

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on January 6, 2025. 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, Daron De Jong, and Bret Walinga

Members Absent: Council member Rod De Boer

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

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, Jennie Droog, Dan Roghair, Marilyn Mayberry, and Lori Korthals

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, Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 16, 2024 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman; NAYS: None.

Department Report: This time was provided for Jess Kuehl representing Prairie Winds Event Center, Jim Pottebaum representing the Police Department, and Kurt Frederes representing Code Enforcement to discuss with the Council accomplishments and priorities as the Council prepares for budget time.

Ordinance No. 855, Amending Solid Waste Collection Fees: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 855, an ordinance amending the solid waste collection fees for March 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027 according to the contract with Orange City Sanitation. The fees increase by 3% each year. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Ordinance No. 856, Incorporating the 2024 Legislative Changes: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Bret Walinga approving the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 856, an ordinance incorporating the 2024 Legislative changes. Those changes include adding an option for an insurance policy in lieu of a bond for city officials; changes made to the process and conditions of holding electronic meetings; updates required dates for the budget process; updates the requirement for publication of minutes; clarifies who within a fire department is authorized to cite fire violations; added a section under nuisances for adult establishments; creates a new definition for pedestrian and made modifications to the regulations providing pedestrians in the right-of-way as well as who a vehicle must yield the right-of-way to; removes that an abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by failure to maintain a sidewalk; and removes the gender balance requirement on appointed boards and commissions. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

Set Public Hearing to Amend City Ordinance for the Addition of Maternity Group Home to R-1 and RS-1: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong setting 4:30 P.M. on January 20, 2025 as the time for a public hearing to consider amending the City Ordinance for the addition of maternity group home to R-1 and RS-1. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Daryl Beltman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Tax Abatement Applications & Minimum Assessment Agreements: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the tax abatement applications and minimum assessment agreements to be forwarded

on to the County Assessor for determination of qualification. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Parks Supervisor: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the hiring of Jackson Miller as the Parks Supervisor. Jackson will begin working on March 5. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows; AYES: Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Police Officer: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the hiring of Daniel Crawley as a Police Officer. Daniel will begin working on January 22. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows; AYES: Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Daryl Beltman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

RIDES Contract Approval: A motion was made by Council member Daryl Beltman and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the RIDES contract for fiscal year 2025-2026 for \$15,000. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

January 20	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
January 27	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
February 3	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
February 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M
March 3	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
March 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M

Oral reports: Earl shared Rod De Boer's thoughts to support the need for larger residential lots; still working with FEMA on flood damage at Dunlop Wildlife Area; provided an update on the quarterly ECD meeting; working towards a resolution with the Iowa Public Information Board; Council assignments will remain the same; budget discussions start at the next meeting; Iowa Supreme Court ruled in favor of the rental inspections. Matt shared information about the gas markets and electric grid, feels we are in a good position. Ryan reported on the open house being held on Saturday, January 11 at PWEC to share residential housing plans, specifically the Porches concept.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and none were heard.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daryl Beltman to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daryl Beltman, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:31 o'clock P.M.

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Deb De Haan, Mayor

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