

**City Council**

May 24, 2022

Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Chris Hoffman called the May 24, 2022, Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilors present: RaQuishia Harrington, Erek Sittig, Brent Smith, Brian Wayson; Absent- Ashley Bermel.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Ryan Rusnak, Kevin Trom, Grant Lientz, Jon Marner, Mary Durian, Scout Troops 270, 2000, 216, Adam Hahn, Mary Byers, Nick Bowman, and several other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Harrington moved, seconded by Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, including City Council Minutes, Regular Session, May 10, 2022; Liquor License Application, Blues and BBQ July 9, 2022; Centennial Park Loop Road Project, All American Concrete, Inc., Pay Application Number 5, \$21,434; Centennial Park Loop Road Project, All American Concrete, Inc., Change Order Number 2, \$937.61; Dubuque Street Phase 1 Project, All American Concrete, Inc., Change Order Number 1, \$40,079.91; Dubuque Street Phase 1 Project, All American Concrete, Inc., Pay Application Number 2, \$401,302.38; Ranshaw Way Phase 5 Improvements, Peterson Contractors, Inc., Pay Application Number 14, \$269,899.72. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

No Public comment was offered.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Kevin Trom reported the progress of Ranshaw Way Phase 5 Project, and Dubuque Street Phases 1 through 5. The Jones Boulevard Extension Project has started construction, and a progress meeting is scheduled for this week. Trom took questions from the Council.

City Administrator Report

The first meeting with Design Development Committee for Centennial Park is tomorrow at City Hall. The pool opening for the outdoor pool is delayed a week due to the repair of the leak in the pool. Ryan reported that City Staff is working on changes to the Animal Ordinance referencing to an email that the city received from a concerned citizen.

Mayor Report

The mayor thanked everyone that participated in the NL Pantry golf outing that raised over \$20,000.00 this year. Harrington and the Mayor visited The Child Serve Watch and Learn Program and learned about their plan expansion of the program to serve area youth. Heiar and Hoffman attended the North Liberty Ambassadors meeting last week. Hoffman invited everyone to the MPOJC meeting this Wednesday night. Hoffman will be attending an Economic Development meeting on June 2nd. The city will host Let Love Fly event at Centennial Park.

Mayor Hoffman read Proclamation that the first Friday in June National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Lori Durian addressed the council on behalf of Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and wanting positive change to keep the kids safe in schools.

A moment of silence was held for the people of Uvalde, Texas.

Bermel arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Council Reports

Harrington reported on the Gun Violence Intervention Group that is meeting to work on what can be done with gun violence in the area.

Sittig and Harrington attended the first anniversary of the Johnson County Action Center and work that is done there.

Wayson attended and enjoyed the "Meet and Remarkable Rigs and People Who Make the City Go" at Centennial Park on May 21st.

Smith thanked the Heritage Christian School on their "Operation Good" with helping the Parks Department with cleaning up the parks. A special thanks from Smith to the Police Department for help at Penn Meadows last weekend; and Smith also thanked the Fire Department and the community on the support with the large complex fire last week. Smith thank the City Planner Ryan Rusnak and staff on changes being made to entice new business to the area.

Sittig thanked the Fire Department and all that helped with the large structure fire last week.

Bermel and her family attended the North Liberty Playground Crawl and had a great time.

ARPA Discussion

City Administrator Ryan Heiar led the discussion on the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) which has been discussed at two previous council meetings. The city is receiving \$2.9 million in ARPA funds which will be a council decision how to allocate the funds. It was the consensus of the council that the three top items to focus on are Splash Pad, Social Services and Affordable Housing.

FY 2022 Budget Amendment

Public Hearing regarding proposed budget amendment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was opened at 7:03 p.m. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Wayson moved, seconded by Sittig, to approve Resolution Number 2022-44, A Resolution amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The vote was: ayes—Wayson, Smith, Sittig, Harrington, Bermel; nays—none. Motion carried.

Liberty Villas Rezoning

Harrington moved, seconded by Sittig, to approve the Third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2022-10, An Ordinance amending Chapter 167 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances by amending the use on regulations on property located in North Liberty, Iowa to those set forth in the Municipal Code for the RS-6 Single-Unit Residence District and RM-12 PAD Multi-Unit Residence District Planned Area Development. The vote was: ayes—Harrington, Bermel, Wayson, Sittig, Smith; nays—none. Motion carried.

The Preserve Rezoning

The Public Hearing regarding proposed rezoning of property in The Preserve to RS-9 Zoning was opened at 7:05 p.m. No public comment was received. The public hearing was closed.

Adam Hahn, Watts Group, discussed the rezoning with the council.

Harrington moved, seconded by Wayson, to approve the first consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-11, An Ordinance amending Chapter 167 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances by amending the use regulations on property located in North Liberty, Iowa to those set forth in the Municipal Code for the RS-9 Single-Unit Residence District. The vote was: ayes—Sittig, Wayson, Bermel, Harrington, Smith; nays—none. Motion carried.

Approval of claims

Wayson moved, seconded by Smith to approve the claim. The vote was all ayes. Payables approved.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjournment

Wayson moved, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mary Byers, Deputy City Clerk