

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on December 4, 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, Rod De Boer, and Daron De Jong

Members Absent: None

Staff: Earl Woudstra, Janet Brown, Kent Anderson, Jim Pottebaum, Matt Van Schouwen, and Ryan McEwen

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, Mallory Simmelink, Chad Kleinhesselink, Mike Hofman, Tony and Kolbie Vande Brake, Dan Roghair, Al Jeltema, Denny Vander Wel, Jennie Droog, Bret Walinga, and Olivia Chapman

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman 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: Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Mark Bloemendaal, 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 20, 2023 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, Daryl Beltman, Mark Bloemendaal; NAYS: None.

Department Reports: This time was provided for Dan Roghair, representing the Fire Department, to discuss with Council accomplishments and priorities as the Council prepares for budget time. Denny Vander Wel shared he will be retiring as Chief at the end of the year and expressed appreciation to the Council for the years they have worked together. No official action was taken.

Organizational Reports: Appearing before the Council to provide updates were Mallory Simmelink and Chad Kleinhesselink representing Landsmeer Golf, and Mike Hofman representing the Chamber and Tulip Festival Steering Committee. The Council challenged the golf course board and administration to reduce the financial dependency on the City. Council questioned the future plan for the night show location, asked about storage for the trolleys, suggested a potential move for the Straatmarkt, and expressed the need for improved communication. No official action was taken.

Fire Department Stipend: A motion was made by Council member Mark Bloemendaal and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving increasing the stipend for the fire department volunteers to \$12/call and meeting for 2023 and \$15/call and meeting for 2024. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Mark Bloemendaal, Rod De Boer, Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Strategic Planning Review: Earl presented the tabulation results from the strategic planning prioritization of projects for Council review and to formulate plans moving forward. No official action was taken.

Alcohol License Renewal Application: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the renewal application for a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License as submitted by 88 Chinese Restaurant. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Mark Bloemendaal; NAYS: None.

Scheduled Meetings – Important Dates:

December 6	Employee Recognition Dinner, PWEC
December 18	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
January 2	<b>TUESDAY</b> , 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 reminded Council of the Employee Recognition Dinner tomorrow evening; expressed the Daycare Task Force understands the challenge to be sustainable.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Daryl apologized if he put anyone in harms way with his questions to the organizations present tonight but feels that it is necessary to resolve some issues. Deb welcomed Bret Walinga.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Mark Bloemendaal and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Mark Bloemendaal, Rod De Boer, Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 6:04 o'clock P.M.

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Deb De De Haan, Mayor

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Janet Brown, City Clerk