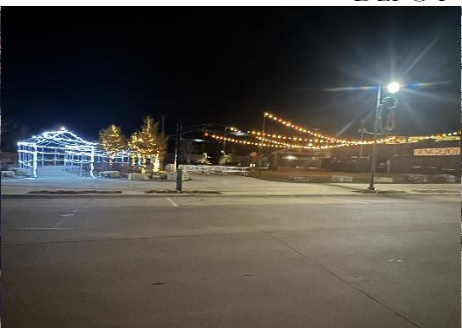
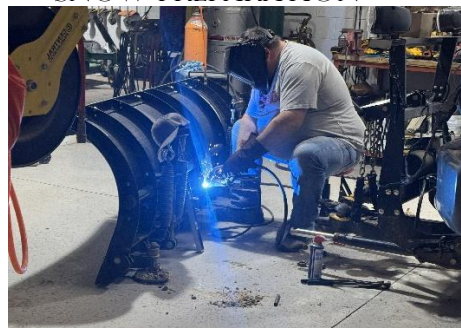
COVERS ON DIVING BOARDS

WARTBURG PRESENTATION



SNOW PREPARATION

DEPOT PARK



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

MAINTENANCE

SNOW REMOVAL



MAINTENANCE

SNOW REMOVAL

WINTER BURIALS



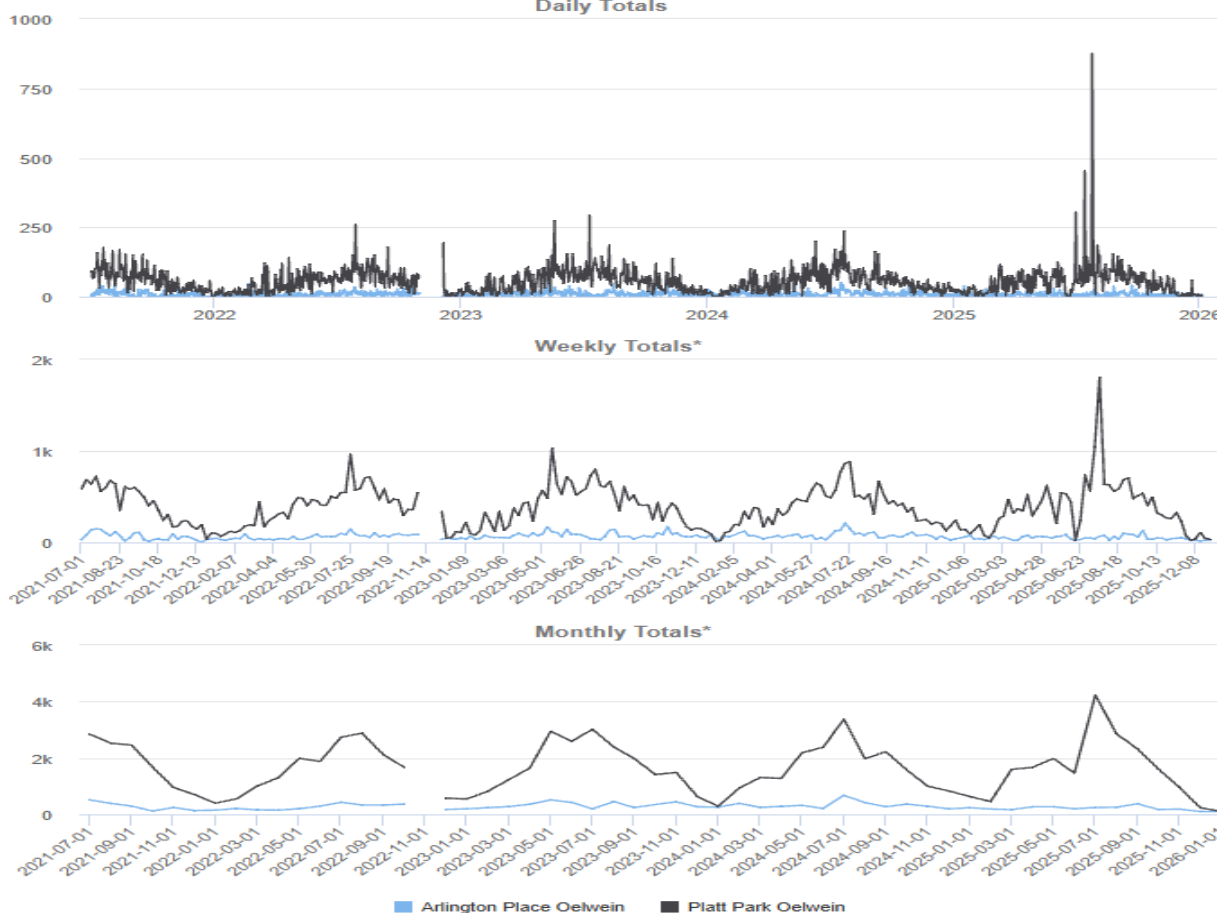




## 2025 PARK DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

## Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2026-01-31 (1676 days)



## Master Summary

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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT†	ADT†x365	Days with data
2021	Arlington Place Oelwein							512*	388	294	115	242	134	9.115	3,327	183
	Platt Park Oelwein							2,845*	2,523	2,458	1,675	950	704	60.454	22,066	183
2022	Arlington Place Oelwein	146	207	158	148	199	290	426	332	327	362		173*	8.303	3,031	330
	Platt Park Oelwein	394	548	1,002	1,297	1,984	1,877	2,736	2,877	2,127	1,672		572*	51.497	18,796	330
2023	Arlington Place Oelwein	193	235	274	356	510	421	190	451	241	347	441	266	10.753	3,925	365
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635	2,948	2,592	3,013	2,399	1,969	1,411	1,485	628	56.625	20,668	365
2024	Arlington Place Oelwein	254	389	247	279	319	208	673	414	269	360	287	191	10.628	3,890	366
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	2,378	3,373	1,972	2,223	1,571	998	828	52.792	19,322	366
2025	Arlington Place Oelwein	236	186	165	268	268	196	240	249	374	171	184	100	7.225	2,637	365
	Platt Park Oelwein	631	453	1,595	1,663	1,978	1,465	4,229	2,859	2,327	1,610	964	234	54.816	20,008	365
2026	Arlington Place Oelwein	93*												3.000	1,095	4
	Platt Park Oelwein	101*												3.250	1,186	4

2021 – 25,393      2022 – 21,827

2023 – 24,593      2024 – 23,212

2025 – 22,645

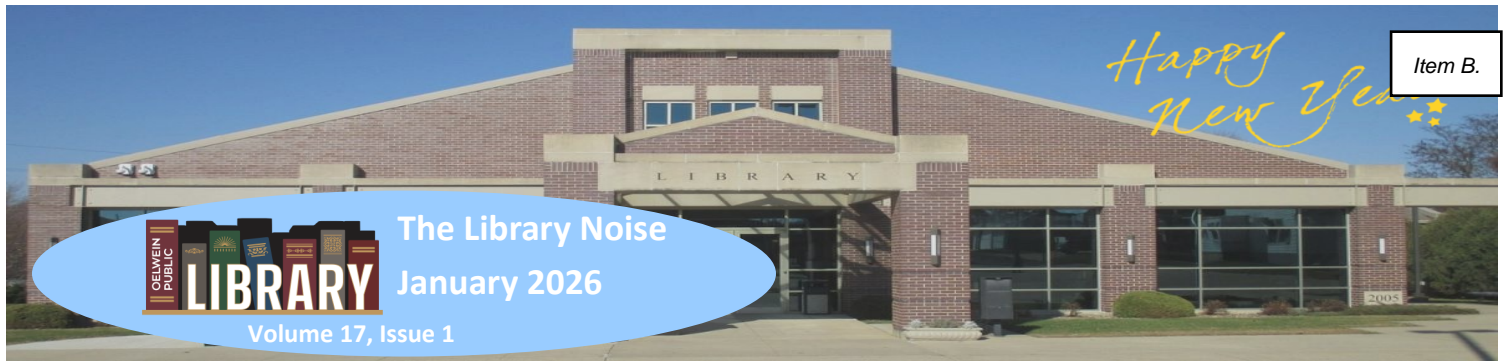
## OPRD Mission Statement:

"It is the mission of the Oelwein Parks and Recreation Department to create recreational opportunities and provide consistent, reliable public service; creating diverse programs and services to promote community involvement; and being a leader in recreation and leisure services while preserving our facilities for future generations."

JOSHUA A. JOHNSON MA  
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

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## January Calendar

1/1	New Year's Day Library Closed	
1/2	Art Extravaganza	10:00
1/12	Friends Meeting	10:00
1/14	Dream Big Storytime	10:00
1/14	Library Board Meeting	5:00
1/20	Sensory Playtime	2:30
1/22	Oelwein Reads at Ampersand	6:00
1/26	Book Talk	10:00

Topic: [Read a book with a dust jacket.](#)

Have you started your New Year Resolutions List?  
A fresh start awaits!

We have just the book you may need. Explore the non-fiction section of the library for inspiration.

- If you're aiming to improve your health with diet and exercise, check out the 613 section.
- Interested in cooking? You'll find cookbooks in 641 section.
- Want to declutter your home? Look for useful guides in the 648 section.

There are plenty of other helpful resources available, too!

## Donor's Corner

**The following people made donations in memory of loved ones during the month of December:**

**In memory of Seth Garceau**

Jens & Joanne Nielsen

**In memory of Pat Arthaud**

Dorothy A. Gray, Steve & Mary Reeder

**In memory of Lavonne "Toby" Rolfs**

Sean & Amanda Emery



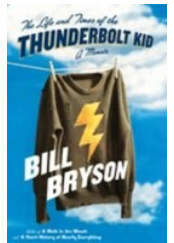
For more information on how you can create this lasting tribute to someone you have lost or would like to honor, please contact Deann Fox at 283-1515.

## Upcoming Programs

### Oelwein Reads Book Club at Ampersand January 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Oelwein Reads Book Club meets at Ampersand located at 110 South Frederick Ave. This book club will focus on books about Iowa or the Midwest.

The book selected is *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson.



### Coming March 5th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

#### *The Founding Mothers* presented by Laura Keyes

This Illustrated Lecture focuses on the remarkable women who had a first-hand view of the founding of our nation, and whose stories need to be shared. Join Laura Keyes as she shares their history, their bravery, and their surprising legacies.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## Did You Know?

### Stuck Indoors Due to Winter Weather?

Why not explore a puzzle from the library? We offer a delightful selection of puzzles, ranging from 300 to 1,000 pieces, with a generous checkout period of two weeks.

### Where to Find the Puzzles

The puzzle shelf is conveniently located near the entrance of the children's library. If you have any difficulty finding them, feel free to ask a librarian for assistance.



To request an accommodation for programs call 319-283-1515 or email [oelwein@oelwein.lib.ia.us](mailto:oelwein@oelwein.lib.ia.us).

**Library Hours | Monday-Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Wednesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. | Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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## New items on the shelf

### DVD's:

### Fiction:

The Bridge Kingdom-Danielle L. Jensen, Brimstone-Callie Hart, Sharpe's Storm-Bernard Cromwell, Mona's Eyes-Thomas Schlessner, White Wolf-Eric Lustbader, Fallen Gods-Rachel Van Dyken, I, Medusa-Ayana Gray, Quicksilver-Callie Hart, Stuart Woods' Blown Away-Brett Battles

### Non-Fiction:

Simply More-Cynthia Erivo, To Rescue the American Spirit-Bret Baier, Stop, in the Name of God-Charlie Kirk, Notes on Being a Man-Scott Galloway, Captain's Dinner-Adam Cohen, We the People-Jill Lepore, Simply More-Cynthia Erivo

### New YA:

The Obsession-Natasha Preston, The Last Vampire-Romina Garber, Seven Deadly Thorns-Amber Hamilton

### Ladybug:

Big Bub, Small Hat-Alastair Heim, Island Storm-Brian Floca, Let's Be Bees-Shawn Harris, The Night of the Hedgehog-Tanya Rosie, Oh No! Dinosaurs in the Supermarket-Timothy Knapman, The Trouble with Children (According to Cat)-Katie Weaver, A Minecraft Movie: Welcome to the Overworld!-Dennis R. Shealy

### New J:

Taylor Swift's the Era Tour Encyclopedia-Mari Bolte, How to Save an Otter-Kate Messner, I Escaped the Titanic-S. D. Brown, The Bad Idea and Other Stories-Greg Pizzoli, Mega: the Most Enormous Animals Ever-Gavin Scott, Confessions From the Group Chat-Jodi Meadows

## Art Extravaganza

January 2nd at 10 am

Hunting for a way to keep the kiddos entertained during the school holiday break? Swing by on Friday, January 2nd at 10am for an "Art Extravaganza!" We're dishing out the art supplies; the kiddos just need to bring their imagination. The sky's the limit on their creative masterpieces. What better way to kick off the new year than with a fresh piece of art?



## Dream Big Storytime

January 14th at 10 a.m.

## Sensory Playtime

January 20th at 2:30 p.m.

explore the senses and discover activities you can do at home with this baby-and-toddler themed playtime.

## Winter Reading Challenge!

Get ready for the Winter Reading Challenge, running from December 22nd through February!

Everyone who successfully completes this challenge will have a chance to win the latest Dog Man book, *Dog Man: Big Jim Believes* by Dav Pilkey.



How to Participate:

- Pick up your challenge sheet on December 22nd.
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