



City Council
March 8, 2022
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Chris Hoffman called the March 8, 2022 Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:30 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, Shelly Simpson, Susan Vileta, Ed St. John, Brandon Pratt, Manny Galvez, Heather Ropp and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Smith moved, Harrington seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes from the Regular Session on February 22, 2022; the attached list of claims; the liquor license renewal for Quail Creek Golf Course and the liquor license renewal for Blue Bird Café. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

Manny Galvez, Juniper Court, requested that Council consider providing support for excluded workers in North Liberty.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Trom reported that the preconstruction meeting for the Dubuque Street Phase 1 project was held last week. Private utility work continues. The contractor plans to start about march 28. Staff met with impacted businesses. Two Zoom meetings are scheduled for March 11 for adjacent property owners to obtain information about the project. The Ranshaw House Project is complete. The final design review was held for the Jones Boulevard extension project. The project is expected to start construction in May. Council discussed the report with Trom.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reminded Council of the Goal Setting session on March 23. Staff had their session last week. Staff's results will be provided to Council at their meeting. The Steindler CON permit was approved yesterday. Council discussed the report with Heiar.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman proclaimed March 30, 2022 as Honey Bee Day in North Liberty. Hoffman reported last Friday was the monthly coffee connection at Spotix with the Iowa City Area Business Partnership. With a home of historical context being brought forward, the Mayor and staff are looking to form a historical preservation group. Hoffman reminded all that next Tuesday is the special election with voting for all of the city at the Recreation Center from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. He thanked law enforcement and fire department for all that they did last week. Mayor Hoffman offered information on mental illness as a silent issue. It is ok to not be ok.

Council Reports

Councilor Sittig attended the Affordable Housing Coalition meeting. He reported on a documentary shown at FilmScene on 4/28 at 7 p.m. called a Decent Home.

Stiltner Site Plan Amendment

Rusnak presented the Stiltner site plan amendment request. He reported that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the amendment.

Kevin Kuhn, MMS Consultants, was present on behalf of the applicant and offered additional information and answered questions.

Wayson moved, Harrington seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-19, A Resolution approving the Amended Development Site Plan for Lot 2 Resubdivision of Lot 10, I-380 Industrial Park, North Liberty, Iowa. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Wayson, Harrington, Smith, Sittig; absent – none. Motion carried.

Harrington moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-20, A Resolution approving the Stormwater Management Facilities Maintenance and Easement between the City of North Liberty and TSS Investments, LLC that establishes the terms and conditions under which storm water management facilities will be maintained for the Stiltner Electric Development in the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Harrington, Wayson, Smith, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

Annual Budget and Capital Improvements Plan FY 2023

Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing regarding proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2023 at 6:53 p.m. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Harrington moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-21, A Resolution adopting the Annual Budget and Capital Improvements Plan for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 for the City of North Liberty, Iowa. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Smith, Harrington, Wayson; nays – Sittig. Motion carried.

Solomon Holdings, LLC Zoning Map Amendment

Rusnak presented the Solomon Holdings Zoning Map amendment request. He reported that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the application.

Brandon Pratt, the applicant, was present and offered additional information on the proposal. Council discussed the application with the applicant.

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing regarding proposed zoning map amendment. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Smith moved, Harrington seconded to approve the first consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-07, An Ordinance amending Chapter 167 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances by amending the use regulations on property located on the north side of West Penn Street west of North Jones Boulevard as extended northerly from West Penn Street to 240th Street located in North Liberty, Iowa to those set forth in the Municipal Code for the RS-9 Single-Unit Residence District, RM-21 Multiple-Unit Residence District and C-2-A Highway Commercial District. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Harrington, Sittig, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

Tobacco Free Places

At 7:08 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing regarding proposed amendment regarding smoking in parks and on trails. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Sittig moved, Smith seconded to approve the first consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-06, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 49 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances to prohibit smoking in parks and on trails as amended. After discussion, the vote was: ayes- Sittig, Smith, Wayson, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Vintage Estates PAD Amendment

Wayson moved, Harrington seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-05, An Ordinance amending the Vintage Estates RS-4 PAD Single-Unit Residence Planned Area Development by reducing the rear yard setback from 30 feet to 25 feet adjacent to the north and west property line on property located on the west side of South Jones Boulevard west of western terminus of Cory Court located in North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Wayson, Sittig, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Wayson moved, Harrington seconded to suspend the rules regarding the requirement to have an ordinance read on three separate dates. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Harrington, Smith; nays – Sittig. Motion carried.

Harrington moved, Smith seconded to approve the third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2022-05, An Ordinance amending the Vintage Estates RS-4 PAD Single-Unit Residence Planned Area Development by reducing the rear yard setback from 30 feet to 25 feet adjacent to the north and west property line on property located on the west side of South Jones Boulevard west of western terminus of Cory Court located in North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Sittig, Wayson, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Councilor Harrington in honor of International Women's Day thanked all women for doing amazing things to impact us and out communities. Councilor Wayson encouraged the public to check out the City's website for project updates, the City Slate page and other great information.

Adjournment

Sittig moved, Harrington seconded to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk