

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on July 6, 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: Janet Brown, Ryan Mc Ewen, Kent Anderson, and Jim Pottebaum

Guests: Sarah Weber, Jennie Droog, Ruth Roghair, and Dan Roghair

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Matt introduced new staff: Alisa Smith, Carter Aalbers, and Luke De Jong.

Oath of Office – Luke De Jong: Luke was sworn in as an Orange City Police Officer.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 15, 2026 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for May 2026, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal approving the monthly financial report as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from May 19, 2026 through June 23, 2026 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal 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: Andrew Bloemendaal, Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Electric Lineman Position: This item was tabled.

Code Enforcement Officer Position: A motion was made by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the hiring of Brian Tooker as Code Enforcement Officer. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Andrew Bloemendaal, Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Retail Alcohol License Renewal Applications: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the renewal applications for a Class C Retail Alcohol License from The Roadhouse and for a Class E Retail Alcohol License from Dutchmart Foods. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

July 13	Mayor's Cup
July 20	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
July 22	Customer Appreciation Picnic
August 3	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
August 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 7	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

September 21

Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Matt shared information on hotel/motel tax uses, will present an official agreement to Council in the future; Mayor's Cup next Monday; Customer Appreciation Picnic July 22; shared updates on 7th Street, Madison Place, Vision Builders, R Perry, and ash tree removal. Dan reported on the new aerial truck.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Mark asked if the Dutch Front Committee has met yet. Andrew responded they will soon now that a new Code Enforcement Officer has been hired.

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 4:53 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk