



City Council
April 14, 2026
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Hoffman called the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 360 N. Main Street. Councilors present: Tonja Fortney, Brian Leibold, Paul Park, Brian Wayson; absent: Brent Smith.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Tracey Mulcahey, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, Josiah Bilskemper, Libby Conley, Candi Evans, Diane Venenga, Mike Venema and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Wayson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, March 24, 2026; City Council Minutes, Special Session, March 24, 2026; City Council Minutes, Special Session, April 6, 2026; Liquor License Application, Urban Fuel; Liquor License Renewal, El Azul; Liquor License Renewal, Revitalize U; and the attached list of Claims. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Engineer Report

City Engineer Bilskemper reported on North Stewart Street Project and Forevergreen Road/Jasper Avenue Roundabout project.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported on City Clean Up Day on April 25, the Joint Entities Meeting on Monday, April 20, and the update from Greater IC on the Small Business Program. Council discussed the report with Heiar.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman reported on the MPOJC meeting including transit and residents using SEATS. He proclaimed May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month. Libby Conley from NAMI accepted the proclamation and spoke. Mayor Hoffman proclaimed April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day. The Mayor proclaimed April 2026 as Fair Housing Month. Candi Evans accepted the proclamation and offered additional information.

Council Reports

Councilor Wayson reported on the MPOJC meeting including micromobility policies. He thanked Sam for the letter regarding recreation opportunities with go karts. He reported that EMA let bids for the storage facility. He reported on Goal Setting, Muddy Creek Clean Up Day, and Telecommunicator Week. Councilor Park spoke regarding Heiar's speech at Rotary, Coffee Connections at Posy Bakery, and the Arts & Culture Plan Steering Committee. Councilor Leibold offered congratulations to two new officers sworn in tonight. He reported on Strategic Planning, meetings with Johnson County Supervisor candidates, and Mental Health hotline, 988. Councilor Fortney encouraged residents to participate in the Art & Culture survey. She thanked the Mayor for the Fair Housing Proclamation and congratulated the two new officers that were sworn in.

Police Department Accreditation

Chief Venenga spoke regarding the development of the State of Iowa Accreditation process. Mike Venema presented the North Liberty Police Department with State of Iowa Accreditation.

Board of Appeals Appointments

Brian Wayson moved, Paul Park seconded to approve appointments to the Board of Appeals. The vote was: ayes - Brian Leibold, Tonja Fortney, Brian Wayson, Paul Park; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion passed.

FY 2026-2027 City Budget

At 6:27 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing regarding the proposed budget for FY 2026-2027. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m.

Brian Leibold moved, Brian Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-34, A Resolution adopting the Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027 for the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Paul Park, Brian Wayson, Brian Leibold, Tonja Fortney; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion approved.

Community Center Parking Lot Project

At 6:28 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing on the plans, specifications, contract and estimate of cost for the Community Center Parking Lot Project. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 6:28 p.m.

Paul Park moved, Tonja Fortney seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-35, A Resolution finally Approving and Confirming Plans, Specifications, and Estimate of Cost for the Community Center Parking Lot Project. The vote was: ayes - Brian Leibold, Paul Park, Brian Wayson, Tonja Fortney; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion passed.

Civic Campus Preliminary and Final Plat

Rusnak reported that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat and staff recommend approval of the Final Plat.

Brian Wayson moved, Paul Park seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-36, A Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for North Liberty Civic Campus, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Brian Leibold, Brian Wayson, Tonja Fortney, Paul Park; nays - None; absent - Brent Smith. Motion passed.

Tonja Fortney moved, Paul Park seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-37, A Resolution approving the Final Plat for the north Liberty Civic Campus, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Brian Wayson, Tonja Fortney, Paul Park, Brian Leibold; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion passed.

Greenbelt Trail Part 4

Paul Park moved, Tonja Fortney seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-38, A Resolution Accepting the Transfer of Ownership of Greenbelt Trail Part Four Outlot K and Outlot L. The vote was: ayes - Brian Wayson, Brian Leibold, Tonja Fortney, Paul Park; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion passed.

Urban Central TIF District

Brian Wayson moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve the second 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 - Paul Park, Tonja Fortney, Brian Leibold, Brian Wayson; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion passed.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjournment

Leibold moved; Fortney seconded to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk