

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on October 6, 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: Janet Brown, Earl Woudstra, Jim Pottebaum, Ryan Mc Ewen, Brad De Jong, and Matt Van Schouwen

Guests: Sarah Weber, Mike Hofman, Marilyn Mayberry, Dan Roghair, Jen De Groot, Jenesis Calkins, Gracie Brown, Lucy Young, Kenton Vore, Denny Vander Wel, Jennie Droog, and Mari Langton

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, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Citizen Comments: This time was provided for citizen comments. Sarah Weber shared thoughts on redoing the downtown park due to the loss of trees and play structure that would bring people downtown. Some ideas were shade structures, a paved area, splash pad, more tables and chairs. She would like to see a focus group created to explore options and bring recommendations.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 15, 2025 and September 22, 2025 council meetings 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, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Set Public Hearing to Amend City Code of Ordinances: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong setting 4:30 P.M. on October 20, 2025 as the time for a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 154 – Building Code to follow the State of Iowa updates. 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.

Set Public Hearing on Rezoning of Property: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga setting 4:30 P.M. on October 20, 2025 as the time to consider rezoning the property at SE SE TR IN (PARCEL P) 33-95-44 and SE SE TRS IN (PARCELS 1 & 2) EXC PARCEL P & 4 & TR 75' WIDE RUNNING N & S BETWEEN PARCELS 1 & 2, 33-95-44 in Orange City, IA from C-2, Highway Commercial and I-1, Light Industrial to R-2, Medium to High Density Residential for the R Perry project. 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.

Gas Foreman Position: Upon recommendation, a motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to promote Shane Schwarz to the Gas Foreman position. 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.

City Administrator Position: No action at this time.

Administrative Reports:

Trail and sidewalk guidelines. Earl shared some thoughts on guidelines for electric scooters, e-bikes, bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards. Will keep reviewing with staff, also looking for Council feedback. Education is key.

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

October 20	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
November 3	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
November 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

December 1
December 15

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Oral reports: Earl reported that to repair the downtown play structure the cost is \$75,000, to replace the structure with a comparable is \$90,000-\$95,000, waiting to hear back from insurance; if the whole park would be redone, based on Sarah Weber’s suggestion, the park would be without a playground for a minimum of 6 months to 1 year; working on tree replacement plans over the winter; met with Tim Moerman with Beck Engineering to discuss strategic planning. Kurt shared information on the sidewalk replacement program.

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 Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Rod De Boer, Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 4:51 o’clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk