



Agenda

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

August 10, 2026
Oelwein, Iowa

Mayor: Brett DeVore

Mayor Pro Tem: Matt Weber

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

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 to approve the July 27, 2026 minutes.
- [2.](#) Consideration of a motion approving the Special Class "E" Retail Alcohol License for the Kwik Star #1156.
- [3.](#) Consideration of a resolution authorizing temporary closure of public ways or grounds for the Oelwein Rotary Club.

Ordinances

- [4.](#) Consideration of an ordinance adding Section 23-70- Bridge Safety Regulations for the bridge located at the 400 block of 10th Street SW to Chapter 23. - Second Reading.

Motions

- [5.](#) Consideration of a motion approving the Oelwein Fire Fighters Foundation MDA fundraiser "Fill the Boot" on the intersection of East Charles Street and First Avenue SE on August 28th from 6-8 PM and August 29th from 9-11 AM.

Committee Reports

- [6.](#) Report from Payne on the Library Board minutes.

Council Updates

Mayor's Report

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
July 27, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call **Present:** Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Weber
 Also Present: Mayor DeVore, City Administrator Mulfinger, City Clerk Rigdon
 Absent: Ricchio, Gearhart

Additions or Deletions

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Cannon to approve the agenda as amended.

All aye. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of a motion to approve the July 13, 2026 minutes.
2. Claims Resolution in the amount of \$881,004.45.
3. Consideration of a motion approving the Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License for the Oelwein Coliseum.
4. Consideration of a resolution approving Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$4,056.05 for 10th St. Bridge Reconstruction Project with Taylor Construction.

Resolution No. 5919-2026 was applied to this resolution.

5. Consideration of a resolution approving Pay Application No. 10 in the amount of \$130,810.00 to Taylor Construction for the 10th St. Bridge Project.

Resolution No. 5920-2026 was applied to this resolution.

6. Consideration of a resolution authorizing temporary closure of public ways or grounds for Oelwein Community High School.

Resolution No. 5921-2026 was applied to this resolution.

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

All aye. Motion carried.

Ordinances

7. Consideration of an ordinance adding Section 23-70- Bridge Safety Regulations for the bridge located at the 400 block of 10th Street SW to Chapter 23. - First Reading.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve the first reading.

Matt requested a revision to his motion to update Item No. 9 on the ordinance switching dusk to dawn to dawn to dusk.

A revised motion was made by Weber, seconded by Payne to approve the first reading of the ordinance with the revision of Item No. 9.

Aye: Payne, Cantrell, Cannon, Weber

Nay: NA

Absent: Ricchio, Gearhart

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

8. Report from Cantrell on the Park and Recreation Commission.

For full minutes, please visit: <https://www.cityofelwein.org/bc-parks/page/parks-and-recreation-32>

Council Updates

Council member Cantrell invited the community to Italian Heritage Days on August 8.

Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVore participated in a phone call referencing 28E agreements and shared details on some of the unique agreements.

City Attorney's Report

- A. City Attorney.

The City Attorney invoices were included in the packet.

City Administrator's Report

The final walk through of the 10th Street Bridge was on July 27. Thursday, July 30th at 8:30 AM is the 10th Street Bridge Grand Opening.

Adjournment

1. Additional Information

A motion was made by Cantrell, seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 6:18PM.

All aye.

Motion carried.

Brett DeVore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 July 27, 2026 and copy of said proceedings was furnished to the Register July 30, 2026

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. _____-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC WAYS OR GROUNDS FOR
OELWEIN ROTARY CLUB EVENTS

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 364. 12 (2) states that " a city shall keep all public grounds, streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, culverts, overpasses, underpasses, grade crossing separations and approaches, public ways, squares, and commons open, in repair, and free from nuisance, with the following exceptions "; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 364. 12 (2) (a) states that "Public ways and grounds may be temporarily closed by resolution "; and

WHEREAS, Oelwein Rotary Club have requested temporarily closure of streets and parks for the following events, locations and times:

Event	Location of Street Closures	Date & Time
Sweet Corn and Pork Chop Feed	Depot Park and the 10 Block of West Charles Street including alleys	August 27, 2026 at 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Oelwein, Iowa that

Oelwein Rotary Club organizers are authorized to temporarily close the aforementioned requested streets and park.

Passed and Approved this 10th day of August, 2026.

Attest:

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

Recorded August 11, 2026.

Brett DeVore, Mayor

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Resolution as read be adopted, and upon roll call there were:

AYES NAYS ABSENT ABSTAIN

Ricchio
Weber
Lenz
Garrigus
Seeders
Payne

Ordinance No. 1229

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 23-70. BRIDGE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE 400 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET SW. TO CHAPTER 23

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, be amended by adding the following new section:

SECTION 23-70. BRIDGE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE 400 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET SW.

1. Fishing from the south side of the road bridge located in the 400 block of 10th Street SW is prohibited.
2. Fishing shall be permitted from the north side pedestrian walkway of the bridge, provided such activity does not obstruct or interfere with pedestrian or bicycle traffic within the walkway.
3. No person shall loiter, stand, place equipment, store personal property, or otherwise obstruct vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic, bicycle traffic, or access on the south side of the bridge or its approaches.
4. No person fishing or otherwise occupying the north side pedestrian walkway shall block, impede, interfere with, or restrict the safe movement of pedestrians or bicycles using the walkway.
5. No person shall jump, dive, climb from, or intentionally enter the water from any portion of the bridge structure, including railings, barriers, supports, approaches, or adjacent appurtenances.
6. No person shall sit upon, stand upon, climb upon, lean over, cross over, or otherwise misuse any bridge railing, barrier, protective fence, guardrail, or safety structure located on the bridge or its approaches.
7. For purposes of this section, "fishing" shall include casting, trolling, hand fishing, netting, or any other attempt to catch or take fish from the bridge structure.
8. The City may place and maintain signs necessary to enforce the provisions of this section, including but not limited to "No Fishing South Side," "Fishing Allowed – Keep Walkway Clear," "No Jumping or Diving," and "Do Not Obstruct Walkway" signs. The city shall mount two signs at the west and east entrance of the sidewalk.
9. Fishing on the 10th St Bridge shall be allowed from dawn until dusk.
10. Any law enforcement officer may order a person violating this section to immediately cease the prohibited conduct or vacate the area. Failure to comply after warning shall constitute a violation of this section.
11. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor and shall be subject to penalties as provided in Sections 1-8 and 1-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oelwein, Iowa.

Section 3. Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

First reading - July 27, 2026
 Second reading - August 10, 2026
 Third reading - August 24, 2026

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, this day of August 24, 2026.

 Brett DeVore, Mayor

Attest:

 Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

Recorded August 25, 2026.

First Reading on: July 27, 2026. It was moved by Weber and seconded by Payne that the Ordinance as read be adopted, and upon roll call there were:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ricchio			x	
Weber	x			
Payne	x			
Cantrell	x			
Cannon	x			
Gearhart			x	

Second Reading on: August 10, 2026. It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Ordinance as read be adopted, and upon roll call there were:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
ABSTAIN			
Weber			
Payne			
Cantrell			
Cannon			
Gearhart			
Ricchio			

Third and Final Reading on: August 24, 2026. It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Ordinance as read be adopted, and upon roll call there were:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
ABSTAIN			
Weber			
Payne			
Cantrell			
Cannon			
Gearhart			
Ricchio			



**OELWEIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF OELWEIN, IOWA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: City Administrator Dylan Mulfinger

DATE: May 25, 2026

FROM: Jeremy P. Logan, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Request for Public Safety Committee Review – Proposed Bridge Safety Ordinance

I would request consideration of the attached proposed ordinance regarding bridge safety regulations for the bridge located in the 400 block of 10th Street SW on an upcoming agenda for the City Council Public Safety Committee for review and recommendation.

The proposed ordinance was developed in anticipation of the reopening of the new bridge and in consideration of past public safety and usage issues that the new bridge design was intended to address. The ordinance establishes a clear distinction between prohibited activity on the south side of the bridge and permitted fishing activity within the protected north-side pedestrian walkway, provided pedestrian and bicycle traffic remain unobstructed.

The ordinance was developed to address concerns associated with fishing activity, pedestrian obstruction, unsafe use of bridge infrastructure, and jumping/diving from the bridge structure. The ordinance also includes provisions related to:

- * Prohibition of fishing from the south side of the bridge
- * Allowance of fishing from the north-side pedestrian walkway
- * Prohibition of obstruction of pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic
- * Prohibition of jumping/diving from the bridge
- * Prohibition of climbing or sitting on bridge railings and protective barriers
- * Authorization for signage
- * Enforcement authority following warning by law enforcement

The intent of the ordinance is to improve public safety, preserve accessibility within the pedestrian corridor, reduce liability exposure to the City, and provide clear enforceable standards for use of the bridge area.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OELWEIN, IOWA, BY ADDING SECTION 23-70 ESTABLISHING BRIDGE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR THE ROAD BRIDGE LOCATED IN THE 400 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET SW.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1.

That Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, be amended by adding the following new section:

SECTION 23-70. BRIDGE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE 400 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET SW.

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2. Fishing shall be permitted from the north side pedestrian walkway of the bridge, provided such activity does not obstruct or interfere with pedestrian or bicycle traffic within the walkway.
3. No person shall loiter, stand, place equipment, store personal property, or otherwise obstruct vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic, bicycle traffic, or access on the south side of the bridge or its approaches.
4. No person fishing or otherwise occupying the north side pedestrian walkway shall block, impede, interfere with, or restrict the safe movement of pedestrians or bicycles using the walkway.
5. No person shall jump, dive, climb from, or intentionally enter the water from any portion of the bridge structure, including railings, barriers, supports, approaches, or adjacent appurtenances.
6. No person shall sit upon, stand upon, climb upon, lean over, cross over, or otherwise misuse any bridge railing, barrier, protective fence, guardrail, or safety structure located on the bridge or its approaches.
7. For purposes of this section, "fishing" shall include casting, trolling, hand fishing, netting, or any other attempt to catch or take fish from the bridge structure.
8. The City may place and maintain signs necessary to enforce the provisions of this section, including but not limited to "No Fishing South Side," "Fishing Allowed – Keep Walkway Clear," "No Jumping or Diving," and "Do Not Obstruct Walkway" signs.
9. Any law enforcement officer may order a person violating this section to immediately cease the prohibited conduct or vacate the area. Failure to comply after warning shall constitute a violation of this section.
10. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor and shall be subject to penalties as provided in Sections 1-8 and 1-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oelwein, Iowa.

Section 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

July 21, 2026

Mayor & City Council Members,

The Oelwein Fire Fighters Foundation has planned to work with the MDA and host "FILL THE BOOT" campaign. Plans are to take donations at the corner of 1st Ave and Charles Street on Friday August 28th 2026 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and again on Saturday August 29th 2026 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The MDA will provide insurance for all firefighters and all participants will follow the MDA safety policy.

We are asking your permission to host the MDA Boot Drive on the dates listed above and have permission to use one Oelwein Fire Department truck for visual only. We will make sure that our campaign efforts do not impede the flow of traffic in this area.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you for your cooperation as in the past years. Please contact me with any concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ch Br' followed by a stylized flourish.

Chris Brunscheon

President

Oelwein Fire Fighters Foundation

The Oelwein Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Oelwein Public Library.

Present: Ingersoll, Franzen, VanDenHul, Solsma, Kerns, Payne, Macken

Absent:

President Ingersoll called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Agenda Approved: Franzen asked for clarification on the statistics for new patrons. A spacing error was noted. VanDenHul made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Franzen. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Franzen made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by VanDenHul. Motion carried.

Correspondence and communications: none

Trustee Training: The *Public Library Standards* require that the library has a permanent, paid director who is Endorsed at a required level. New directors have two years after starting as director to become Endorsed. For cities with a population between 5,000 and 14,999, the Endorsement Level is Silver or Gold.
Silver: Bachelor's degree and completion of Director Endorsement coursework within 2 years of hire date.
Gold: Graduate degree in library or information science from an American Library Association (ALA) accredited program.

Director's Report:

- Welcome to Christian Solsma as a new Library Trustee.
- Hawkeye Telephone asked for permission to bury fiber optic cables to the library with no obligation to subscribe to their service. The consent was signed. Currently, the library receives service at no charge from Mediacom. Payne inquired if Hawkeye Telephone would offer free service to the library.
- The HVAC coil was leaking R22 and not cooling the building. The coil on HP2 was replaced. The coil on HP1 is leaking. Waldingers will be searching for the leak and repair, if possible.
- Blackhawk Sprinklers conducted the 20-year head testing along with the 5-year wet system test.
- Amy has resigned as part-time librarian. Jennifer has been hired for that position. Lexi has resigned as a part-time page. Emma has been hired for that position.
- All the carpets were cleaned.
- Fontana Creatures have been staying at the library this summer. In August, the library will have Monarch butterflies.
- Schwickerts inspected the roof and will be submitting a report. There have been a couple of leaks with some heavy rainfall. These areas are being monitored.
- The new hours decals have been updated at the main entrance.
- Passports are being done by appointment.
- Dubuque Glass is fixing the windows on the east side of the building. This is a Capital Improvement item. Miller Construction will be replacing the warped sills with the same decking material as was used on the west windows.
- Staff received positive feedback for the Summer Reading Program. Favorite programs were BluTrack and Dinosaurs. The 3-D printer incentives were popular with more than 95 items printed.

Friends' Report: Dates for the Book Sale and Annual Meeting were set.

Bills Approved:

Effective July 1, Katie S's position changed from full time to part time. She received the remainder of her vacation time as a payout of \$5,864.40.

The contract for BRIDGES content was paid.

One of the repair bills for the HVAC was paid.

Kerns made a motion to approve the list of bills. Seconded by VanDenHul. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

- **Election of Officers:** Franzen made a motion to appoint VanDenHul as President. Seconded by Solsma. Motion carried. VanDenHul made a motion to appoint Franzen as Vice-president. Seconded by Kerns. Motion carried. Franzen made a motion to appoint Kerns as Secretary. Seconded by Solsma. Motion carried.
- **Appreciation of Service:** Anita Mars resigned as a Library Trustee after eleven years of service. The Library Board of Trustees greatly appreciated her dedication and service to the Oelwein Public Library.
- **Designate Location of Agenda Postings:** House File 2490 changes Iowa Code relating to public meetings and records. Meeting notices must be posted in a place that is visible at all times. The place needs to be designated by the Library Board, annually. In addition, the notice needs to be posted on the primary website or other primary internet presence maintained by the governmental body. Finally, changes to the agenda need to be identified and marked "amended." Franzen made a motion to post the library's agenda on the outside of the front entrance windows, the library's Facebook page, and the library's website. Seconded by Kerns. Motion carried.

Payne left the meeting.

- **Iowa Library Statistics:** The statistics were reviewed by the board. The board would like to see improvements in Oelwein Library's statistics. The board would like to see daily Facebook posts and more programs with an emphasis on hands-on activities and collaboration with the schools.

Policy Review:

VanDenHul made a motion to add a warning to the 3-D printer policy that some items may contain small parts which could be a choking hazard and not recommended for children under 3. Seconded by Solsma. Motion carried.

Franzen made a motion to update the library hours with the changes to Wednesday and Thursday from 9-5:30, and Saturday from 9-1. Seconded by Kerns. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Kerns made a motion to adjourn at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Macken

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 12 at 5:30 p.m.



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator
Subject: Agenda Memo
Date: 8/10/2026

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 1. This ordinance will require anyone fishing on 10th St Bridge to fish off the north side. This will ensure no issues with those fishing and crossing traffic. The City Administrator recommends approving the second reading.

Motions

5. Consideration of a motion approving the Oelwein Fire Fighters Foundation MDA fundraiser "Fill the Boot" on the intersection of East Charles Street and First Avenue SE on August 28th from 6-8 PM and August 29th from 9-11 AM.
 1. This fundraiser has been successful for many years. No issues have been caused by the fundraiser. The City Administrator recommends this for approval.

City of Oelwein, IA

CLIENT LIAISON:

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DATE:

August 6, 2026



MSA developed an excellent GIS-based tool to help municipalities with a wide variety of capital improvement planning (CIP)-related tasks: the [Capital Improvement Planning App](#).

COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT – PROJECT #08884014

We have not heard of any further correspondence regarding this grant.

FY2024 FMA FUNDING – PROJECT #08884015

MSA assisted the City with submitting an application for the FMA grant. The application is due to FEMA 8/6/2026.

2026 BRIC FUNDING – PROJECT #08884018

City and MSA submitted the application to Iowa HSEM, which was then submitted to FEMA on 7/22/2026.

RAIL YARD BROWNFIELD

Eocene has provided options for next steps with cost estimates for each of those options. Please let us know, if you would like to move forward with any of those options.

In addition, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission has begun work on an EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant application that could support this project.

PROJECT UPDATE**IDALS WQI URBAN CONSERVATION PROJECTS PROGRAM –
PROJECT #08884017**

MSA provided support with the Water Quality Institute (WQI) funding application with water quality calculations and application narrative assistance. Additionally, MSA attended a meeting with the IDALS Urban Conservationist. The City did not receive funds at this time, solely due to a lack of secure funding from FEMA. IDALS is excited for the project and wants to work together when the project is ready to move forward.

The Library Noise

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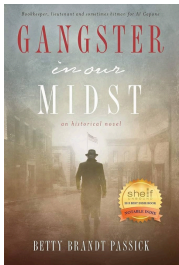
What's Happening at the Library

Big things are happening here. Due to budget cuts reducing the number of staff hours, the library's hours have changed. The new hours are:

Monday and Tuesday 9am to 8pm, Wednesday through Friday 9am to 5:30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

And, our newsletter has a new look, too! It still has all the same useful information as before, though, so don't worry.

Oelwein Reads Book Club



In the 1920s in a small town in Iowa, rumors abound of a Chicago gangster with ties to Al Capone. But are the rumors true?

On Thursday, July 30th at 6:00pm, we will be discussing Fairbank native Betty Brandt Passick's *Gangster in Our Midst*, the fictionalized telling of true events in Fairbank. If you would like a copy of the book, contact the library, and make plans to join us.

Donor's Corner

The following people made donations in honor of loved ones in the month of June:

In honor of Don & Barb Ehlers

Dan & Diane Sperflage

In Memory of Mary Potratz Adkins

The Magsamen Family

In Memory of Marcy Pease

Brett & Nicole Ehlers

In Memory of Lou Czech

Nicole & Jessi Yokas



For more information on how to create this lasting tribute to someone, please contact the library at (319) 283-1515.

July Calendar

7/1 Creature Feature with Fontana Park 9:00

7/4 Closed

Happy Independence Day!

7/22 Library Board Meeting 5:00

7/27 Book Talk 10:00

Read a book set in the pioneer time period

7/30 Oelwein Reads Book Club 6:00

"Gangster in Our Midst" by Betty Brandt Passick



Passport Services

The change in staff hours means a change in passport services, too.

The Library will continue to offer passport services **Monday through Friday from 9am to 5 pm.**

However, these services will now be available **by appointment only.**

Call the Library at (319) 283-1515 to set up an appointment.



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Kid's Corner

New on the shelf

Fiction: Ironwood – Michael Connelly; Land – Maggie O'Farrell; A River Red With Blood – John Connelly; The Midnight Train – Matt Haig; 26 Beauties – James Patterson; The Calamity Club – Kathryn Stockett; John of John – Douglas Stuart; Whistler – Ann Patchett

Non-fiction: The Oracle's Daughter – Harrison Hill; The Education of a Senator – Lamar Alexander; View from the West Wing – Jill Biden; An Inconvenient Widow – Lois Romano; The Wreck of the Mentor – Eric Jay Dolin

New YA: The Heirs – Faridah Abike-Iyimide; Behind Five Willows – June Hur; Shadow Reaper – Lynette Noni; The Secret World of Briar Rose – Cindy Pham

Ladybug: The Biggest Cat in the Book – Ben Lerwill; Sing the 50 United States! – Dr. Seuss; America, I'm So Glad You Were Born – Ainsley Earhardt; The Greatest Bedtime Story Ever – Jessie Sima; Bear for a Day – Corey R. Tabor

New J: Wombat Waiting – Katherine Applegate; The Edge of Forever – Meghan P. Browne; A Wish With Wings – Sarah Guillory; Really Rubie – Maddie Frost

DVDs: Avatar: Fire and Ash; Reminders of Him

And many more great titles!

Did You Know?

The library has materials that can help you celebrate the country's 250th anniversary. Our collection includes books for all ages that cover a range of topics from American history and politics to biographies of Founding Fathers, from memoirs of current notables to the Constitution, from our Indigenous population to what life would have been like during the Colonial/Revolutionary time period, and more. Check them out today!



July Kid's Program

Creature Feature with Fontana Park

Wednesday, July 1 @ 9:00am

Join Naturalist Michael as he teaches us about a creature who will then live in the library for a month.

Summer Reading Program Recap

This year's Summer Reading Program theme was "Plant a Seed, Read". We had 128 people sign up to participate this year: 93 children, 8 teens, and 27 adults. A big thank you to all who celebrated reading with us!



Take-and-Make Kits

Learn the Colonial art of paper cutting by making one of these designs.



Share the gift of reading. Ask us how to sign up today.



Children under the age of seven (7) must be accompanied by a responsible person at least fourteen (14) years old. **It is the responsibility of parents/guardians/caregivers to supervise and monitor the behavior of their children or persons in need of a caregiver at all times.** The library is not responsible for children or persons in need of a caregiver left in the building.

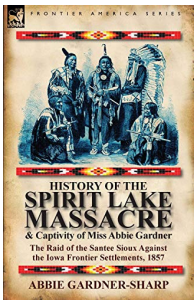
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What's Happening at the Library

Now that the fiscal year has ended, we have been crunching some numbers. Between July of 2025 and June of 2026, a total of 39,578 items circulated; librarians answered 5,810 reference questions; 27,145 people visited the library; 2,095 people attended programs; and 259 people signed up for library cards. Although budget cuts have brought changes to our staff hours and hours of operation, we look forward to continuing to serve our community through programs, materials, and services in the new fiscal year.

Oelwein Reads Book Club



A recounting of the raid on settlements in northwestern Iowa by the Sioux, written by one of the survivors of the massacre.

We will meet to discuss *History of the Spirit Lake Massacre & Captivity of Miss Abbie Gardner* by Abbie Gardner-Sharp on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00pm. Contact the library if you would like to reserve a copy.

August Calendar

8/5 Creature Feature with Fontana Park	9:00
8/12 Library Board Meeting	5:30
8/14 Garbage Truck storytime	10:00
<i>with guest Anthony Ricchio</i>	
8/31 Book Talk	10:00
<i>Theme: read a biography</i>	

Donor's Corner

The following people made donations in honor of loved ones in the month of July:

In Memory of Dan Sonnicksen

Jeff & Judy Mohlis

In Memory of Kent Casey

Steve & Mary Reeder

In Memory of Kent Casey

Kurt & Mary Lou Cosselman



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Display space available

We are looking for collections or items to go in our display case. If you have items you think the community would be interested in seeing and are willing to put them on display for a month, contact the library.

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Kid's Corner

New on the shelf

Fiction: Pretty Dead Things – Kelsey Cox; D is for Daisy – Shelley Shepard Gray; Wait and See – Iris Johansen; Rocket's Red Glare – James Patterson; The Maid's Secret – Nita Prose; Weddings – Danielle Steel; A Pair of Aces – Marie Benedict

Non-fiction: The Crooked Places Made Straight – Raphael G. Warnock; Communion – JD Vance; Catch the Devil – Pamela Colloff; Sisters of the Midnight Sun – Rebecca Wright Stevens

New YA: A Prince Among Pirates – Katie Abdou; The Gilded Blade – Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Ladybug: Who's Making That Big Stink?! – Darrin P. Lunde; The Dog Who Was (Almost) Perfect – Jack Kurland; Sundays Under the Lemon Tree – Julia Busuttill Nishimura; Incredibly Fast and Not at all Fun – Tadgh Bentley; If You Make a Call on a Banana Phone – Gideon Sterer

New J: Sawyer Lee and the Quest to Just Stay Home – Zach Weinersmith; The Mystery of the Missing Book – D.L. Green; I Escaped the Running of the Bulls – Scott Peters; HeartLand – Jilanne Hoffmann

DVDs: Hoppers; I Can Only Imagine 2; Scream 7; The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

And many more great titles!

Did You Know?

If you have overdue items or items on reserve that become available for checkout, a phone call is not the only way we can contact you. You have the option of receiving a text message or email notification instead. If you would like to change your notification method, all you have to do is let us know next time you're here.

You also have the option to send us a text. Use the number 319-284-8288 to get in touch.



August Kid's Programs



Creature Feature with Fontana Park

Wednesday, August 5 @ 9:00am

Join Naturalist Michael as he teaches us about a creature who will then live in the library for a month.

Garbage Truck Storytime

Friday, August 14 @ 10:00am

City council member Anthony Ricchio will bring a garbage truck to the library and read a story. You'll even get a miniature garbage truck to take home!



Take-and-Make Kits



August is Peace Month. Invite some peace into your life by drawing a Maori peace symbol.



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