

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on October 20, 2014. 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 Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Mick Snieder, and Earl Woudstra

Members Absent: None

Staff: Janet Brown, Duane Feekes, Mark Gaul, Brad De Jong, Kent Anderson, Jim Pottebaum, and Ken Meendering

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, John Slegers, Sue Kroesche, John Buntsma, Kay Joiner, Elizabeth Kensak, and Mike Hofman

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 6, 2014 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Steve Roesner approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Rod De Boer, Steve Roesner, Chad Oolman, Mick Snieder, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for September 2014, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Earl Woudstra and duly seconded by Council member Steve Roesner approving the monthly financial report as published. 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.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from September 16, 2014 through October 20, 2014 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.

Library Annual Report: Sue Kroesche, Library Director, reviewed the Library Annual Report. No official action was taken.

Gas Department Pickup: A motion was made by Council member Earl Woudstra and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the purchase a 2015 Chevy Silverado 2500, 4WD regular cab pickup from Motor Inn in the amount of \$30,752. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Earl Woudstra, Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Mick Snieder; NAYS: None.

2015 Street Project: A motion was made by Council member Mick Snieder and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer directing management to move forward with the 2015 Street Project as: 3rd Street North from Albany Avenue to Florida Avenue, 2nd Street SW from Michigan Avenue to Ohio Avenue, and Ohio Avenue from 7th Street NE to Highway 10. 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.

Unoccupied Homes: The Council discussed how to proceed with the un-kept unoccupied homes. City Attorney Brad De Jong shared the two options available: Iowa Code Section 657.A requires the home to be uninhabited for six months and in violation of the city housing code for six months or to use the nuisance abatement. 657.A would allow City officials into the home through a court order to see if housing code violations exist. The Council feels they owe it to neighboring properties to investigate these properties further. The intent is to make sure property owners take care of their properties. It was also discussed that some occupied properties could be visually just as offensive. It was the consensus of the Council to start with the unoccupied homes under Iowa Code Section 657.A and to make sure the City Code requires utilities being hooked up and care is being given to the home. No official action was taken.

Dutch Front Committee Appointment: A motion was made by Council member Chad Oolman and duly seconded by Council member Steve Roesner approving the appointment of Nora Mulder to the Dutch Front Committee due to the resignation of Jack Mouw. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Rod De Boer, Mick Snieder, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings:

November 3	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
November 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
December 1	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
December 3 (Wednesday)	Strategic Planning Session, 9:00 A.M. @ Van Bruggen & Vande Vegte
December 15	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Duane reported on the GFOA Excellence in Financing Reporting award received. Mark reported on the status of the Growth Strategy Study; working on reducing costs for the daycare addition.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from the Council and the following were heard. Chad Oolman inquired about the cause of the water running down Albany Avenue. Bryan shared that they are trying to figure out where it is coming from.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Mick Snieder and duly seconded by Council member Chad Oolman to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Mick Snieder, Chad Oolman, Rod De Boer, Steve Roesner, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:49 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk