Council Meeting
July 20, 2026

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on July 20, 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, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon, and Bret Walinga

Members Absent: None

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

Guests: Maddie Schwarck, Doug Calsbeek, Jennie Droog, Kenton Vore, and Dan Roghair

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

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 6, 2026 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

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

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from June 24, 2026 through July 20, 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, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Set Date for Public Hearing to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 165 Zoning Regulations, Section 165.10 Boundaries and Official Zoning Maps: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman setting 4:30 P.M. on August 3, 2026 as the time for a public hearing to consider updating the Official Zoning Map. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Council member Mark Scallon entered the meeting at 4:39 P.M.

Resolution Proposing to Dispose of City Owned Property: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong adopting a resolution proposing to dispose of City owned property known as Lots 1 – 28, Puddle Jumper Trail Twelfth Addition and set a public hearing for 4:30 P.M. on August 3, 2026. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 7-20-26-2199 and appears in the official resolution book.

Electric Lineman Position: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the hiring of Ethan Osler for the Electric Lineman position. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Special Event Permit: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal approving the special event permit for

Diamond Vogel for their 100th anniversary celebration on August 5. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Housing Update: Ryan reviewed residential lots for sale, available apartments, and future affordable housing. He also shared incentives used by surrounding communities and is recommending we continue as is. Mark Scallon questioned whether developers receive both a tax abatement and workforce housing tax credits in other communities. No official action was taken.

Library Board Appointments: Upon recommendation of Mayor De Haan, a motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the appointment of JoEllen Harvey and reappointments of John Buntsma and Benjamin Langton to the Orange City Public Library Board of Trustees. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

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 gave a reminder for the customer appreciation picnic; shared Jackson Miller is resigning; would like to have Council tour city facilities in the future; reviewing golf cart usage in town; Dutch Heritage Boosters would like to place a Dutch themed statue in Windmill Park or by Stadscentrum. Council would like to see what it is before giving final approval. Brett suggested by the museum. Jason provided project updates. Dan thanked Council for the Veteran's memorial tablet replacement; fire truck being repaired; Tower 61 arriving Wednesday.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Mark asked for a North Weiland land purchase update. Ryan responded purchase is complete, working on the next steps – plat and pricing. Bret thanked the City workers; shared a comment about no side stoplight on Highway 10 at the Albany intersection.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:15 o'clock P.M.

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Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST:___________________________
Janet Brown, City Clerk