

Council Meeting
March 17, 2025

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on March 17, 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: Mike Hofman, Sarah Weber, Jennie Droog, Kenton Vore, Lyle & Julia Huisman, Lori Korthals, Laura & Mike Vander Stelt, Matt Barthman, Kurt Yeske, Dan Roghair, Adam & Kate Howerzyl, and Tyler Spaans

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. 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.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 3, 2025 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving said minutes as published. 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.

Old Elementary Development Proposal from Axis Real Estate Investment Firm: Tyler Spaans and Adam Howerzyl with Axis Real Estate Investment Firm presented a proposal for the old elementary school property. Their plan consists of a mix of commercial and residential, inspiration from Molengracht in Pella. The street level would consist of businesses, possible ideas are City Hall, the Axis office, stores, a sandwich shop, with the second and third levels being apartments and/or condos. Questions raised were parking and current zoning. Tyler responded that underground parking would be an option, along with the south lot. Kurt stated currently the area is zoned R-1. Earl shared the Council will review the proposals at the April 7 meeting and determine the next steps; he is also looking for feedback from residents. No official action was taken.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for February 2025, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the monthly financial report 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.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from February 18, 2025 through March 17, 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.

Resolution Establishing the Sidewalk Repair, Replacement and Construction Grant Program: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman adopting a resolution establishing the Sidewalk Repair, Replacement and Construction Grant Program. Maximum reimbursement on any project would be \$1,000, with the City budgeting \$20,000 of funding for the upcoming fiscal year. This program will be reassessed with the budget process each year to determine funds available. 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. The resolution was assigned number 3-17-25-2131 and appears in the official resolution book.

Dutch Front Proposal: Upon recommendation of the Dutch Front Committee, a motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the allowable maximum funds up to \$75,000 for the proposed Dutch front on the

new Family Vet Clinic building located at 208 Albany Avenue NE. The current plan is for a Dutch front to be located on Albany Avenue and 2nd Street. The Dutch Front Committee is asking the Council to consider additional funding due to the building facing two streets. 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.

Resolution Ordering Construction of the Puddle Jumper Trail Shelter House Project and Setting a Public Hearing Date: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman adopting a resolution ordering the construction of the Puddle Jumper Trail Shelter House Project and setting 4:30 P.M. on April 21 for a public hearing. On call of the roll motion was carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 3-17-25-2132 and appears in the official resolution book.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

April 7	Budget Public Hearing, 4:15 P.M.
April 7	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
April 21	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
May 5	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
May 15-17	Tulip Festival
May 19	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
June 2	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
June 16	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Earl reminded the Council of the budget public hearing at 4:15 on April 7; Dalton started the police academy; Audley De Jong will be coming back to do some reserve officer work; the Vogel project in Windmill Park will begin after RAGBRAI; Earl will be out of the office March 20 through 25.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Bret congratulated the Unity boys' basketball team for making it to the state tournament and MOC-FV for winning the 3A tournament.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daryl Beltman to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:16 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk