



City Council
July 13, 2021
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Terry Donahue called the July 13, 2021 Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilors present: RaQuishia Harrington, Chris Hoffman, Brent Smith, Brian Wayson; on the phone: Annie Pollock; absent –none.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Harrington moved; Smith seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was all ayes. Agenda approved.

Consent Agenda

Hoffman moved, Harrington seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, the attached list of claims, Liquor License Renewal – Kum & Go; Liquor License Renewal – Smokin’ Joe’s; Liquor License Renewal – Casey’s General Store #2788; Liquor License Renewal – Casey’s General Store #2479; Liquor License Application – GoPuff; Tobacco Permit – GoPuff. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Trom reported on the Southwest Growth Utilities Area Project. Phase 2 of Ranshaw Way Part 5. The Pool Heater Replacement Project’s preconstruction meeting has been held. This project may result in up to two months of pools not being available. It is likely to be closer to one month, September, and affect the indoor pool. The schematic design for the City Hall Project has started. Design submittal is set for September 31. The Forevergreen Road Trail Project will be awarded tonight. The Centennial Road Public Hearing and award will be on July 27 agenda. Council discussed the report with Trom.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported that he participated in the City’s bond rating call last week. The conversation was favorable. An increase was requested, but the City’s tax base is holding the rating improvement from increasing. He reminded Council that the Joint Meeting is next Monday, July 19. It will be hosted virtually. Staff continues to work on obtaining ARPA funds from the state and learning eligible uses. In August, a conversation with Council will be held to seek direction on use of the funds.

Mayor Report

Mayor Donahue reported on the MPOJC meeting last week and reminded all of the upcoming Joint meeting.

Project Better Together

Kim Casco was present on behalf of Project Better Together and offered information on the next steps and requested a \$5,000 contribution toward this process. Council discussed the presentation with Casco. Hoffman moved to authorize a resolution being on an upcoming agenda. Harrington seconded. The vote was all ayes. Motion approved.

Library Board Appointment

Harrington moved; Smith seconded to affirm the Mayoral appointment of Heidi Wood to the Library Board. After discussion, the vote was all ayes. Appointment affirmed.

The Preserve – Part Five Final Plat

Rusnak presented information on the final plat. Staff recommends approval. Hoffman moved, Harrington seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-63, A Resolution approving the Final Plat and accepting improvements for The Preserve – Part Five North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Hoffman, Pollock, Wayson, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

T&R Site Plan

Rusnak reported that the Planning Commission and Staff recommended approval of the application. Ben Mitchell, MMS Consultants was present on behalf of the applicant and offered to answer questions. Pollock moved, Harrington seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-64, A Resolution approving the Development Site Plan for Lot 1, T & R Subdivision – Part 2, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Pollock, Hoffman, Harrington, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

Forevergreen Road Trail Project

Trom presented information on the bids received. Wayson moved, Harrington seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-65, A Resolution accepting the bid and authorizing execution of the contract for the Forevergreen Road Trail Improvements Project, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Hoffman, Pollock, Harrington, Wayson, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

2021A Bond Sale

Smith moved, Hoffman seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-66, A Resolution authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021A and setting the date for the sale of the Bonds. The vote was: ayes – Pollock, Wayson, Hoffman, Harrington, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

UR Amendment

Heiar presented information on the Urban Renewal Amendment. Harrington moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-67, A Resolution setting date for Public Hearing on designation of the Expanded North Liberty Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan

Amendment. The vote was: ayes – Hoffman, Harrington, Wayson, Smith; nays – none; absent – Pollock. Motion carried. Pollock left the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Dubuque Street Project

Lientz presented information on the resolution. Hoffman moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-68, A Resolution approving the purchase of Temporary Construction Easements and Right-of-way by the City of North Liberty for the Dubuque Street Phase One Project. The vote was: ayes – Hoffman, Wayson, Harrington, Smith; nays – none; absent – Pollock. Motion carried.

Wayson moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-69, A Resolution authorizing relocation assistance and reimbursement for nonresidential tenants displaced by the acquisition of certain properties for the Dubuque Street Phase One Project. The vote was: ayes – Harrington, Smith, Wayson, Hoffman; nays – none; absent – Pollock. Motion carried.

Ag Experience Ordinance

Pollock joined the meeting in person at 7:05 p.m. Harrington moved, Wayson seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-12, An Ordinance Amending portions of Chapters 167, 168, and 170 of the City of North Liberty Code of Ordinances, defining permitted agricultural and livestock uses, removing confined animal feeding operations as a permitted use, creating regulations for an agricultural experience use, modifying signage and off-street parking requirements in general, and modifying accessory uses for community food pantries. The vote was: ayes – Hoffman, Smith, Pollock, Harrington, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Closed Session

At 7:06 p.m., Harrington moved, Wayson seconded to enter into closed session according to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) To discuss purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The vote was ayes – Smith, Wayson, Hoffman, Harrington, Pollock; nays – none. Motion carried.

At 7:36 p.m., Pollock moved, Wayson seconded to return to open session. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Pollock, Wayson, Hoffman, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mayor Donahue adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Terry L. Donahue, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk