

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on September 15, 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, Mark Gaul, Brad De Jong, Mitch Aalbers, Jim Pottebaum, and Ken Meendering

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, John Slegers, and Mike Hofman

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 2, 2014 council meeting 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 August 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 Mick Snieder approving the monthly financial report as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Earl Woudstra, Mick Snieder, Chad Oolman, Rod De Boer, Steve Roesner; NAYS: None.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from August 19, 2014 through September 15, 2014 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Steve Roesner approving the monthly bills, subject to audit. 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.

Approval of Change of Control of Orange City Communications Franchise: A motion was made by Council member Earl Woudstra and duly seconded by Council member Chad Oolman approving the change of control of Orange City Communications Franchise to Long Lines. 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.

Ordinance for Property Tax Exemption for Speculative Shell Buildings:

A motion was made by Council member Chad Oolman and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer approving the third reading of proposed Ordinance No. 783, an ordinance allowing for a seven year tax exemption for speculative shell buildings. 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.

A motion was made by Council member Mick Snieder and duly seconded by Council member Earl Woudstra adopting Ordinance No. 783, allowing for a seven year tax exemption for speculative shell buildings. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Mick Snieder, Earl Woudstra, Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Steve Roesner; NAYS: None.

Electric Rate Ordinance:

A motion was made by Council member Mick Snieder and duly seconded by Council member Steve Roesner approving the third reading of proposed Ordinance No. 784, an ordinance amending the electric rates. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Mick Snieder, Steve Roesner, Rod De Boer, Chad Oolman, Earl Woudstra; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Woudstra and duly seconded by Council member Rod De Boer adopting Ordinance No. 784, amending the electric rates. 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.

Parks Building: Mitch Aalbers was present to explain the plan for fixing up the old power plant building in Veterans Park. The work for this fall and winter consists of a new roof and cement for the inside of the building, along with miscellaneous troughs wash outs and plumbing which totals \$66,167.00. The quote from Jellema Construction for the roof is \$47,000 which consists of a hip pitched roof on the building with a steel surface for minimal maintenance. Council member Steve Roesner questioned if this was budgeted. Mitch responded that \$35,000 was budgeted for this year. A motion was made by Council member Earl Woudstra and duly seconded by Council member Chad Oolman approving the work for 2014 and challenged staff to figure out how to pay for it. 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.

Administrative Reports:

Thank you from Rick & Lorie Vander Berg for the compost site.

Scheduled Meetings:

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| September 24 to 26     | Iowa League of Cities Annual Mtg., Council Bluffs |
| October 6              | Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.                        |
| October 20             | Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.                        |
| November 3             | Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.                        |
| November 17            | Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.                        |
| December 3 (Wednesday) | Strategic Planning Session, 9:00 A.M. @??         |

Oral reports: Mike Hofman shared that Ben Franklin is planning on opening on September 29; Los Tulipanes will be open soon; Super Hi Tec looking at opening end of the month.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from the Council and the following were heard. Steve Roesner shared complaints received on unoccupied homes not being maintained. Ken Meendering has put together a report. Steve asked Ken to email the report to the Council. Earl Woudstra shared that it has been a challenging year for the golf course with the weather; has received good comments on the Hampton Inn.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Rod De Boer and duly seconded by Council member Chad Oolman to adjourn. 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. Adjournment time was 4:55 o'clock P.M.

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Deb De Haan, Mayor

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