



City Council

August 24, 2021

Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Donahue called the August 24, 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; absent—Annie Pollock.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, Kevin Trom, Mary Byers, Romy Hoffman, Diane Venenga, Mike Benza, Rodney Anderson, Sujit Singh and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Wayson moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, August 10, 2021; Claims; SW Growth Area Water and Sewer Extensions, Pay Application Number 12, Boomerang Corporation, \$81,652.50; Ranshaw Way Phase 5 Project, Change Order Number 2, Peterson Contractors, Inc., (\$1,753.70); and Ranshaw Way Phase 5 Project, Pay Application Number 3, Peterson Contractors, Inc., \$830,755.54. The vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Rodney Anderson, 1552 Deerfield Drive, addressed the Council on complaints from his neighbors about his kids are riding dirt bikes on city sidewalks and streets. Mr. Anderson would like the City to review North Liberty Ordinance 75.7 which addresses dirt bikes.

Police Chief Venenga and City Attorney Lientz are reviewing the Ordinance and will report back to the Council.

City Engineer Report

Kevin Trom reported on the Ranshaw Way, Phase 5 Project, and the traffic shifts that will start in the area next week. Trom met with the contractor of the Southwest Growth Utility Project to

review the punch list and are looking for a startup of a lift station on August 30 or 31. The contractor has finished the punch list on the Ranshaw House Phase II. Trom will be following up on the completion. The Pool Heater Replacement contractor has started on site. City Hall schematic will be ready for staff review on September 3rd. There was a preconstruction meeting last week on the Centennial Park Loop Road Project and contractor will begin construction the first week of September.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Ryan Heiar reported that union negotiations begin next week with the Police Department. Council can expect a meeting with the union attorneys to discuss possible incentives to hire and maintain officers. Mayor Donahue and Heiar will be speaking August 31st at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinic Certificate of Need Hearing. Heiar reported the new US Census numbers for North Liberty are 20,479 which is a 53% increase from 2010 and 12% increase from the Special Census in 2017.

Mayor Report

Mayor reported on the Public Statement from Emergency Management and City of Iowa City on mask wearing.

Bowman Annexation

At 6:52 p.m., Mayor Donahue opened the Public Hearing regarding proposed annexation of Bowman property. No oral or written comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:53 p.m.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Wayson, to approve Resolution Number 2021-84, A Resolution approving annexation of certain property to the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Hoffman, Harrington, Wayson, Smith; nays - none; absent - Pollock. Motion carried.

Rarick Annexation

At 6:54 p.m. Mayor Donahue opened the Public Hearing regarding proposed annexation of the Rarick property. No oral or written comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:55 p.m.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Wayson to approve Resolution Number 2021-85, A Resolution approving annexation of certain property to the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Wayson, Hoffman, Smith, Harrington; nays - none; absent - Pollock. Motion carried.

Greenbelt Trail Subdivision Part Two

Hoffman moved, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution Number 2021-86, A Resolution approving the Developer's Agreement for Greenbelt Trail Subdivision Part Two. The vote was: ayes - Smith, Wayson, Harrington, Hoffman; nays - none; absent - Pollock. Motion carried.

ARPA Funding

The City will be receiving funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in the amount of \$2,906,110.44 which will come in two installments. The funds can be used for projects and programs that fall within certain categories. Ryan Heiar led the discussion on different ways the funds can be used, and it was the consensus of the Council to continue to evaluate spending options and to discuss with the County what they have learned in the public input sessions.

Hate Crime Ordinance

At 7:11 p.m. Mayor Donahue open the Public Hearing regarding proposed Hate Crime Ordinance amendment. Mike Benza spoke in support of the Ordinance. No oral or written comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 pm.

Wayson moved, seconded by Hoffman to amend section 42.08, to add the language "Bias-Motivated Hate Crime" in the body of the first section of the paragraph. After discussion, the vote was: ayes - Harrington, Smith, Hoffman, Wayson; nays - none; absent - Pollock. Motion carried. Harrington moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the First consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-15, An Ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances. After discussion the vote was: ayes - Harrington, Smith, Hoffman, Wayson; nays - none; absent - Pollock. Motion carried.

Recordation Ordinance

Harrington moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Second consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-14, An Ordinance amending the recordation requirements of final subdivision plat documents in Chapter 180 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances. The vote was: ayes - Wayson, Smith, Harrington, Hoffman; nays - none; absent - Pollock. Motion carried.

JT Properties Rezoning

Smith moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve amending Chapter 167 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances by amending the use regulations on property located at the southwest corner of Highway 965 and 240th Street located in North Liberty, Iowa to those set forth in the Municipal Code for the C-2A Highway Commercial District. The vote was: ayes - Smith, Harrington, Hoffman, Wayson; nays - none; absent - Pollock.

Old Business

Wayson encourages everyone to keep up with handwashing and masks due to increase in numbers with COVID.

New Business

FryFest is September 3rd; League of City's Conference is September 15-17 in Coralville. Hoffman is planning on running for Mayor this fall and there will be two seats to fill on the City Council.

Adjournment

Mayor Donahue adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

City of North Liberty

By: _____
Terry L. Donahue, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mary Byers, Deputy City Clerk