

Council Meeting
January 20, 2025

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on January 20, 2025. A quorum was declared by Mayor Deb De Haan. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 125 Central Ave SE, Orange City, Iowa.

Members Present: Council members Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, and Bret Walinga

Members Absent: None

Staff: Earl Woudstra, Janet Brown, Jim Pottebaum, Kurt Frederes, Ryan McEwen, Matt Van Schouwen, and Kent Anderson

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, Dan Roghair, Lori Korthals, Luke and Jennifer Livingston, Mike Hofman, Martina Hoogland, Lori Scholtens, Jenon Scallon, Sarah Weber, and Kenton Vore

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Citizen Comments: This time was provided for citizen comments, and none were heard.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 6, 2025 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for December 2024, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the monthly financial report as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer; NAYS: None.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from December 17, 2024 through January 20, 2025 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the monthly bills, subject to audit. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Amend City Ordinances for the Addition of Maternity Group Home to R-1 and RS-1: This being the time and place as advertised a public hearing was held to consider proposed Ordinance No. 857, amending the City Ordinances for the addition of Maternity Group Home to the R-1 and RS-1 Residential Districts due to Legislative changes. The Mayor called for comments from members of the audience and no one was heard speaking for or against the proposed ordinance. No written objections were filed. The Mayor then closed the time for the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 857, adding Maternity Group Home to the R-1 and RS-1 Residential Districts. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong to waive the second and third readings of proposed Ordinance No. 857. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to adopt Ordinance No. 857, adding Maternity Group Home to the R-1 and RS-1 Residential Districts. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Ordinance No. 855, Amending Solid Waste Collection Fees: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 855, an ordinance amending the solid waste collection fees for March 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027 according to the contract with Orange City Sanitation. The fees increase by 3% each year. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong to waive the third reading of proposed Ordinance No. 855. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to adopt Ordinance No. 855, an ordinance amending the solid waste collection fees for March 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows; AYES: Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYES: None.

Ordinance No. 856, Incorporating the 2024 Legislative Changes: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 856, an ordinance incorporating the 2024 Legislative changes. Those changes include adding an option for an insurance policy in lieu of a bond for city officials; changes made to the process and conditions of holding electronic meetings; updates required dates for the budget process; updates the requirement for publication of minutes; clarifies who within a fire department is authorized to cite fire violations; added a section under nuisances for adult establishments; creates a new definition for pedestrian and made modifications to the regulations providing pedestrians in the right-of-way as well as who a vehicle must yield the right-of-way to; removes that an abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by failure to maintain a sidewalk; and removes the gender balance requirement on appointed boards and commissions. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to waive the third reading of proposed Ordinance No. 856. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman to adopt Ordinance No. 856, an ordinance incorporating the 2024 Legislative changes. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Retail Alcohol License Renewal Applications: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the renewal applications for a Class B Retail Alcohol License from Dollar General and for a Class C Retail Alcohol License from Landsmeer. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Rod De Boer, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Committee Appointments: Upon recommendation of Mayor De Haan, a motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the 5-year appointments of Jamey Valentine and Pat Brenneman to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Upon recommendation of Mayor De Haan, a motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the 5-year appointment of Ronda Moret to the Planning and Zoning Commission. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Employee Recognition Dinner: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga that in recognition of efforts of the employees of the City of Orange City the Council would like to hold an employee recognition dinner on February 12, 2025 and give a gift of appreciation. On call of the roll motion carried.

The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Resolution Ordering Construction of the Puddle Jumper Pickle Ball Courts Project and Setting Public Hearing Date: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga adopting a resolution ordering the construction of the Puddle Jumper Pickle Ball Courts Project and setting a public hearing for 4:30 P.M. on February 17, 2025. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 1-20-25-2124 and appears in the official resolution book.

Salem Avenue Development: Ryan presented the Land Development Agreement with R. Perry Construction, Inc. for the Salem Avenue Development. R. Perry will bring a \$15,000,000 investment in the next five to seven years, starting with 12 plex apartment buildings, then row housing and a clubhouse. An updated agreement will be brought for Council consideration at the next meeting on January 27, 2025. No official action was taken.

Housing Projects Discussion: Earl provided a summary of the discussion from the Housing Open House held on January 11 and options for next steps. The Mayor provided time for members of the audience to speak. Jenon Scallon, 118 Frankfort Ave NE, thanked the City for holding the public meeting and expressed concern with the Porches concept to have the garages to the street and the front of the homes facing the middle of the block, also concerned with the site line of this option from the beautiful downtown area, encouraged the Council to think of all the pieces in this area, all the way down to the electric department property. Lee Waldo, 403 1st Street NW, inquired on how many negative and positive responses were received, shared he has not received anything positive from his neighbors, pointed out the investment made downtown by Dave Bomgaars and Lyle Huisman, expressed this is a very visible piece of property from downtown. Luke Livingston, 215 1st Street NW, shared the 50' lot sizes will make it look like a trailer park; not going to improve this part of town, concerned about the density, property value, and water issues it could create. He would like to see regular size lots. The Mayor then asked for thoughts of the Council. Daryl shared the ISG plan had row housing there, questioned if the property south of 2nd street could be used to spread out the 16 units; if regular lots were created instead there would need to be a building timeline requirement and/or a minimum assessment. Bret asked if the tax credits were tied to this property. Ryan responded yes. Olivia would like to see the Vision idea with the garages flipped to the back and to spread out the 16 units to all the property. Daryl mentioned this would create an alley for the City to maintain and could create congestion in the existing alley to the east. Rod expressed that the City has been talking about this since 2019 and has talked about many options, hard to find a developer, would be interested to see the garages flipped, hard to find homes to match the area. Ryan shared that support was received from Debbie Durham at the State of Iowa. Daron would be interested in seeing a drawing from Vision with the garages flipped to the back, shared that if anyone else has an idea to bring it forward but that would also require a developer, Nora Mulder's Dutch idea is great. No official action was taken.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

January 27	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
February 3	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
February 12	Employee Recognition Dinner, The Fox Hole
February 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
March 3	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
March 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M

Oral reports: Earl shared a letter from Cooper and Jaeya Hoegh requesting a new park between Prairie Ridge and the North Weiland development; Daniel Crawley will begin working on Wednesday. Mike Hofman stated the RAGBRAI announcement party is Saturday night.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Bret stated the stoplight by Fareway is working better. Olivia thanked the community for their involvement. Deb shared that Nate Huizenga is resigning from being the Emergency Management Coordinator and going back to being a deputy sheriff.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Discussions – General Funds: Management presented a draft copy of the general funds proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The proposal included a statement of changes in fund balances, sources and uses of working capital, statement of changes in retained earnings and line item detail of revenues and expenditures for the general funds. Also identified were tax levies for the proposed budget year and previous years. A lengthy discussion followed with no official action taken.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 7:37 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST:_____
Janet Brown, City Clerk