



City Council
December 13, 2022
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Chris Hoffman called the December 13, 2022, Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1 Quail Creek Circle. Councilors present: Ashley Bermel, Ereik Sittig (by phone), Brent Smith and Brian Wayson; absent: RaQuishia Harrington.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Tracey Mulcahey, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, Harold Cameron, Dr. Robert Todd, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Bermel moved, Wayson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes from the Regular Session on November 22, 2022; the attached list of claims; Red's Alehouse Liquor License Renewal, Johny's Liquor License Renewal, Jones Boulevard Improvements Project, Pay Application Number 7, \$22,337.50. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Trom reported on the Heritage Drainage Project progress.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported on the updated resolutions and agreements in the packet. He reported that the Head Custodian, Dale Leonard, is retiring after 23 years of service with the Community Center. His farewell event is on Thursday.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman reported that the Joint Entities meeting is Monday, January 9 at the Gerdin Center. The Fire Department had a significant event on Thursday. He thanked them for their work on the event. He offered accolades to Chief Venenga on her trilogy training award through the FBI. Four officers attended screenings of Walking while Black and Love is the Answer. Mayor Hoffman offered thanks to the Councilors for all their work, as this is the last meeting of 2022.

Council Reports

Councilor Smith attended the virtual reality training at the Police Department. Councilor Wayson commented on the Police Chief's report regarding 305 hours of training in the last month. He attended the craft fair and cookie walk last weekend. He attended the EMA meeting regarding the preliminary budget for FY 2024.

Fire Station Location

Heiar presented information regarding proposed Fire Station locations and the process at how the proposed location was determined. Chief Platz talked about how the process worked to arrive at the location proposed. Council discussed the proposed location with staff. Dr. Robert Todd stated he doesn't want the fire station on St. Andrews Drive and spoke regarding his email submitted to the City Council. He offered concerns on the communication provided in the City Council packet. Harold Cameron offered feedback on the process of locating the proposed fire station. A resident asked about moving the station further west closer to the school.

A & M Zoning Amendment - 1

Bermel moved, Smith seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-26, An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map District designation for certain property located in North Liberty, Iowa from O/RP Office and Research Park District to C-3 Higher Intensity Commercial District. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Smith, Sittig, Wayson, Bermel; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

A & M Zoning Amendment - 2

Bermel moved, Wayson seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-27, An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map District designation for certain property located in North Liberty, Iowa from O/RP Office and Research Park District to C-3 Higher Intensity Commercial District. The vote was: ayes – Bermel, Smith, Sittig, Wayson; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

Zoning Code Amendment

Wayson moved, Bermel seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-29, An Ordinance amending Chapter 168 (Zoning Code – Development Regulations) and Chapter 169 (Zoning Code – Zoning District Regulations) of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances by amending the use matrix and a use definition, by amending off-street parking and loading setbacks and off-street parking requirements. The vote was: ayes – Sittig, Smith, Wayson, Bermel; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

Policy regarding payables for Council meeting

Wayson moved, Bermel seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-125, A Resolution establishing the policy for the payment of claims due to the cancellation of the second City Council meeting in December 2022. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Sittig, Smith, Bermel, Wayson; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

Pet Fees

Bermel moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-130, A Resolution establishing license fees and penalties for cats and dogs and dog park membership fees in the City of North Liberty, Iowa. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Bermel, Smith, Wayson, Sittig; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

FY 2022-23 Additional Budget Transfers

Wayson moved, Bermel seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-126, a Resolution approving additional transfers for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 for the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes –Wayson, Sittig, Smith, Bermel; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

The Preserve Part 2B

Bermel moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-127, A Resolution approving the Developer's Agreement for The Preserve – Part Two B, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Sittig, Wayson, Smith, Bermel; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

Bermel moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-114, A Resolution approving the Final Plat, accepting improvements, and terminating temporary drainage easement for The Preserve – Part Two B. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Sittig, Bermel, Smith; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

West Penn Reconstruction Project

Smith moved, Bermel seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-128, A Resolution approving the 28E Agreement between Johnson County and the City of North Liberty for the West Penn Street Project. After discussion, the vote was: ayes –Smith, Wayson, Sittig, Bermel; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

Fringe Area Agreement

Wayson moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-129, A Resolution approving the Fringe Area Policy Agreement between Johnson County and the City of North Liberty. After discussion, the vote was: ayes –Sittig, Smith, Wayson, Bermel; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

Assessment Resolution

Smith moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2022-131, A Resolution assessing a delinquent amount owed to the City of North Liberty, Iowa to individual property taxes. The vote was: ayes – Bermel, Wayson, Smith, Sittig; nays – none; absent – Harrington. Motion carried.

Old Business

Councilor Smith reported that there is continued discussion on the renaming of the Babe Ruth Field.

New Business

Councilor Wayson reported that Dr. Boyd passed away. Councilor Smith reminded all that not everyone is able to spend this time with friends and family and don't have that much to make the holiday special. He encouraged all to take care of one another.

Adjournment

Wayson moved, Smith seconded to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk