



City Council
March 24, 2026
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Hoffman called the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:17 p.m. in Council Chambers at 360 N. Main Street. Councilors present: Tonja Fortney, Brian Leibold, Paul Park, Brent Smith, and Brian Wayson.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Tracey Mulcahey, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, Josiah Bilskemper, Greg Erceg, Scott Finlayson, Josh Schamberger, Delaney Dixon, Megan Franks, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Park moved, Fortney seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was all ayes. Agenda approved.

Consent Agenda

Tonja Fortney moved, Brent Smith seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, March 10, 2026; February Revenues; February Treasurer Report; Liquor License Renewal - XOLO; Liquor License Renewal - Blue Bird; Liquor License Renewal - Aldi #57; Liquor License Application - Casa Amigos, LLC; and the attached list of Claims. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

Greg Erceg, candidate for the Board of Supervisors, introduced himself to the Council and the public. Scott Finlayson, County Treasurer, spoke regarding the annual visit and asked to be on a future agenda. Josh Schamberger, Think Iowa City, presented their annual report.

Engineer Report

City Engineer Bilskemper reported on the South Fiber Project, the Forevergreen Road and Jasper Roundabout, and Forevergreen Road Extension Project - Phase 1.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported that April 6 is the City Council Strategic Planning Session. Mulcahey presented an update on the Arts & Culture Planning process. Council discussed the process with Mulcahey.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman thanked Councilor Wayson for attending the pinning ceremony at Fire Station. He commented on the Police Department and EDC reports. He thanked Streets and Parks for the snow clean up. He proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and March 31, 2026 as Transgender Day of Visibility in North Liberty. Delaney Dixon, Co-executive Director of DVAP/RVAP spoke regarding Sexual Assault Awareness. Megan Franks spoke regarding the Transgender Day of Visibility Proclamation.

Council Reports

Councilor Wayson reported that bids were received for the Emergency Management building in Tiffin. It is Severe Weather Awareness Week. He attended the Fire Department pinning ceremony. Councilor Smith attended Mental Health workshop at Liberty High School hosted by Big O Foundation. Councilor Park attended the Fire Department pinning ceremony. He looks forward to being invited to Police Department for pinning. He spoke regarding the Arts and Culture planning process. Councilor Leibold congratulated Coach Jan Jensen and Coach Ben McCollum on their success. He invited to help them celebrate their run in one of the City facilities. Councilor Fortney offered congratulations on pinning ceremony. She is excited for the Art Plan.

Urban Central District TIF

At 6:57 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing regarding proposed addition to the North Liberty Urban Renewal Area. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Wayson seconded to approve the first consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-05, An Ordinance providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in April, 2025 Addition to the North Liberty Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Brian Wayson, Tonja Fortney, Brent Smith, Paul Park, Brian Leibold; nays - none. Motion passed.

Splash Pad Project

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-28, A Resolution accepting the bid and authorizing execution of the Contract for the Centennial Park Event Complex, Phase 2 Improvements Project, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Brent Smith, Brian Leibold, Tonja Fortney, Brian Wayson, Paul Park; nays - none. Motion passed.

FY 2026-27 Budget

Brian Wayson moved, Tonja Fortney seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-29, A Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Considering the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget. The vote was: ayes - Brian Wayson, Paul Park, Brent Smith, Tonja Fortney, Brian Leibold; nays - none. Motion passed.

Sunset Prairie Part 1 and Part 2

Paul Park moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-30, A Resolution Approving the Developer's Agreement for Sunset Prairie Part One Subdivision, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Brent Smith, Brian Leibold, Brian Wayson, Tonja Fortney, Paul Park; nays - none. Motion passed.

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-31, A Resolution Approving the Developer's Agreement for Sunset Prairie Part Two Subdivision, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Brent Smith, Paul Park, Tonja Fortney, Brian Wayson, Brian Leibold; nays - none. Motion passed.

Greenbelt Trail Part 7 and Part 8

Brent Smith moved, Tonja Fortney seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-32, A Resolution Approving the Developer's Agreement and Storm Water Maintenance Facilities Agreement for Greenbelt Trail - Part Seven, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Tonja Fortney, Brian Wayson, Paul Park, Brian Leibold, Brent Smith; nays - none. Motion passed.

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-33, A Resolution Approving the Developer's Agreement and Storm Water Maintenance Facilities Agreement for Greenbelt Trail - Part Eight, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Paul Park, Brian Leibold, Brian Wayson, Brent Smith, Tonja Fortney; nays - none. Motion passed.

Old Business

Councilor Wayson asked about the splash pad completion date. Bilskemper reported the project will be completed by April 2027.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjournment

Brian Leibold moved; Brent Smith seconded to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk

