

**City Council**

October 12, 2021

Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Terry Donahue called the October 12, 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, Tracey Mulcahey, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, Kevin Trom, Derek Blackman and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Smith moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session of September 28, 2021, the attached list of claims, Centennial Park Loop Road Project, All American Concrete, Change Order Number 1, \$10,019.00; Centennial Park Loop Road Project, All American Concrete, Pay Application Number 1, \$158,241.50; Liquor License Renewal, Sobremesa; and Liquor License Renewal, Mirabito's. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Trom provided an update on Ranshaw Way Phase 5 with work in the full closure and north of the closure continuing. The Centennial Park Loop Road Project should be ready for paying by the end of this week. The Dubuque Street Phase 1 Project will be going out for bids in November with a December bid opening. The Pool Heater Replacement Project is nearing substantial completion with a few components having a delay on delivery. City Hall design work continues. In early December, the next phase will be presented to staff. The contractor on the Forevergreen Road Trail Project expects to mobilize this coming Thursday.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported that the FY 21 audit will be beginning later this month. The FY 23 budget calendar will be presented soon with the first work session in November. UIHC's groundbreaking is at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 14. On Wednesday, October 21 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. new UI President Wilson will be recognized at a welcome reception at Hancher Auditorium.

Mayor Report

Mayor Donahue reported on the first task force meeting hosted by ECICOG. 80 people were actively involved. The next Joint Agencies meeting is on Monday, October 18 at 4:30 on Zoom.

Board and Commission Appointments

Harrington moved, Wayson seconded to confirm the Mayor's proposed appointments of Janet Norton to the Board of Adjustment, Brandi Campbell to the Communications Commission, Gwen Johnson to the Parks and Recreation Board and Brian Vincent to the Planning and Zoning Commission. After discussion, the vote was all ayes. Motion approved.

Dubuque Street Project

Heiar presented information on this agenda item. Pollock moved, Hoffman seconded to approve Resolution Number 2021-99, A Resolution approving the Purchase of Temporary Construction Easement and right of way by the City of North Liberty for the Dubuque Street Phase One Project. The vote was: ayes – Harrington, Pollock, Wayson, Smith, Hoffman; nays – none. Motion carried.

Criminal Penalty Ordinance

Lientz presented information on the proposed ordinance. At 6:40 p.m. Mayor Donahue opened the public hearing regarding proposed amendment to the criminal penalty amount. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Hoffman moved, Wayson seconded to approve the first consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-17, An Ordinance amending the standard criminal penalty in Chapter 1.14 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Smith, Harrington, Pollock, Wayson, Hoffman; nays – none. Motion carried.

Snowmobile Ordinance

At 6:41 p.m. Mayor Donahue opened the public Hearing regarding proposed amendments to the use of snowmobiles in city limits. Two emails from Brian Dennis and Chris Emmons were received that will be included in the record. Chuck Kikutz, Snow Drifters President, spoke regarding the ordinance. The Snow Drifters would like Council to consider a compromise on the proposed snowmobile ordinance. Derrick Parker spoke regarding the proposed ordinance amendment. Mike Pickering offered information on the route to get to Bobbers. He requested reconsideration and asked for the city to work with the Snow Drifters on a route. Mike Dostal offered that snowmobiling is a family-oriented sport. Jamie Prull representing ISSA Region 9 report on the economic impact of snowmobiles on the community. Joe Mott spoke regarding the revenues brought to the community. The public hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

Council discussed the proposed amendment to the ordinance. Smith moved to table the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-16, An Ordinance amending Chapter 75 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances concerning permitted uses of snowmobiles within City limits with direction to staff to work with the club to bring back a new proposal, Pollock seconded. The vote was: ayes– Pollock, Hoffman, Smith, Wayson, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Councilor Wayson attended the community tree planting last weekend. Councilor Smith will be attending the Better Together Big Sort on Friday.

Adjournment

Mayor Donahue adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Terry L. Donahue, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk