

Council Meeting
June 17, 2024

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on June 17, 2024. A quorum was declared by Mayor Pro-Tempore Rod De Boer. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 125 Central Ave SE, Orange City, Iowa.

Members Present: Council members Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, and Bret Walinga

Members Absent: Mayor De Haan

Staff: Earl Woudstra, Janet Brown, Kurt Frederes, Matt Van Schouwen, Jim Pottebaum, Brad De Jong, Ryan McEwen, and Kent Anderson

Guests: Sarah Weber, Jerry Muilenburg, Tony Vande Brake, Kim Hoogland, Bruce Vander Stelt, Joe and Gina Poppema, Mike Hofman, Caleb and Beth Witt, Jason Vore, Joe Clarey, Ashley Norman, Drew Lemke, Don Vaas, Mike and Dr. Laura Vander Stelt, Doug Calsbeek, and Jennie Droog

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman 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: Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 3, 2024 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer; NAYS: None.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for May 2024, 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, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from May 21, 2024 through June 17, 2024 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman 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: Daryl Beltman, Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 850, Amending Chapter 165, Subsection 165.06 – General Description of Commercial Use Types and 165.20 – General Commercial District: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong to approve the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 850, amending the Code of Ordinances to allow the addition of Veterinary Clinic (small animals) to the allowable uses under the Special Exception Use Permit in the C-1, General Commercial District. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer.

Special Event Permit Applications:

A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the Special Event Permit Application from the Chamber and Arts Council for the Arts on Central event on August 21, 2024, which will take place on Central Avenue between 1st and 3rd Street NE and on 2nd Street NE from Arizona Avenue to a quarter block past Central Avenue. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the Special Event Permit Application from the Chamber for the 2025 Farmers Market which will be held on Saturday's beginning June 7, 2025 through September, 2025 on Central Avenue between 1st and 2nd Street North. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer; NAYS: None.

Resolution Accepting Demolition of the MOC-FV Elementary School Project: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman adopting a resolution accepting the demolition of the MOC-FV Elementary School Project. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 6-17-24-2107 and appears in the official resolution book.

Chicken Discussion: Kurt explained the need to address chickens within city limits due to the many complaints being received. Currently the City Code states that poultry are considered livestock which is not an allowable use unless in the RS-1 Residential Suburban District. The code also states that any resident wanting livestock within the city limits can get written permission from Council to have livestock. City Attorney Brad De Jong requested the Council provide direction on how to proceed in either amending the City Code to allow some chickens, remove the written consent to allow livestock within the City, or keep the code as is and enforce it. Planning and Zoning recently recommended no change to the code regarding chickens. Kurt expressed that enforcing an allowable number of chickens will be tough, would need to get on property which has been proven that is not always easy or allowed. Daron questioned if a permitting process could be used. Brad said yes, it is up to the Council, but clear guidelines would need to be set. Rod asked if the City would have any liability if chickens were allowed. Brad responded there could be some, must keep in mind that neighbors could be affected. Daryl stated that if Planning and Zoning want to keep it as no chickens allowed, we should follow that, allowing some would take too much time to enforce, would also like the option to come to the Council for approval to be removed from the code. Bret asked how many RS-1 lots the City has. Kurt responded the lots over one acre by the new elementary school and down 7th Street west from the cemetery. Olivia expressed that it is hard when something is done poorly that ends up affecting everyone, she would like to hear more input from the public. The process to amend the City Code was discussed. At the next meeting the Council will consider setting a public hearing to amend the City Code as it relates to chickens within the City. No official action was taken.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

July 1	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
July 8	Mayor's Cup
July 10	Customer Appreciation Picnic
July 15	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
August 5	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
August 19	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 3	TUESDAY , Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 16	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Earl shared the pool will be celebrating 30 years this summer; rec programs are under way; waiting for bids for ash tree removal; looking at putting a stop sign on 14th Street where the trail heads north; Kurt and Janet are working on the implementation of Cloudpermit. Matt reported they started advertising for a natural gas employee and Don Snieder announced he is retiring; his last working day will be July 5. Ryan stated that two OCDC spec houses sold and two R Perry specs by the new school sold; Kwik Star closed on the lot today.

Council Comments: The Mayor Pro-Tempore called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Daryl shared that on the 30th anniversary of the pool the Mayor Pro-Tempore will need to go down the slide.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Daryl Beltman to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:02 o'clock P.M.

Rod De Boer, Mayor Pro-Tempore

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk