

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on October 21, 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, Brad De Jong, Kley De Jong, Ryan McEwen, Matt Van Schouwen, and Kent Anderson

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, Alison Kamp, Barry and Grace De Boer Brown, Christy Reed, Tony Vande Brake, Mike Hofman, Lori Korthals, Mark Vogel, Doug Vogel, Drew Vogel, Cindy Hickman, Al Jeltema, Jenon Scallon, Mike Cedar, and Mark Nyhoff

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Daryl Beltman approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. 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.

Citizen Comments: This time was provided for citizen comments.

Lori Korthals shared comments she received about the recent newspaper article on transparency and expressed the need to work together. She feels it is even more important to televise the meetings.

Barry Brown spoke about the process of changes to the ordinance regarding chickens and shared that he feels there has been questionable practice.

Windmill Park Enhancement Project: Mike Cedar and Mark Nyhoff from Beck Engineering, along with Drew Vogel, Mark Vogel, and Doug Vogel, presented proposed enhancements to Windmill Park which include changes to the flower beds, flag poles, and pump area. The Vogel family would like to provide this project in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vogel Paints in 2026. The construction plans would be completed over the winter with the project being completed in 2025. A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the Windmill Park Enhancement Project. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Rod De Boer, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 7, 2024 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving said minutes as published. 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.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for September 2024, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the monthly financial report as published. 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.

A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Daryl Beltman approving Pay Estimate #5 for Vander Pol Excavating for the SW Well Project in the amount of \$54,208.54. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

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

Vacation of Utility Easement: This being the time and place as advertised a public

hearing was held to consider the vacation of the utility easement at 604 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE. The Mayor called for comments from members of the audience and no one was heard speaking for or against the proposed utility easement vacation. No written objections were filed. The Mayor then closed the time for the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong adopting a resolution approving the vacation of the utility easement at 604 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE. 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. The resolution was assigned number 10-21-24-2120 and appears in the official resolution book.

Set New Public Hearing Date to Consider Rezoning of Property: Council originally set the public hearing date to consider the rezoning for this meeting, but due to Plum Publishing not publishing the notice in the Capital Democrat on October 10 a new public hearing date needed to be set. Upon recommendation of Planning and Zoning, a motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman adopting a resolution setting 4:30 P.M. on November 4, 2024 as the time for a public hearing to consider the rezoning of the Dutch Colony Addition lots and adjacent properties of 1404 Albany Ave NE, 1502 Albany Ave NE, 1803 Albany Ave NE, 1908 Albany Ave NE, 2002 Albany Ave NE, and 2010 Albany Ave NE from R-1, Low Density Residential to RS-1, Residential Suburban. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 10-21-24-2121 and appears in the official resolution book.

Dutch Front Proposals:

Upon recommendation of the Dutch Front Committee a motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the proposed Dutch front renovation to the front side of the Sioux County Farm Bureau building. Funding will be determined after completion of the project but will be no more than 25% of the actual cost to renovate the front. 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.

Upon recommendation of the Dutch Front Committee a motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the proposed Dutch front maintenance for Bengard & Associates. They will be repairing decaying wood on the steeples. Funding will be determined after completion of the project, but no more than 50% of the actual cost of maintenance and repair with maximum City funding of \$5,000 within a 5-year period. 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.

Livestock Exemption Request: The request of Christy Reed at 412 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE was tabled at the last meeting so legal counsel could review the emotional support request for Christy's chickens. Kley De Jong shared his research with the Council, stating there are two good and necessary things here, mental health and city ordinances, and the Council could decide to approve or deny. Daryl shared that the City has not granted any exemptions to date and stated that there are RS-1 areas within the City where chickens are allowed. A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to deny the request for a livestock exemption of Christy Reed at 412 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: Daron De Jong; ABSTAINED: Olivia Chapman.

Alcohol License Renewal Application: A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the renewal application for a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License as submitted by CityView Golf. 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.

Health Insurance Approval: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the renewal of the current health insurance plan with a 10% decrease. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Rod De Boer, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

November 4                      Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.  
November 18                     Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

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| December 2  | Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.     |
| December 10 | Strategic Planning, 10:00 A.M. |
| December 16 | Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M      |
| January 6   | Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.     |

Oral reports: Earl shared that staff is looking into the process for livestreaming the meetings; City Hall roof was replaced last week; tulips have been planted; preparing to close the restrooms in parks; winter street parking has gone into effect; tulip bulb giveaway will be happening and are recommended to be planted in our community; youth flag football is complete; working on updating police operating procedures; Lincoln & Hwy 10 traffic signal issues; considering holding a public meeting on the old elementary school project; looking at new front office entrance layout for function and safety; water department is flushing and working on hydrants; Landsmeer 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, looking at a shared restroom facility for golfers and trail users. Matt provided updates on the Delaware Street project and hydrant testing; working on identifying water service lines where there might be lead for the EPA and DNR; DGR is gaining interest in the Dakota Mainstem Water Project.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Olivia thanked Noah and staff for the very well-organized flag football program. Daron mentioned that Landsmeer is looking at installing a comfort station for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary but is also open to other ideas. Mayor De Haan stated that the attacking of City employees in public and on social media is uncalled for and needs to stop.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong to adjourn. 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. Adjournment time was 5:39 o'clock P.M.

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Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janet Brown, City Clerk