

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on November 18, 2019. 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 Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, and Tony Vande Brake

Members Absent: None

Staff: Duane Feekes, Janet Brown, Kurt Frederes, Mark Gaul, Randy Van De Griend, Earl Woudstra, and Matt Van Schouwen

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, Mike Hofman, John Slegers, Glenda De Vries, Jill Haarsma, Chris Lenz, Sara Huyser, Doug Anderson, Nan Reinking, Arlo Van Beek, Randy Jacobsma, Alan Donaldson, James Schaap, Keian Reiter, and Marty Guthmiller

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Tony Vande Brake 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: Tony Vande Brake, Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Steve Roesner; NAYS: None.

Citizen Comments: This time was provided for citizen comments. No comments were received.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 4, 2019 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Steve Roesner, Tony Vande Brake; NAYS: None.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for October 2019, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the monthly financial report as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Steve Roesner, Tony Vande Brake; NAYS: None.

Council member Chad Oolman entered the meeting at 4:34 o'clock P.M. during the monthly bills.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from October 22, 2019 through November 18, 2019 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Tony Vande Brake and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the monthly bills, subject to audit. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Tony Vande Brake, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner; NAYS: None.

Department Reports: This time was provided for Randy Van De Griend, representing the Street Department, to discuss with the Council accomplishments and priorities of his department as the Council prepares for budget time. No official action was taken.

Organizational Reports: Appearing before the Council with a budget request were representatives from the Dutch American Heritage Museum. They are fundraising for improvements to their property totaling \$356,000 and requesting \$75,000 over two years from the City. No official action was taken.

Ambulance Funding Request: Marty Guthmiller appeared before the Council to request additional funding of \$50,000 for a new ambulance for the Orange City Area Healthy System and Orange City. Marty has also submitted a request for \$25,000 to the Community Betterment Board, which will be considered in the near future. No official action was taken.

Renewable Energy Rate: Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) has developed a program for its members to offer an all-renewable energy option to customers. Currently, Orange City gets 52% of its energy from renewable sources. The energy market has developed a system of Renewable Energy Certificates whereby power providers or customers can purchase energy produced by renewable sources. This is an elective program and customers can choose to purchase the certificates for their non-renewable energy (48%) at a rate of \$0.005/kWh above the

base rate (approximately \$0.09/kWh). This will not require a change to our rate ordinance since it is an elective program offered to all customers. This will replace the River Winds program. A motion was made by Council member Steve Roesner and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the Renewable Energy Rate. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Steve Roesner, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Chad Oolman, Tony Vande Brake; NAYS: None.

Excel Development Option: Excel Development is proposing an option agreement for ten lots in the Puddle Jumper Trail 5th, 7th, and 9th Additions. They would like to apply for tax credits in order to construct ten duplexes. They need to have lots identified in order to apply for the tax credits. Chris Lenz, with Excel Development, explained that these duplexes would be 55+ housing, income based, 2 bedrooms, attached garage, and no basements. A motion was made by Council member Steve Roesner and duly seconded by Council member Tony Vande Brake approving the option agreement for ten lots in the Puddle Jumper Trail 5th, 7th, and 9th Additions with Excel Development. If Excel does not receive the tax credits they will release the lots back to the City. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Steve Roesner, Tony Vande Brake, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Chad Oolman; NAYS: None.

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing to Dispose of City Owned Real Estate: A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Tony Vande Brake adopting a resolution setting 4:30 P.M. on December 2, 2019 to consider the disposal of City owned real estate known as Lot 4, bock 20, East Addition. The City has prepared and signed a real estate contract for the sale of the lot located on 3rd Street NE for \$10,000. This property was taken in trade from Art Hielkema to pay for the first Habitat Home property on the corner of Hartford Place and 11th Street SE. We estimated the value of the 3rd Street NE property at \$5,000 at that time. The 3rd Street NE property is 50' wide and 150' deep and zoned C-2, which means that a residential house cannot be built on it. The person interested in this property is currently working on purchasing the home on the corner of Albany and 3rd Street NE, next to this property. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Tony Vande Brake, Daron De Jong, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 11-18-2019-1888 and appears in the official resolution book.

Health Insurance: We have received our health insurance premium and there is an 8.72% increase starting January 1, 2020 with our current plan. Management is recommending going to a higher deductible for the City's plan and buy down additional deductible dollars for a 5.35% increase in premium instead of the 8.72% increase. A motion was made by Council member Tony Vande Brake and duly seconded by Council member Chad Oolman approving moving to the higher deductible plan for an increase of 5.35%, subject to approval of the Collective Bargaining Unit. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Tony Vande Brake, Chad Oolman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Steve Roesner; NAYS: None.

Administrative Reports:

Thank you from the Plender family.

Scheduled Meetings:

December 2	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
December 3	Strategic Planning Session 9:00 AM, Prairie Winds Event Center
December 16	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
December 18	Employee Recognition Dinner, PWEC 6:15 P.M.
January 6	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
January 20	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Duane provided a Dunlop Trail update; shared that the City currently owns 15 or 16 lots for sale and discussed an option for Puddle Jumper Trail 10th Addition. Kurt shared that the Planning and Zoning Commission meets tomorrow morning to hopefully approve the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Matt gave an update on the Puddle Jumper 9th Addition and 2018 Street Project; will be reviewing things in the Electric Department with the announcement of Arlan Scholten's retirement on January 31, 2020.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Rod inquired about the date for the Runoff Election. Janet responded December 3, 7 AM to 8 PM.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Chad Oolman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Chad Oolman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Tony Vande Brake, Steve Roesner; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:52 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk