

Larry Murphy for Mayor

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Oelwein has been a great community for Linda and I to raise our three sons.

I ran for mayor six years ago to turn the community around. With your support and a great council, we have made progress. We have a few more goals to accomplish to keep Oelwein great for families. But I need your vote Tuesday, November 6.

Thanks,

Larry Murphy

VOTE Larry Murphy for Mayor





Our Oelwein city elections are Tuesday, Nov. 6. You have a choice in that election.

I am running for mayor and asking for your vote. Six years ago, I ran for mayor to reverse serious economic decline in our community. We were losing people, families and jobs. The community was struggling from the 1980s & '90s after we lost much of our manufacturing jobs and had empty storefronts downtown. Our neighborhoods needed attention. I promised then to work with the council, community, school district and county to turn it around. We are getting there. I want to continue that...

Larry's Major Accomplishments:

1. City & School Working together:
Successful management of Wellness Center and Academy for Math and Science (new jobs)
2. New Library completed
3. Phase I of Downtown Improvements completed
4. Expansion of bike & walking trails
5. Performing Arts Center completed
6. Sports Complex/Wellness Center completed
7. Kid's Skate Park (Wings Park)
8. Property Maintenance Code
(Force property owners to maintain property)
9. Campground expansion
10. New Sewage Treatment Plant
(Help recruiting new industries)
11. Completion of Purchase of rail line by Transco.
(Job Retention)
12. New industries and 100 new jobs in existing industries in past year
13. Numerous industrial contacts; Oelwein getting more attention

Issues & Challenges Larry will address:

1. Population growth: Aging, loss of younger families
Goal: Focus on housing developments to bring working families to town
2. Oelwein below state average for family income
Goal: Focus economic developments efforts that bring only jobs that will raise family income to state average (Tech Spec building project)
3. Improvement to community's visual appearance
Goal: Move forward with Phase II Downtown project: Town Square
4. Oelwein jobs don't provide security & adequate income for working families
Goal: Expand collaboration with school & community college to secure alternative industry such as technology or finance that pay higher wages
5. Oelwein neighborhoods need improvements and community needs new homes
Goal: Work with public and private state and regional groups to develop housing initiatives on both older neighborhoods and new; enforce property code.
6. Better highway access to community for better jobs.
Goal: Continue to work with State DOT to upgrade Highway 150 to Super 2 status.



If you agree with me that we need to keep improving Oelwein, I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, November 6.

Larry Murphy

