



City Council
January 23, 2024
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Hoffman called the January 23, 2024, Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 1 Quail Creek Circle. Councilors present: Brian Leibold, Paul Park, Erek Sittig, Brent Smith, and Brian Wayson.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Tracey Mulcahey, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, Josiah Bilskemper, Michael Pentecost, Shelly Simpson, Guy Goldsmith, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Wayson moved; Smith 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 January 9, 2024; Special Session January 16, 2024; Penn Meadows Park North Parking Improvements, Midwest Concrete, Pay Application Number 5, \$225,742.19; Ranshaw Way Phase 5 Improvements, Peterson Contractors, Inc., Change Order Number 16, \$7,766.44; Ranshaw Way Phase 5 Improvements, Peterson Contractors, Inc., Semi-Final Pay Application, \$0.00; 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 Project, the Ranshaw Way Phase 5 Project and the Streets and Maintenance Facility Remodel Project.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar invited Michael Pentecost, Street Superintendent, to speak regarding snow removal. The council discussed the report with Pentecost.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman reported the First Friday Coffee Connections is next Friday at MidWestOne. The Mayor, Councilor Sittig, Councilor Park, and Heiar attended the Joint Entity meeting on Monday. The Transit Report will be presented to the Council in the next couple of months. The Mayor will be filling the MPOJC position on the ECICOG Board. Councilor Smith is filling the spot on the Think Iowa City Board.

Council Reports

Councilor Smith attended the Better Together 2030 Board and annual meeting. He reported that city employee Kellee Forkenbrock received a Bravo Award, and the Centennial Next Stage Project received a Sizzle Award for development of North Liberty Next Stage Project. Councilor Sittig reported on the Joint Entities meeting. He reported the 988 Program (text 988 to get help with suicidal thoughts and ideations) has received 2,500 texts since July. Councilor Park attended the Field Day event for the Centennial Park Pilsner release. He participated in community goodness pushing a stuck vehicle out of the snow. Councilor Leibold attended the CR Economic Alliance Luncheon including the Common Sense Iowa presentation. He attended the Field Day beer launch. Councilor Wayson attended the Emergency Management meeting last week where the upcoming fiscal year budget was approved. He attended the Field Day event, as well.

FY 2024- 25 Budget

Heiar reviewed the operational budget as decided at the January 16 Council meeting. He will have staff restore some line items that were reduced. The full operational budget will be back in front of Council on Feb. 13. The Council discussed the operational budget.

Heiar presented information on Social Service Grant Funding. The council discussed the proposed amounts. Consensus was to fund social service grants at \$170,000 for FY 25.

Capital Projects

Heiar presented the proposed Recreation, Community Center, and Aquatic projects. Heiar presented the proposed parks projects for FY 25. The Council discussed the proposed projects including the Liberty Centre Pond outcropping repair Project. The Council discussed the project with Goldsmith. Heiar presented details on the proposed Streets Projects for FY 25. The council discussed the proposed project and other potential projects with Pentecost.

Other

Heiar summarized the discussion. The final proposal will be coming back at the February 13 City Council meeting.

West Penn Street Improvements Project

At 6:55 p.m. Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing regarding proposed plans, specifications and estimate of cost for the West Penn Street Improvements Project. No oral written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-08, A Resolution approving and confirming plans, specifications, and estimate of cost for the West Penn Street Improvements Project. The vote was: ayes – Leibold, Wayson, Smith, Park, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

Forevergreen Road Signalization Project

Wayson moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-09, A Resolution accepting the bid and authorizing execution of the contract for the Forevergreen Road

Signalization Project, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Sittig, Park, Leibold, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

Liberty Centre Part 1D

Ryan Rusnak presented the staff and Planning Commission recommendations.

No applicant presentation was offered.

Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-10, A Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for Liberty Centre Part 1D, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Park, Wayson, Sittig, Smith, Leibold; nays – none. Motion carried.

Park moved, Sittig seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-11, A Resolution approving the Final Plat for Liberty Centre Part 1D in North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Wayson, Leibold, Sittig, Park; nays – none. Motion carried.

Scanlon Annexation

Rusnak presented background information on the annexation. Sittig moved, Park seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-12, A Resolution approving annexation of certain property to the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Smith, Leibold, Sittig, Park; nays – none. Motion carried.

Solomons Entertainment District

Rusnak presented the staff & Planning Commission recommendations.

No applicant presentation was offered.

Park moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-13, A Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for Solomons Entertainment District – Part Two, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Park, Smith, Sittig, Wayson, Leibold; nays – none. Motion carried.

Smith moved, Sittig seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-14, A Resolution approving the Final Plat for Solomons Entertainment District – Part Two in North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Sittig, Park, Leibold, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Councilor Wayson reported that Beat the Bitter is this weekend with the run is on Friday night and fireworks on Sunday night.

Adjournment

Wayson moved; Sittig seconded to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk