



Minutes

Public Safety Committee

Oelwein Community Plaza, 25 West Charles, Oelwein,
Iowa

May 24, 2021 - 5:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Megan Rex Vicious Animal Appeal

Mulfinger opened the meeting and provided the floor to City Attorney Pat Dillon.

Dillon asked that Officer Schmelzer provide an overview of the incident. Schmelzer discussed the events and what took place. Schmelzer let the committee know that dog bite took place in the county, but because the dog now lives in the city, the council can deem the dog vicious.

Dillon then asked that Robin Irvine provide any additional information. Robin let the committee know that the dog should be deemed vicious and that the incident will have a huge impact on her son's life forever. Josh Irvine spoke and said the dog should not be allowed in town.

Dillon asked that the dog owner Megan Rex provide information to the dog.

Rex stated that the dog is not vicious and was protecting the child. Rex felt that the city should not deem the dog vicious and that she is working with the dog every day. Rex let the committee know that the dog is an emotional support animal.

5:24 Matt Weber exited the meeting for a fire call.

Fisk and Payne discussed the decision. Dillon reminded the committee that they are not determine if the dog is a good dog, they are determine if the dog is vicious under the city's ordinance. Fisk motioned to deem the dog vicious, and Payne seconded. All said I.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator