



City Council
April 13, 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 Terry Donahue called the April 13, 2021 Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilors present: RaQuishia Harrington, Chris Hoffman, and Annie Pollock; absent – Brent Smith, Brian Wayson.

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Councilor Wayson joined at 6:31 p.m. Harrington moved, Pollock seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, March 23, 2021; the attached list of Claims; and SW Growth Area Water and Sewer Extensions, Pay Application Number 8, Boomerang Corporation, \$195,744.17. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Trom reported that the SW Growth Project contractor is working on the lift station building, installing force mains and gravity sewer. Utilities are relocating for the Ranshaw Way, Phase 5 Project. Bids are due on April 20 at the Iowa DOT. Council will be considering the award at the May 11 Council meeting. The Pool Heater Replacement Project is in City staff review. The public hearing will be in May and award contract in June. Construction starts in mid-August. Work continues on the floor plan for the City Hall Project. Staff and Shive-Hattery toured Marion and Hiawatha City Halls. The Forevergreen Road Trail and Centennial Park Road kick offs have been held. The public hearings will be held in June with bids in July. Council discussed the report with Trom.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported on the City Hall tours. Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 24 from 7 – 11 a.m. Staff is working with residents on the Utility Assistance Program. 64 accounts have notified the City that they have applied. The State has started to confirm applicants. The City

was awarded \$39,000 for a grant for a siren upgrade. The City will be receiving an additional \$174K for Road Use Tax in Federal funds.

Mayor Report

Mayor Donahue proclaimed April 23 – 29 as Housing Trust Fund Week. Ellen McCabe presented additional information on the proclamation. The Mayor proclaimed March 22, 2021 as National Service Recognition Day. Emma Markowski provided additional information on the proclamation. April 10 – 16 was proclaimed as Week of the Young Child. Merry Lukas provided additional information on the proclamation. Mayor Donahue proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month. Paul Park presented additional information on the proclamation. Harrington left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

ICAD Presentation

Kate Moreland, Tom Banta, and Austin Kornes were present on behalf of ICAD and presented information. Council discussed the report with ICAD staff.

EDC Presentation

Curt Nelson was present on behalf of the EDC and presented information. Council discussed the report with Nelson.

UNESCO Presentation

John Kenyon was present on behalf of UNESCO and presented information on the program. Council discussed the report with Kenyon.

Ranshaw Way, Phase 5 Project

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Donahue opened the public hearing regarding proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the Ranshaw Ways, Phase 5 project. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Hoffman moved, Pollock seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-27, A Resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, and estimate of cost for the Ranshaw Way, Phase 5 Project. The vote was: ayes – Hoffman, Wayson, Pollock; nays – none; absent – Harrington, Smith. Motion carried.

Dog Park Membership

Council discussed the resolution. Pollock moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-28, A Resolution approving the Dog Park Membership Fee Structure. The vote was: ayes – Hoffman, Wayson, Pollock; nays – none; absent – Harrington, Smith. Motion carried.

Franchise Fees

At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Donahue opened the public hearing regarding franchise fee ordinance changes. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Hoffman moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-29, A Resolution adopting a Revenue Purpose Statement for the disposition of Franchise Fees. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Pollock, Wayson, Hoffman; nays – none; absent – Harrington, Smith. Motion carried.

Pollock moved, Wayson seconded to approve the first consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-05, An Ordinance amending the MidAmerican Energy Company, Interstate Power and Light Company, and Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative Franchise Agreements to adjust Franchise Fees. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Hoffman, Pollock; nays – none; absent – Harrington, Smith. Motion carried.

Livestock Ordinance

At 7:33 p.m., Mayor Donahue opened the public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the livestock ordinances. No oral comments were received. An email was received from Daniela Williams and Wes Hepker. It was noted. The public hearing was closed.

Pollock moved, Wayson seconded to approve the first consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-06, An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Liberty, Iowa, updating portions of the Animal Control Code concerning livestock within city limits. After discussion, Wayson moved, Hoffman seconded to table this item. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried. Item tabled.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Councilor Wayson is trained as a weather spotter. He expressed appreciation for this meeting's claims list. Muddy Creek Clean Up Day was held last weekend. Mayor thanked all for Penn Meadows Park clean up.

Adjournment

Mayor Donahue adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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By: _____
Terry L. Donahue, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk