

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on July 21, 2025. A quorum was declared by Mayor Pro-Tempore Rod De Boer. 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, Daron De Jong, and Bret Walinga

Members Absent: Mayor De Haan

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

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, Mike Hofman, Jennie Droog, and Dan Roghair

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Bret Walinga, Rod De Boer, 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 July 8, 2025 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman 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: Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Olivia Chapman entered the meeting at 4:34 P.M.

Employee Residency Requirements: Earl recommended amending the employee residency requirements with the following addition, "The City Council reserves the right to make exceptions to the residency requirement based upon the need to fill or retain essential positions in the event that there is difficulty of securing and/or retaining qualified employees for positions which require specific training or certifications." Earl explained that in hiring police officers there is a smaller pool of certified candidates, training costs and time spent in training are a challenge, and the local housing market is tough. The Council discussed options. A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the addition listed above to the employee residency requirements. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer; NAYS: None.

The Floral Market Dutch Front Reimbursement: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the Dutch front reimbursement to The Floral Market for \$53,127.00. Invoices submitted totaled \$106,254.00. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Retail Alcohol License Renewal Applications: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the renewal application for a Class C Retail Alcohol License from Los Tulipanes and a Class B Retail Alcohol License from Family Dollar. 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.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

August 4	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
August 18	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
August 25	First day to file election papers
September 2	TUESDAY , Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 15	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 18	Last day to file election papers
October 6	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Earl read a thank you from Mayor De Haan to all those involved with making RAGBRAI a success; work will begin in Windmill Park on Wednesday so people in the community are welcome to dig out the flowers; Oud West sale is complete, they will be putting in a 16' alley. Ryan shared the Council will consider an agreement with Vision Builders at the next meeting, there will be a field trip to see the Vision Builders model homes leaving at 3:45 and returning by 4:30; provided an ECD update and will have an updated agreement at the next meeting. Dan Roghair reported on RAGBRAI. Jim stated RAGBRAI went well. Jennie shared about her trip to Holland for the Tulip Festival Steering Committee.

Council Comments: The Mayor Pro-Tempore called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Council all appreciated the efforts of everyone to make RAGBRAI a success.

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 5:03 o'clock P.M.

Rod De Boer, Mayor Pro-Tempore

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk