



City Council
February 8, 2022
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Chris Hoffman called the February 8, 2022 Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:34 p.m. Councilors present: RaQuishia Harrington, Erek Sittig, Brent Smith, Brian Wayson; absent –none.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Harrington moved; Wayson seconded to approve the agenda with removal of the Colony 1927 annexation. The vote was all ayes. Agenda approved.

Consent Agenda

Smith moved, Sittig seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes from the Regular Session on January 25, 2022; the attached list of claims; Centennial Park Loop Road Project, Pay Application Number 4, All American Concrete, Inc., \$17,161.75; Aquatic Center Pool Water Heater Replacement Project, Pay Application Number 5R, Tricon General Construction, \$16,736.89; and Aquatic Center Pool Water Heater Replacement Project, Change Order Number 2, Tricon General Construction, \$12,791.68. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Trom reported that the electrical contractor is continuing to work on Ranshaw Way. The Centennial Park Loop Drive project contractor has stopped work for the winter. The Dubuque Street Project has a preliminary schedule with a start date of March 28, dependent on weather. There will be one more neighborhood meeting between the preconstruction meeting and the start of construction. The Pool Heater Project is complete on the indoor pool, but the contractor is still waiting on the second heat exchanger for the outdoor pool. The City Hall Project will be updated tonight. The Jones Boulevard design 70% complete submittal has been provided to staff with a review meeting on February 14.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported that the building at the Dubuque Street and Front Street intersection will be torn down on February 14. The North Liberty Leader will cease operations on

February 10. Staff is investigating options. Heiar and Mulcahey will be meeting with the Housing Trust Fund to learn about affordable housing options for using ARPA funds.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman offered thanks to Jillian Miller and Guy Goldsmith for Beat the Bitter events. He reminded all that a special election will be held to fill the Council vacancy. Applications for candidates are due to the County Auditor by February 18. The election will be March 15 at the North Liberty Recreation Center. He encouraged all to check out the Connected to Tomorrow link on the City's webpage, northlibertyiowa.org. He read the proclamation for 02/22/2022, Wrestling Appreciation Day.

Council Reports

Councilor Smith reported on the 5K on Saturday evening at Beat the Bitter. He thanked Jillian Miller for her work on the event. Councilor Sittig offered positive thoughts on the Beat the Bitter 5Kish. Councilor Wayson stated that the Beat the Bitter fireworks were quite spectacular as were the ice sculptures. He reported on the MPOJC meeting and the EMA meeting. Councilor Harrington commented on Beat the Bitter bringing others to the community.

Wage Theft Proposal

Mazahir Salih, Kaley, Greg Hearn and Shelton Stromquist representing the Center for Worker Justice presented information on wage theft in North Liberty and Johnson County. They asked the Council for \$7,000 per year for the next five years to hire a Wage Theft specialist. Council discussed the proposal with CWJ representatives. The consensus was to support the program.

City Administration Campus Update

Kevin Trom and Natalie Oppedal from Shive-Hattery presented an update on City Administration Campus design. Council discussed the design with Shive-Hattery staff.

Community Center Facility Plan

Smith moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-10, A Resolution approving the Services Agreement between the City of North Liberty and Shive-Hattery, Inc. for the Community Center Facility Plan. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Sittig, Harrington, Smith, Wayson; nays -none. Motion carried.

Community Center Roof Replacement Project

Harrington moved, Sittig seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-11, A Resolution approving the Services Agreement between the City of North Liberty and Shive-Hattery, Inc. for the Community Center Roof Replacement Project. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Harrington, Smith, Wayson, Sittig; nays -none. Motion carried.

Watts Rezoning

Sittig moved, Smith seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-01, An Ordinance amending Chapter 167 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances by amending the use regulations on property located on the south side of Denison Avenue approximately 130

feet east of Brook Ridge Avenue 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 – Smith, Sittig, Wayson, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Zoning Code

Rusnak presented the updates to the ordinance.

Harrington moved, Wayson seconded to approve the amendments to the ordinance. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Sittig, Wayson, Smith, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Harrington moved, Wayson seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-02, An Ordinance amending Chapters 165 through 170 and 173 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances, governing the administration, organization, enforcement and definitions of Zoning Districts, development and sign regulations as amended. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Smith, Sittig, Wayson, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Rental Code

Wayson moved, Sittig seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-03, An Ordinance amending Chapter 146 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances, governing rental housing procedures and regulations and structure procedure requirements. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Wayson, Harrington, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

City Rezoning

Harrington moved, Smith seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-04, An Ordinance amending zoning on various properties in the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Harrington, Sittig, Smith, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Councilor Sittig is on the North Liberty Pantry Board. He reported that the pantry is in dire need of volunteers.

Adjournment

Wayson moved, Harrington seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk