



City Council
August 8, 2023
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Hoffman called the August 8, 2023, 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, RaQuishia Harrington, Erek Sittig, and Brian Wayson; absent: Brent Smith.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Tracey Mulcahey, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, Josiah Bilskemper, Angela McConville, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Harrington moved; Sittig seconded to approve the agenda with removal of item number 13, West Side Fire Station Project. The vote was all ayes. Agenda approved.

Consent Agenda

Harrington moved, Wayson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, July 25, 2023; City Hall Project, City Construction, Change Order Number 1, \$6,898.00; City Hall Project, City Construction, Pay Application Number 6, \$970,631.04; Ranshaw Way Paved Shoulders Project, L.L. Pelling Co., Inc., \$155,368.82; Liquor License Application, El Patron Mexican Restaurant; and the attached list of Claims. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Bilskemper reported that interior work continues on the City Hall Project. The second floor is finishing up. The contractor will start cleaning up the site for preparation of construction of the plaza. Storm sewer work is completed for the Penn Meadows Parking Lot Project. The street is repaved and reopened. In the next few weeks, the old north lot will close. The south lots will remain available. Shive-Hattery is ready to submit the 50% submittal to staff in the next few weeks for the Fox Run Pond/Trail Improvements Project. Council discussed the report with Bilskemper.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported on groundbreakings and grand openings. The I80/I380 opening ceremony is August 25 at 10 a.m. Tomorrow morning is the check presentation for \$50,000 from Hills Bank for Centennial Center/Next Stage Project. Team continues to work on fundraising. The Iowa League of Cities conference is in Cedar Rapids September 20 – 22.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman reported on the MPOJC meeting on July 12, the Joint Entities meeting at Poor Farm, and his attendance at Drag Storytime at Library. Last week, he attended Palestra groundbreaking. On Friday, he attended Deja Day at Iowa Children's Museum celebrating Deja Taylor. Next Thursday night is North Liberty night at the Kernels game.

Council Reports

Councilor Bermel reported on the Barbie movie fundraising event that raised \$3,000. She hopes to inspire others to come up with creative ways to raise money for the project. She had neighbors attend the Kinetic Circus and they offered great feedback. She provided thanks to all who are working to get Field Day up and running.

Bus Rapid Transit

Heiar presented the transit report. Angela McConville spoke regarding the Johnson County Employment Transportation Summit next Tuesday with Employers/Elected Officials from 9 – 11 a.m. The meeting is open to all of Johnson County. Council discussed the transit report with McConville.

Mayor Hoffman presented a summary of what the expectation of the next agenda item might be. The MPOJC board has proposed contributing up to 100K toward the study. Council discussed the RFP. Wayson moved for the City to participate in funding the study at 25K, conditioned on CRANDIC participation and/or approval, Sittig seconded. After discussion, the vote was three ayes and one nay. Motion carried.

Aldi – Release of Restrictive Covenant

Lientz presented information on the agenda item. Sittig moved, Harrington seconded to approve Resolution Number 2023-90, A Resolution releasing a Restrictive Covenant governing direct access from certain property to Highway 965. The vote was: ayes – Harrington, Wayson, Bermel, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

Enhance Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism Grant

Harrington moved, Bermel seconded to approve Resolution Number 2023-91, A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to sign, execute and submit application and associated documents for the Enhance Iowa – Community Attraction and Tourism Program. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Wayson, Bermel, Harrington, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

Transfer Resolution

Sittig moved, Harrington seconded to approve Resolution Number 2023-93, A Resolution approving an additional transfer for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024. The vote was: ayes – Bermel, Sittig, Wayson, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Setoff Memorandum of Understanding

Harrington moved, Bermel seconded to approve Resolution Number 2023-94, A Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa Department of Revenue and

the City of North Liberty, Iowa for participation in the Income Offset Program. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Wayson, Sittig, Bermel, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Iowa DOT Agreement

Harrington moved, Sittig seconded to approve Resolution Number 2023-95, A Resolution approving the Right of Way Agreement between the City of North Liberty and the Iowa Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of the interchange of West Penn Street and Interstate 380. The vote was: ayes– Sittig, Wayson, Harrington, Bermel; nays – none. Motion carried.

Building and Fire Code Ordinances

Wayson moved, Bermel seconded to approve the third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2023-20, An Ordinance amending Chapter 157 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances, adopting the 2021 International Building Code and modifying qualifying criteria for Board of Appeals. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Sittig, Bermel, Harrington; nays – none. Motion carried.

Harrington moved, Sittig seconded to approve the third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2023-13, An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Liberty, Iowa, adopting the 2021 International Fire Code, as revised, and expanding the scope of the City's Board of Appeals to include oversight of Fire Code interpretation. The vote was: ayes – Bermel, Wayson, Harrington, Sittig; nays –none. Motion carried.

Off-Road Utility Vehicle (UTV) Ordinance

Wayson moved, Harrington seconded to approve the third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2023-21, An Ordinance amending Chapter 75 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances Governing the Use of Off-Road Utility Vehicles (UTV'S). After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Harrington, Wayson, Bermel, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business

Heiar reported that Dubuque Street is still one lane until the asphalt cools. He sent an email a letter from CRANDIC. Councilor Bermel thanked Mr. Finn for his submittal to the Council packet. Mayor Hoffman acknowledged Kelly Hayworth's 35 years of service with the City of Coralville.

New Business

Councilor Sittig recommends all attend the Iowa League of Cities.

Adjournment

Harrington moved; Bermel seconded to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk