

The City Council met in regular monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on August 3, 2015. 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, and Earl Woudstra

Members Absent: Council member Mick Snieder

Staff: Janet Brown, Duane Feekes, Mark Gaul, Jim Pottebaum, Chantell Hanke, Ken Meendering, and Bryan Gerritson

Guests: John Slegers, Doug Calsbeek, Todd Moss, John Heller, Rob Bruxvoort, Dan Roghair, Denny Vander Wel, Blake Bengaard, and Seth Vander Weide

Mark Gaul introduced Chantell Hanke the new Prairie Winds Event Center Manager.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 20, 2015 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Chad Oolman 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: Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner, Rod De Boer, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None.

Dutch Front: Ken Meendering presented information from the discussion with the Dutch Front Committee and representatives from Bengaard and Associates about the Dutch front on their new building at 119 Albany Avenue NE. The Committee feels that the proposed front does not include enough "Dutch" elements to qualify for matching City funds. Bengaard and Associates indicated that if no funds are allocated from the City they will go back to their original remodeling plan. Management recommended the financial assistance of \$1,000 towards their Dutch front concept and another up to \$2,000 matching funds if they put on the shutters within the next year. After some discussion, a motion was made by Council member Chad Oolman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the recommendation of management to provide \$1,000 towards their Dutch front concept and another up to \$2,000 matching funds if the shutters are put on within the next year. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Chad Oolman, Rod De Boer, Steve Roesner, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None.

Fire Station: Todd Moss from Cannon Moss Brygger Architects presented the proposed fire station building including the Police Department for an estimated cost of \$4,125,923.90; without the Police Department the estimated cost would be \$3,713,509.80. Duane shared that the public measure wording for the November 3, 2015 election needs to be turned in to the County Auditor by September 17. Council would need to approve the wording for the election at a future meeting. Duane proposed using \$1,000,000 of electric funds or Orange City Communication sale proceeds and bonding for the remaining \$3,000,000. Duane also shared the cost impact of bonding for \$3,000,000 of the proposed costs on tax payers. Steve Roesner expressed concern that bonding for \$3,000,000 brings the City's bonding capacity to 95% which is too high; that it goes against the objectives that have been set by the Council; he feels the new station is needed but stated that a \$3,000,000 project cost was given, so the challenge is given to raise \$1,000,000 privately. Steve also questioned what the costs are to renovate the Community Room for the Police Department. Todd Moss responded that the cost for the police being added isn't the total of the \$400,000 difference that also includes more administrative space for the fire. Chad Oolman questioned the cost of this compared to what the daycare building cost that houses children five days a week. Todd responded that it is more expensive to build a fire station. Rod De Boer also expressed concern with where the debt limit will be; shared that many people have asked to use the Orange City Communications sale proceeds; he questioned if the project should be held off for a year until the bonding capacity percentage has decreased. Chad Oolman agrees he is for the project too but concerned about the cost and if it would pass a public vote. Earl Woudstra said that proposed location is increasing the costs. John Heller, representing the Fire Department, responded he doesn't think the bonding capacity would go to 95% with the

\$3,000,000 bonding that it would be more around 90%. It was the consensus to review the debt capacity and discuss again at the August 17 Council meeting. No official action was taken.

Council member Steve Roesner left the meeting at 5:40 o'clock P.M. after the Fire Station discussion.

Discuss Termination of Agreements Relating to Transmission Capacity with MBMECA and NIPCO: Duane explained that the existing arrangements with MBMECA and NIPCO that provide transmission capacity for the delivery of electricity to Orange City need to be terminated as those facilities are transferred to the functional control of the Southwest Power Pool regional transmission operator. The form of Agreement Approving Termination of Agreements Related to Transmission Capacity for Missouri Basin Municipal Electric Cooperative Association was provided for review. Duane informed the Council that in order to effect the terminations, it is necessary to approve the form of the agreements, to set a hearing for final discussion and approval of the agreements, and to publish notice of such hearing. A motion was made by Council member Earl Woudstra and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the form of the Agreement Approving Termination of Agreements Related to Transmission Capacity for Missouri Basin Municipal Electric Cooperative Association, to place such agreements on file for public inspection, to set the date for hearing on the approval of the agreements for August 17, 2015 at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 125 Central Avenue SE, Orange City, Iowa and to direct the Clerk to arrange for the publication of notice of such hearing. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Earl Woudstra, Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman; NAYS: None.

Administrative Reports:

Missouri River Energy Services Regional Policymakers Dinner and Discussion.

We have spent about \$10,000 in cash on the Gesink property and figure about \$2,000 to \$3,000 more of our time. We have leveled out the lot and will seed it in the next few weeks. We will need to develop a plan to dispose of it.

Scheduled Meetings:

August 11	Employee Picnic, <i>Veteran's Park</i> , 6:00 P.M.
August 17	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 8, TUESDAY	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 21	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
September 28	MRES Policymakers Dinner, The Ridge, 5:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Duane shared that he should have costs for an 8' sidewalk for the south part of town at the next meeting; provided an airport update. Bryan reported on the 5th grade Bright Energy Solutions pilot program.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Chad Oolman shared good comments received about Dunlop Pit. The Mayor reported on the GFOA Certificate of Achievement Award received for financial reporting.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Chad Oolman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Chad Oolman, Rod De Boer, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 5:54 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk