

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on August 19, 2024. 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, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, and Bret Walinga

Members Absent: None

Staff: Earl Woudstra, Janet Brown, Kurt Frederes, Jim Pottebaum, Luke Horky, Breckin Bomgaars, Brad De Jong, Ryan McEwen, and Kent Anderson

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, Allison Kamp, Sarah Weber, Dan Roghair, Kevin Van Otterloo, Myron Van Ginkel, Jennie Droog, and Adam and Tammy Bonnema

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga, Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman; NAYS: None.

City of Rock Valley Mayor Kevin Van Otterloo: Mayor Kevin Van Otterloo and Myron Van Ginkel were present to express their appreciation for the help they received from public works, police, fire, and the street sweeper after the flood.

Citizen Comments: This time was provided for citizen comments. Sarah Weber was present to share an idea for an ordinance to regulate chickens, not to ban them.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 5, 2024 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, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for July 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 July 20, 2024 through August 19, 2024 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer 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: Rod De Boer, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Salem Avenue: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga adopting a resolution proposing the vacation of a public street right-of-way in the City property north of Dollar Fresh. 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. The resolution was assigned number 8-19-24-2112 and appears in the official resolution book.

A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong adopting a resolution proposing the dedication of City owned real estate as a street to be known as Salem Avenue. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 8-19-24-2113 and appears in the official resolution book.

Strategic Plan Update: Earl updated the Council on progress of the strategic priorities identified at the November strategic planning session. No official action was taken.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

August 20

Employee Picnic, 6:00 P.M.

September 3	TUESDAY , Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 16	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
October 7	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
October 21	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
November 4	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
November 18	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Earl mentioned the employee picnic tomorrow evening; Louis Vander Velde has started working in the gas department; reduced pool hours until Labor Day; working with MOC-FV on efficiencies with drop off and pick up at the new elementary school; auditors will be here Labor Day week; most trees have been removed by Schwebach; FEMA trailer parking on west side of Windmill Park; two spots in the Vet's Park camping area have been made available to FEMA for possible housing through October; new airport manager; people are working to bring KIWANIS back. Ryan shared he is working with Noah to get sponsors for the disc golf course and will have all signatures on the daycare agreement this week with a September 3 transition to Crittenton Center for the daycare management.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Rod would like to set a public hearing at the next meeting to remove the language from the City Code that would allow persons to seek written consent from Council to keep livestock in City limits outside of zoning regulations and enforce the current ban.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Rod De Boer; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:35 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk