

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on March 16, 2026. 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 Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon, and Bret Walinga

Members Absent: None

Staff: Janet Brown, Matt Van Schouwen, Kent Anderson, Jim Pottebaum, and Jason Budden

Guests: Doug Calsbeek, Dan Roghair, and McKenzie Kuiken

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 2, 2026 council meeting were presented. A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal approving said minutes as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for February 2026, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the monthly financial report as published. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon, Bret Wallinga; NAYS: None.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from February 17, 2026 through March 16, 2026 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Mark Scallon approving the monthly bills, subject to audit. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Mark Scallon, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong; NAYS: None.

2026 Natural Gas Operation and Maintenance Plan – Adopt Revision 1.2: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman adopting Revision 1.2 to the 2026 Natural Gas Operation and Maintenance Plan. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Olivia Chapman, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Tractor Purchase: A motion was made by Council member Daron De Jong and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal approving the purchase of a tractor from Konz Repair for \$88,000. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Mark Scallon, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Recreation/Health Facility Discussion: Daron would like to see a task force developed to determine the needs and directive for a joint recreation/health facility between the city, college, and hospital. Council agreed with the concept and will provide suggestions for task force members to Matt. No official action was taken.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

April 6	Budget Public Hearing, 4:15 P.M.
April 6	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
April 20	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
May 4	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
May 14-16	Tulip Festival
May 18	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

June 1 Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
June 15 Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.

Oral reports: Matt will be scheduling the strategic planning session; congratulated local teams, Northwestern and Unity; mentioned challenges with glass recycling and future of the program.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and the following were heard. Olivia shared its 59 days until Tulip Festival.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 4:57 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk