

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on April 15, 2013. A quorum was declared by Mayor Les Douma. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 125 Central Ave SE, Orange City, Iowa.

Members Present: Council members Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Mick Snieder, and Earl Woudstra

Members Absent: None

Staff: Duane Feekes, Janet Brown, Brad De Jong, Gary Blythe, Bryan Gerritson, Jim Pottebaum, and Ken Meendering

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, John Slegers, and Mike Hofman

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Earl Woudstra and duly seconded by Council member Steve Roesner approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Earl Woudstra, Steve Roesner, Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Mick Snieder; NAYS: None.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 1, 2013 and April 8, 2013 council meetings were presented. A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Mick Snieder approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Mick Snieder, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for March 2013, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Earl Woudstra and duly seconded by Council member Chad Oolman approving the monthly financial report as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Earl Woudstra, Chad Oolman, Rod De Boer, Steve Roesner, Mick Snieder; NAYS: None.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from March 19, 2013 through April 15, 2013 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Chad Oolman approving the monthly bills, subject to audit. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Mick Snieder, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None.

Disposal of Real Estate:

This being the time and place as advertised a public hearing was held to consider the disposal of real estate, a 37 ½ feet wide by a quarter mile strip in Industrie Centrum 3rd Addition. The Mayor called for comments from members of the audience and no one was heard speaking for or against the proposed disposal. The City Administrator reported that no written objections had been filed. The Mayor then closed the time for the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council member Steve Roesner and duly seconded by Council member Earl Woudstra adopting a resolution approving the disposal of real estate, a 37 ½ feet wide by a quarter mile strip in Industrie Centrum 3rd Addition. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Steve Roesner, Earl Woudstra, Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Mick Snieder; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 4-15-13-1572 and appears in the official resolution book.

Set Public Hearing to Vacate Easement in Industrie Centrum 2nd Addition: A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Mick Snieder establishing 4:30 o'clock P.M. on May 6, 2013 as the time for a public hearing to consider the vacation of an easement in the Industrie Centrum 2nd Addition for the construction of the Bomgaars Supply Store. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Mick Snieder, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None.

Community Betterment Board:

A motion was made by Council member Chad Oolman and duly seconded by Council member Earl Woudstra approving the Community Betterment Board funding recommendations of \$5,700 for the painting of a mural on the south wall of the OC Floral building located at 117 Central Avenue SE and \$25,000 towards the replacement of the East and West Orange City entrance signs. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Chad Oolman, Earl Woudstra, Rod De Boer, Steve Roesner, Mick Snieder; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Steve Roesner and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the reappointment of Rachel Meekma and Scott Kooima to the Community Betterment Board for another three year term. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Steve Roesner, Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Mick Snieder; NAYS: None.

Retail Update: Mike Hofman, Chamber Director, provided a retail development update. Council member Steve Roesner would like to see a more comprehensive plan on internet sales; need to be proactive instead of reactive; could potentially lose stores due to online shopping. No official action was taken.

Strategic Plan Updates: Duane provided strategic plan updates. The Council reviewed a street paving prioritization list; discussed using TIF funds for the paving of Frankfort Place from Fareway to 11th Street. Council member Earl Woudstra would like to see conversations between the College and City before paving Concord Place to address parking issues with the soccer complex. Council member Steve Roesner inquired if Orange City Communications had a business plan. Duane replied they had started one but it is not completed. No official action was taken.

Administrative Reports:

Joint Council meeting minutes dated April 4, 2013.

Scheduled Meetings:

May 6	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
May 16-18	Tulip Festival
May 20	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
June 3	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
June 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
June 19	Citizen Appreciation Picnic
July 8	Mayor's Cup Golf Outing

Oral reports: Duane said that he will be meeting with Earl and Mick soon to discuss possibilities for the old power plant building. Bryan informed the Council that the guys are still hauling branches and limbs to the compost pile. Gary reported that the Community Betterment Board has funded thirty projects at a total of \$250,000; reminded everyone of the Good Morning OC breakfast Thursday.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from the Council and the following were heard. Council member Chad Oolman inquired on the status of the cell phone antennas. Duane responded that US Cellular is contacting the water tower contractor to see if a larger hand rail can be made to hold more cellular services. Council member Steve Roesner shared he will be out of town on May 6; inquired on the progress of finding a different civil engineer; shared talk of community members leaving Orange City Communications. Duane replied he will talk with him after the meeting about the civil engineer. Council member Earl Woudstra would like Gary to share the report on the Community Betterment Board funding at the breakfast Thursday and the total dollars Orange City Communications has contributed to the community.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Mick Snieder and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Mick Snieder, Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:38 o'clock P.M.

Les Douma, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk