

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on September 21, 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, Ryan Mc Ewen, Kent Anderson, and Jim Pottebaum

Guests: Benjamin Langton, Mike Hofman, Sarah Weber, Kenton Vore, Ruth Roghair, Kendra Dewolde, Kaili Weber, Caitlin Vander Kooy, Jennie Droog, Eon Vermeer, Daniel Langton, Gavin Meyers, Bennet Vermeer, Jenny Vermeer, Sharon Foughty, Steve Roesner, and Doug Calsbeek

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. 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.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 8, 2026 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong 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: Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Mark Scallon, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for August 2026, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Mark Scallon 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: Mark Scallon, Andrew Bloemendaal, Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from August 18, 2026 through September 21, 2026 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the monthly bills, subject to audit. 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.

Ordinance No. 872, an Ordinance Regulating Golf Carts: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the third reading of proposed Ordinance No. 872, an ordinance regulating the use of golf carts on public streets. 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

A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong adopting Ordinance No. 872. 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.

Ordinance No. 873, an Ordinance Amending Sewer Special Surcharges: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal approving the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 873, an ordinance amending sewer special surcharges. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong to waive the third reading of proposed Ordinance No. 873, an ordinance amending sewer special surcharges. 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.

A motion was made by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga adopting Ordinance No. 873, an ordinance amending sewer special surcharges. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Andrew Bloemendaal, Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Ordinance No. 874, an Ordinance Creating a Stormwater Drainage Utility: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 874, an ordinance creating a stormwater drainage utility. 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.

Resolution Approving the Official Street Finance Report of Actual and Accrued Expenditures and Receipts for all Funds for Street Purposes for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong adopting a resolution approving the official Street Finance Report of actual and accrued expenditures and receipts for all funds for street purposes for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. 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 9-21-26-2205 and appears in the official resolution book.

Resolution Ordering Construction of the North Weiland Phase 4 Street Project and Setting a Public Hearing: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal adopting a resolution ordering construction of the North Weiland Phase 4 Street Project and setting a public hearing for 4:30 P.M. on October 19, 2026. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 9-21-26-2206 and appears in the official resolution book.

Downtown Visioning Task Force Update: Steve Roesner, representing the Downtown Visioning Task Force, reviewed the steps taken by the task force since spring. They reviewed the current workloads of the Chamber Director and Community Development Director and developed three proposed position descriptions. The task force is recommending the addition of a Communications and Community Marketing Manager as a full-time city employee, which is the first step in the Retail Visioning Plan. Mark Scallon questioned what duties the Chamber Director and Community Development Director would be relieved of. Steve responded with the coordination of marketing efforts and the Vibrant committee. Bret mentioned one point of contact with the city would be beneficial for scheduling events. Steve added that businesses are doing OK but not thriving; this will be marketing for the community and local businesses. Mark stated that what we have in place is not being used. Matt will discuss the recommendation with the city leadership group. No official action was taken.

Administrative Reports:

October 5	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
October 19	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
November 2	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
November 16	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
December 7	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
December 21	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Matt reported that lots of projects are in the process of being closed out; hope to bring the stormwater control ordinance to the next meeting.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Andrew stated that the west entrance of the Puddle Jumper Trail looks nice. Mayor De Haan thanked everyone for coming.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Andrew Bloemendaal, Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:12 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk