



City Council
March 23, 2021
Regular Session

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public health and safety concerns require City of North Liberty public meetings to be held electronically, so as to limit the spread of the virus.

Call to order

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Hoffman called the March 23, 2021 Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilors present: RaQuishia Harrington, Chris Hoffman, Annie Pollock, Brent Smith, and Brian Wayson; absent – Mayor Terry Donahue.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Tracey Mulcahey, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, Kevin Trom, Pat Scanlon, Devin Lawson and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Harrington moved, Wayson seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was all ayes. Agenda approved.

Consent Agenda

Pollock moved, Smith seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, March 9, 2021; the attached list of Claims; February Revenues, February Treasurer's Report, Liquor License Renewal, Quail Creek Golf Course; Ranshaw House Phase 2, Pay Application Number 3, Wolfe Contracting, Inc., \$39,781.25; SW Growth Area Water and Sewer Extensions, Pay Application Number 7, Boomerang Corporation, \$242,448.16; Police Department Project, Pay Application Number 16, Tricon General Construction, \$15,754.80; Police Department Project, Pay Application Number 17, Tricon General Construction, \$55,466.20. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Trom reported on the SW Growth Utilities Project. It is progressing, but slowly due to weather. The Ranshaw House contractor is working on window replacements. The project will be generally substantially complete in early May. The City Hall Project is continuing in the concept phase. Staff continues to meet to work on options. A virtual public open house is scheduled for Friday at noon on Facebook on the City Campus process. Council discussed the report with Trom.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported that the Facebook event Trom mentioned is live at noon on Friday. It is recorded for future watching, too. The utility assistance program from the state has not opened the application process, yet. The American Rescue Plan Act was approved by

Congress and the President. The City will receive \$2.7 million. More details will be provided as they are available. Council discussed the report with Heiar.

Mayor Report

Mayor Pro Tem Hoffman proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Dubuque Street Project

Lientz presented information on the agenda item. Pollock moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-22, A Resolution establishing just compensation for acquisition of certain real property for the Dubuque Street Phase One Improvement Project. The vote was: ayes – Harrington, Hoffman, Pollock, Wayson, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

Greenbelt Trail II LLC Rezoning

Smith moved, Harrington seconded to approve the third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2021-01, An Ordinance amending Chapter 167 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances by amending the use regulations on property located on the west side of North Liberty Road approximately 225 feet north of Salm Drive and also being east of the Arlington Ridge Subdivision located in North Liberty, Iowa to those set forth in the Municipal Code for the RS-6 Single-Unit Residence District. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Smith, Wayson, Harrington, Hoffman, Pollock; nays – none. Motion carried.

Greenbelt Trail Preliminary Plat

Rusnak reported that staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval. Pat Scanlon and Devin Lawson were present on behalf of the applicant and offered additional information. Pollock moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-23, A Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of Greenbelt Trail Parts Two through Seven, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Wayson, Pollock, Harrington, Hoffman; nays – none. Motion carried.

Dog Park Rezoning

Hoffman moved, Wayson seconded to approve the third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2021-02, An Ordinance amending Chapter 167 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances by amending the use regulations on property located on the east side of North Liberty Road approximately .35 miles north of Oak Lane NE located in North Liberty, Iowa to those set forth in the Municipal Code for the P Public Use District. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Harrington, Pollock, Smith, Hoffman; nays – none. Motion carried.

Zoning Code – Sign Regulations Amendment

Pollock moved, Harrington seconded to approve the third Consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2021-03, An Ordinance amending Chapter 173 Code of Ordinances of North Liberty, Iowa, entitled “Zoning Code-Sign Regulations” by amending several sections in Chapter 173 related to exempt signs, specific sign regulations and temporary signs and by deleting Section 173.09 entitled “Signs in the Commercial Recreational Vehicle District.” The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Smith, Harrington, Pollock, Hoffman; nays – none. Motion carried.

Dog Park Membership Ordinance

Wayson moved, Smith seconded to approve the third Consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2021-04, An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Liberty, Iowa updating portions of the Animal Control Code and Park Regulations concerning membership for and use of Dog Parks and Off-Leash Areas. The vote was: ayes – Hoffman, Smith, Wayson, Pollock, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Centennial Park Project

Heiar presented additional information on the project. Wayson moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-24, A Resolution approving the Services Agreement between the City of North Liberty and Shive-Hattery, Inc. for the Centennial Park Loop Drive Improvements Project. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Hoffman, Smith, Pollock, Wayson, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Forevergreen Road Trail Project

Heiar presented information on the project. Wayson moved, Pollock seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-25, A Resolution approving the Services Agreement between the City of North Liberty and Shive-Hattery, Inc. for the Forevergreen Road Trail Improvements Project. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Wayson, Harrington, Hoffman, Pollock, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

Iowa DOT Agreement

Heiar presented information on the agreement. Smith moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-26, A Resolution approving the Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads between the City of North Liberty and the Iowa Department of Transportation. The vote was: ayes – Harrington, Hoffman, Wayson, Pollock, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

Franchise Fees

Heiar presented information on the potential of the City having franchise fees. Council discussed the potential adoption of Franchise Fees. The consensus was to implement franchise fees at 2%.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Councilor Wayson reported that April 10 is Muddy Creek Clean Up Day. He offered appreciation for the claims list for this meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk