



Minutes

City Council Work Session

Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa

December 13, 2021 - 5:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Discussion on Public Safety Code

Mulfinger presented the code changes that would allow for a public safety chief and remove the existing fireman position.

DeVore and Payne questioned why the fire code would go to Community Development. Mulfinger explained that this was a building code and not a public safety code.

Fisk questioned the amount of expenditures for the position. Fisk said he received the most calls on this topic during his time at council. Fisk asked for each person read the report.

Seeders said she has received a lot of calls; Cantrell said she has received calls, as well.

DeVore asked who would be in charge at fire scenes. Logan let council know that fire personnel will still be in charge at fire scenes.

2. Discussion on Snow Removal

Mulfinger let council know that code existed not allowing snow on city property. Kane provided information on why the city was no longer allowing the snow storage from private property to public property.

Seeders questioned the code saying that it does not specifically say public property.

Mulfinger advised that code cannot provide direction on every single item the city must address. Regardless, the city has the authority to not allow snow storage from private property on city property.

Fisk wanted to see code define the downtown and why we do snow removal for sidewalks in the downtown.

Mulfinger let council know that code can be changed.

No council members voiced an opinion on allowing snow storage from private property onto city property.

Mulfinger let council know that the property owner will be updated.

3. Discussion on Water Mains

Mulfinger walked council through the events that had taken place with ICE manufacturing. Mulfinger reminded council that the city has worked with ICE on each step. The only issues occurred when ICE changed their plans and wants to connect a service to a service.

Payne asked if this was consistent with other utilities in town.

Kane said that commercial fire services were owned by businesses to the main with some under roads.

Payne wanted to see a decision made so that the business could move forward.

Mulfinger asked if council wanted to make changes to code.

Weber said that the city should not be involved in fire lines, especially when it comes to post indicator valves and the maintenance.

Council had a general consensus to not make changes to code.

Mulfinger said he would work with ICE should they have any additional questions. Mulfinger let council know that ownership of the line from their building would be all the way to north side of the road to the main.

Adjournment

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator