

The City Council met in semi-monthly session pursuant to adjournment at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on February 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, Ryan McEwen, and Jason Budden

Guests: Sarah Weber, Doug Calsbeek, Jennie Droog, Dan Roghair, and Kenton Vore

Agenda: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal approving the tentative agenda as the official agenda. 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.

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

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

Financial Report: The monthly financial report for January 2026, representing cash balances for all funds was presented, whereupon it was therefore moved by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Olivia Chapman approving the monthly financial report as published. 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.

Monthly Bills: A Summary of Warrants report listing bills from January 20, 2026 through February 16, 2026 was presented. A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman 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: Olivia Chapman, Mark Scallon, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

\$2,430,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2026A: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong adopting a resolution approving and authorizing and providing for the issuance, and levying a tax to pay the Notes; approving the Tax Exemption Certificate and Continuing Disclosure Certificate. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 2-16-26-2180 and appears in the official resolution book. Records are kept in Appendix 22.

General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2019A: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong adopting a resolution authorizing the redemption of Outstanding General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2019A, dated April 2, 2019. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 2-16-26-2181 and appears in the official resolution book. Records are kept in Appendix 22.

\$500,000 Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2026B: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal adopting a resolution authorizing the issuance and levying a tax for the payment thereof. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 2-16-26-2182 and appears in the official resolution book. Records are kept in Appendix 22.

Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax Levy: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal adopting a resolution setting 4:15 P.M. on April 6, 2026 as the time for a public hearing to consider the proposed property tax levy of \$14.01 for fiscal year 2026-2027. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. The resolution was assigned number 2-16-26-2183 and appears in the official resolution book.

Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority Appointment: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong approving the reappointment of Kurt Frederes as the City's representative to the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Olivia Chapman, Andrew Bloemendaal, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

Natural Gas Worker Position: A motion was made by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal approving the hiring of Brett Keunen as a Natural Gas Worker. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Mark Scallon, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None.

Administrative Reports:

Scheduled Meetings/Important Dates:

March 2	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
March 16	Council Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
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.

Oral reports: Matt shared a brochure created by MRES showing the benefits of municipal utilities for Orange City; winter storms have impacted natural gas pricing for us and electricity costs for MRES; will be scheduling a date for strategic planning. Jason reported the new substation transformer has been put in place; working on a 10-year street improvement plan to present at the next meeting, along with an application for DOT funding for Albany Avenue. Dan Roghair provided updates on the fire trucks. Jennie shared the Tulip Festival Extravaganza is March 18.

Council Comments: The Mayor called for comments from members of the Council and none were heard.

Closed Session Per Iowa Code Section 21.5.1(j) – Real Estate: A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Daron De Jong to enter into a closed session at 4:53 o'clock P.M. to discuss possible real estate transactions. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Bret Walinga, Daron De Jong, Andrew Bloemendaal, Olivia Chapman, Mark Scallon; NAYS: None.

A motion was made by Council member Bret Walinga and duly seconded by Council member Andrew Bloemendaal to exit the closed session at 6:44 o'clock P.M. 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.

No official action was taken.

Adjournment: No further business appearing it was therefore moved by Council member Olivia Chapman and duly seconded by Council member Mark Scallon to adjourn. On call of the roll motion carried. The vote was as follows: AYES: Olivia Chapman, Mark Scallon, Andrew Bloemendaal, Daron De Jong, Bret Walinga; NAYS: None. Adjournment time was 6:44 o'clock P.M.

Deb De Haan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Janet Brown, City Clerk