City Council
January 9, 2024
Regular Session

Call to order
Mayor Hoffman called the January 9, 2024, Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:31 p.m. virtually on Zoom. Due to inclement weather, safety concerns required this meeting to be held electronically as travel was impossible or impractical. Councilors present: Brian Leibold, Paul Park, Erek Sittig, and Brian Wayson; absent – Brent Smith.

Councilor Smith arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Tracey Mulcahey, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, Josiah Bilskemper, Brandon Pratt, Jon Marner, and other interested parties.

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

Consent Agenda
Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, December 12, 2023; Liquor License Renewal for Urban Fuel; Liquor License Renewal for Walgreens; Liquor License Renewal for The Station; 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 on the City Hall Construction Project progress, the West Penn Street Reconstruction Project, the Centennial Event Center Project, Ranshaw Way Phase 5 audit and the Streets and Maintenance Facility Interior Remodel Project.

City Administrator Report
City Administrator Heiar reported on the upcoming budget work session and on snow removal efforts.

Mayor Report
Mayor Hoffman reported that many events are happening at the City, Regional and State levels in the next couple of months and encouraged all to attend as many as possible.

Council Reports

Councilor Wayson recognized Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Councilor Leibold thanked Heiar and department heads for facility tours. He thanked and recognized outgoing councilors. He reported on neighbors helping neighbors with snow removal. Councilor Park reported that the tour of facilities left him super encouraged. Councilor Smith welcomed new elected officials. Mayor Hoffman thanked staff for getting the meeting moved online.

Urban Renewal Loan Agreement

At 6:44 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing on proposal to enter into an Urban Renewal Loan Agreement. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-01, A Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Wayson, Leibold, Sittig, Park; nays – none. Motion carried.

Forevergreen Road Signalization Project

At 6:45 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing regarding proposed plans, specifications and estimate of cost for the Forevergreen Road Signalization Project. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 6:46 p.m.

Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-02, A Resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, and estimate of cost for the Forevergreen Road Signalization Improvements Project. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Park, Sittig, Smith, Leibold; nays – none. Motion carried.

Smith moved, Sittig seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-03, A Resolution approving the acquisition of right of way from Byron L. Tinkey & TL&L, Inc. for the Forevergreen Road Signalization Project. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Wayson, Leibold, Park, Smith, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

Investment Policy

Park moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-04, A Resolution approving the Investment Policy for the City of North Liberty, Iowa. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Leibold, Smith, Park, Wayson, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

CAT Agreement

Smith moved, Sittig seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-05, A Resolution approving the Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant Agreement (24-CAT-003) between the City of North Liberty and the Enhance Iowa Board that establishes the terms and conditions under which a Grant for Centennial Center will be provided. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Park, Wayson, Leibold, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

Pratt Real Estate Management Preliminary Site Plan

Rusnak presented Pratt Real Estate Management Preliminary Site Plan. Staff recommends the acceptance of the finding; the preliminary plat would achieve consistency with the approval standards enumerated in Section 165.05(2)(E) of the Zoning Code; and forward the request to approval a preliminary site plan for a 9,020 square foot multi-tenant commercial building on 1.51 acres to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.
The Planning Commission accepted the listed finding and forwarded the preliminary site plan to the City Council with a recommendation for approval. Council discussed the application with staff.

Leibold moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-06, A Resolution approving the Preliminary Site Plan for Solomons Entertainment District – Part Two, Lot 2, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Sittig, Smith, Leibold, Park, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

West Penn Improvement Project
Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-07, A Resolution approving the acquisition of right of way from Hickory Pointe, LLC for the West Penn Street Improvement Project. The vote was: ayes – Park, Wayson, Sittig, Leibold, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business
No old business was presented.

New Business
Mayor thanked everyone for moving this online to keep everyone safe.

Adjournment
Smith moved; Wayson seconded to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: ______________________
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: ______________________
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk