

Council Meeting
July 8, 2025

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 12:00 o'clock P.M. on July 8, 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 Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, and Bret Walinga via telephonic conference

Members Absent: Daryl Beltman

Staff: Janet Brown, Earl Woudstra, Jim Pottebaum, Ryan Mc Ewen, and Matt Van Schouwen

Guests: Sarah Weber, Doug Calsbeek, Dan Roghair, Ruth Roghair, Roger Roghair, Gail Van Grouw, Kenton Vore, Don Post, Mark Nyhoff, and Darrell Van Klompenburg

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong 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: Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Citizen Comments: This time was provided for citizen comments. Gail Van Grouw, representing the Cemetery Heritage Committee, shared the request of the committee to remove the large trees along the north side of the cemetery before more damage could occur.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 16, 2025 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Public Hearing on the Matter of Adoption of Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for the Construction of the Vets Park Path Project: This being the time and place as advertised a public hearing was held to consider the Vets Park Path Project. Mark Nyhoff explained the project. The Mayor called for comments from members of the audience. Sarah Weber inquired about the purpose of the trail when several sidewalks throughout town are in poor shape and if the city is still trying to connect existing trails. Mayor De Haan and Earl responded it was a request due to high traffic on Michigan Avenue and creates a ½ mile loop around the park for recreation purposes. 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 adopting the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Vets Park Path Project. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

The Council considered the bids that were opened on July 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer awarding the construction contract to Vander Windt & Sons for \$126,775.80. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Fireworks Display Request: A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the fireworks display request of the MOC-FV Pride of the Dutchmen Band Parents Association for October 11, 2025. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Olivia Chapman entered the meeting at 12:20 P.M.

Police Officer: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the hiring of Shawn Randolph as a Police Officer. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

July 9	Customer Appreciation Picnic
July 21	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
August 4	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
August 18	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 2	TUESDAY , Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 15	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Earl shared that Bruce Jacobsma has submitted his resignation as of September 17, steps will be taken to find his replacement; Top Notch received the quote for this round of diseased tree removal in the right of ways; Mayor's Cup was successful; Customer Appreciation Dinner tomorrow; parks staff has cleaned up trees from the storm and will help with restoration of some damaged headstones; provided updates on projects; reminded citizens that sump pumps cannot be discharged into the sanitary sewer system this time of year and needs to be pumped on their own property or to the street. Dan reported the ladder truck has been inspected; the fire station will be manned for 48 hours during RAGBRAI; working on updating their handbook.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and none were heard.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 12:32 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk