



City Council
May 11, 2021
Regular Session

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public health and safety concerns required 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 May 11, 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, Brian Wayson; absent none.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Grant Lentz, Ryan Rusnak, Kevin Trom, Mary Byers, Nick Bergus, Jennie Garner, Bob Oppemeir, Keshia Fields and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Harrington moved, seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda including: City Council Minutes, Regular Session, April 27, 2021, Claims, Aquatic Center HVAC Replacement, Change Order Number 2, Apex Construction Company, \$47,307.63. After discussion, the vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

City Engineer Report

The SW Growth Utilities is behind schedule and Trom is meeting with the project manager this week to talk about their schedule and quality of work. This project has a May 31st completion date. Ranshaw Way, Phase 5 Project is on this agenda to review the bids and award the contract. The Ranshaw House renovation, Phase II completion date is at the end of this month and Trom is meeting with the contractor this week. The Pool Heater Replacement Project continues with bid documents going out tomorrow; Public Hearing scheduled for May 25th; and bid opening June 1st, awarding the contract on June 8th. The City Hall Project continues and hopes to get concept drawing to council on June 22nd. The Forevergreen Trail Project will be on the agenda July 13th to award the contract. The Centennial Park Loop Road is scheduled for a July 27th bid awarding.

City Administrator Report

Staff is working on the Budget Amendment and selling of bonds for completed projects and both these items will be on the next agenda. The American Rescue Plan rules were released yesterday and staff will review and bring plan to Council.

Mayor Report

Mayor Donahue read Proclamations for Bicycle Month and Bike to Work Week, World Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day, and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Outreach and Equity Coordinator Position

Jennie Garner and Nick Bergus presented the job description for the new Outreach and Equity Coordinator Position.

FY22 Social Service Grants

Pollock moved, seconded by Harrington, to approve Resolution Number 2021-37, A Resolution affirming Social Service Grant Allocations for Fiscal Year 2021-22. The vote was: ayes—Smith, Hoffman, Pollock, Wayson, Harrington; nays—none. Motion carried.

Franchise Fees

Smith moved, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the Third consideration and adoption 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—Harrington, Wayson, Hoffman, Smith, Pollock; nays—none. Motion carried.

Livestock Ordinance

Rusnak addressed the Council on amendments to the Ordinance to allow the entire rear yard to be an unenclosed pen, clarification on what a chicken coop is and what materials is used, that the Zoning Code Official process the permits.

Smith moved, seconded by Wayson, to consider the amendments to Ordinance Number 2021-06 to include the clarification of what is a chicken coop and what materials to use; and that the Zoning Code Official will issue the permits. After discussion, the vote was: ayes-Harrington, Wayson, Hoffman, Smith, Pollock; nays—none. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Harrington to consider the Second 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. The vote was: ayes—Smith, Harrington, Pollock, Wayson, Hoffman; nays—none. Motion carried.

Greenbelt Trail Rezoning

Hoffman moved, seconded by Pollock, to approve consider the Second consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-07, 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 700 feet north of Salm Drive located in North Liberty, Iowa to those set forth in the Municipal Code for the RD-10 Two-Unit Residence District. The vote was: ayes—Hoffman, Wayson, Pollock, Harrington, Smith; nays—none. Motion carried.

Alcohol in Public Places

Wayson moved, seconded by Harrington, to approve Second consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-08, An Ordinance amending Chapter 45 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances to allow the consumption and sale of alcohol in authorized public areas. The vote was: ayes—Pollock, Wayson, Harrington, Smith, Hoffman; nays—none. Motion carried.

Dubuque Street Phase 1 Project

Hoffman moved, seconded by Wayson, to approve Resolution Number 2021-38, A Resolution authorizing Relocation Assistance and Reimbursement Procedures for Nonresidential Tenants displaced by the Acquisition of certain properties for the Dubuque Street Phase 1 Improvement Project. The vote was: ayes—Wayson, Hoffman, Pollock, Smith, Harrington; nays—none. Motion carried.

Ranshaw Way Phase 5 Project

Harrington moved, seconded by Wayson, to approve Resolution Number 2021-39, A Resolution accepting the bid and authorizing execution of the Contract for the Ranshaw Way Phase 5 Improvements Project, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes—Pollock, Smith, Hoffman, Wayson, Harrington; nays—none. Motion carried.

Pollock moved, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Resolution Number 2021-40, A Resolution approving a special speed limit specifically for a segment of Ranshaw Way in the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes—Wayson, Smith, Hoffman, Pollock, Harrington; nays—none. Motion carried.

Storm Siren Grant

Pollock moved, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Resolution Number 2021-41, A Resolution approving the Subaward Agreement between the City of North Liberty and Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The vote was: ayes—Smith, Harrington, Pollock, Wayson, Hoffman; nays—none. Motion carried.

Lease Agreement

Wayson moved, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Resolution Number 2021-42, A Resolution approving the Lease Agreement between the City of North Liberty and Epley Properties, LLC. The vote was: ayes—Harrington, Hoffman, Smith, Pollock, Wayson; nays—none. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was offered.

New Business

Smith thanked his colleagues on their attendance and their voting records. Smith would like the city to open up post COVID-19.

Adjournment

Mayor Donahue adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

By: _____
Terry L. Donahue, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mary Byers, Deputy Clerk