Council Meeting
June 1, 2026

The City Council met in regular monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on June 1, 2026. 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 Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon, and Bret Walinga

Members Absent: Council member Olivia Chapman

Staff: Matt Van Schouwen, Janet Brown, Jason Budden, Ryan McEwen, Jim Pottebaum, and Kent Anderson

Guests: Sarah Weber, Doug Calsbeek, Kenton Vore, and Ruth Roghair

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong 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: Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 18, 2026 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Mark Scallon approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Mark Scallon, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Resolution Proposing to Dispose of City Owned Real Estate: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Mark Scallon setting 4:30 P.M. on June 15, 2026 as the time for a public hearing to consider disposing of city owned real estate to Northwestern College. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Mark Scallon, Andrew Bleoemendaal, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 6-1-26-2192 and appears in the official resolution book.

Resolution Proposing Vacation of Utility Easements: A motion was made by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga setting 4:30 P.M. on June 15, 2026 as the time for a public hearing to consider vacation of three side yard easements in Puddle Jumper Trail Fifth and Seventh Additions. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Andrew Bloemendaal, Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 6-1-26-2193 and appears in the official resolution book.

Axis Holdings, LLC Dutch Front Reimbursement: At the last meeting Council approved the Dutch front reimbursement of $73,966.30 to Axis for their property at 117 Central Ave NE. While the project was large enough to maximize the $100,000 at 50% reimbursement, Axis did not realize they needed to submit invoices for the full cost. They have now submitted invoices to receive the full reimbursement. Mark questioned the approval process and what Dutch-themed costs are eligible. A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the additional payment of $26,033.70 to Axis Holdings, LLC. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Retail Alcohol License Renewal Application: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Mark Scallon approving the renewal application for a Special Class B Retail Alcohol License as submitted by Woudstra Meat Market. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Mark Scallon, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Resolutions in Support of Workforce Housing Tax Incentive Program Applications: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Mark Scallon adopting a resolution supporting a Workforce Housing Tax Incentive Program application to be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority by Rock Solid

Rentals, LLC for the construction of a 4-plex townhome unit in Puddle Jumper Trail Tenth Addition. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Mark Scallon, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 6-1-26-2194 and appears in the official resolution book.

A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal adopting a resolution supporting a Workforce Housing Tax Incentive Program application to be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority by Wielenga Properties, LLC for the construction of a 16-unit multifamily development in Puddle Jumper Trail Eleventh Addition. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 6-1-26-2195 and appears in the official resolution book.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

June 15	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
July 6	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
July 13	Mayor's Cup
July 20	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
August 3	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
August 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Matt reported on the Woudstra Park dedication; Marty Guthmiller retirement event; ads for job openings of Code Enforcement and Park & Rec Assistant. Jason shared they are working on updating the well controls; provided updates on the 7th Street and transformer projects.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were received. Andrew reminded everyone to vote tomorrow. Mark would like to discuss the hotel/motel tax rebate at the next meeting. The Mayor shared a thank you received from the Queen and Court.

Closed Session Per Iowa Code Section 21.5.1(j) – Real Estate: A motion was made by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal and duly seconded by Council member Mark Scallon to enter into a closed session at 4:52 o'clock P.M. to discuss a possible real estate transaction. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong to exit the closed session at 5:22 o'clock P.M. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

No official action was taken.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Mark Scallon to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Mark Scallon, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:22 o'clock P.M.

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Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST:_____
Janet Brown, City Clerk