

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on November 20, 2023. 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 Daryl Beltman, Mark Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, and Daron De Jong

Members Absent: None

Staff: Earl Woudstra, Janet Brown, Jim Pottebaum, Matt Van Schouwen, Ryan Mc Ewen, Luke Horkey, Noah Minnick, and Kent Anderson

Guests: Randy Van Peursem, Jennie Droog, Bill Minnick, and Keith Allen

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Mark 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, Mark Bloemendaal, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer; NAYS: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 6, 2023 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman 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: Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Mark Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Organizational Reports: Appearing before the Council to provide an update were Randy Van Peursem and Bill Minnick representing the Dutch Heritage Boosters. No official action was taken.

Department Reports: This time was provided for Noah Minnick, representing the Parks and Recreation Department, and Luke Horkey, representing the Street Department, to discuss with Council accomplishments and priorities as the Council prepares for budget time. No official action was taken.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for October 2023, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Rod De Boer 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: Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Daryl Beltman, Mark Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman; NAYS: None.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from October 17, 2023 through November 20, 2023 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Mark Bloemendaal and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the monthly bills, subject to audit. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Mark Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the Annual Urban Renewal Report for fiscal year 2022-2023. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Mark Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Retail Utility Incentive Application: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the Retail Utility Incentive Program Application as submitted by Szechuan Inn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Mark Bloemendaal, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer; NAYS: None.

Retail Encouragement Loan Program Application: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Mark Bloemendaal approving the Retail Encouragement Loan Application for A New Day Consignment located at 106 Central Ave SE. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Mark Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Scheduled Meetings – Important Dates:

November 30	Strategic Planning Meeting, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, PWEC
December 4	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
December 6	Employee Recognition Dinner, PWEC
December 18	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
January 2	TUESDAY , Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
January 15	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
January 29	Council Meeting, BUDGET, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Earl shared disappointment that 18th Street will not be paved this year due to the grade not meeting specs; strategic planning will include discussing workforce, daycare, and housing, along with prioritizing different projects. Kent mentioned the upcoming budget meeting on January 29.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and none were heard. The Mayor expressed appreciation for the sense of community amongst the college and other entities.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Daryl Beltman, Mark Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:42 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk