



City Council
October 22, 2024
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Hoffman called the Tuesday, October 22, 2024, Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 360 N. Main Street. Councilors present: Brian Leibold, Paul Park, Erek Sittig, Brent Smith, and Brian Wayson.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Tracey Mulcahey, Grant Lientz, Josiah Bilskemper, Ryan Rusnak, Ron Conner, Terri Conner, Chief Brian Platz, Mazahir Salih, Samantha Fitzpatrick, Aldair Solis Sanchez, Nate Kaeding, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Smith moved, Wayson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, October 8, 2024; Ranshaw Way Phase 5, Pay Application Number 30, Peterson Contractors, Inc., \$27,673.08; Centennial Park Event Complex, Pay Application Number 2, Larson Construction Co., Inc., \$294,713.07; Centennial Park Event Complex, Change Order Number 1, Larson Construction Co., Inc., \$9,705.52; Penn Street Railroad Crossing Project, Pay Application Number 3, Midwest Concrete, Inc., \$9,592.17; West Penn Street Project, Pay Application Number 6, Peterson Contractors, Inc., \$19,669.75; West Penn Street Project, Change Order Number 2, Peterson Contractors, Inc., \$28,975.77; and the attached list of Claims. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

Councilor Smith presented information on the lifesaving incident that happened in his neighborhood two weeks ago right after the Council meeting. Ron and Terri Conner offered comments on the event.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Bilskemper reported on projects in design, North Liberty Road Trail, Community Center Parking Lot, and Freedom Park Trail. Council discussed the report with Bilskemper.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar provided an update on the Centennial Event Center and recognized Chief Platz for receiving the Roger Mooty award. Chief Platz spoke regarding the award.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman reported on the Joint Entities meeting held yesterday. Greater Iowa City will be at an upcoming meeting to present an update on the Wage Enhancement Program. He spoke about the Pulse Point app that allows all to know where AEDs are located and when they are needed throughout the community. He attended the Iowa Non-Profit Summit as a panel member.

Council Reports

Councilor Wayson attended the Joint Entities meeting. He encouraged all to learn how to do CPR to increase odds of survival. He helped with Scouting for Food. North Liberty Scouts collected 3500 lbs. of food. Councilor Smith attended the Think Iowa City Board of Directors meeting. Herky on Parade proceeds were split among local school districts for art and music programming. He asked the public to consider voting yes to continue the Johnson County Conservation land conservation program. Councilor Sittig attended Nightmare on Ale Street, and the Joint Entities Meeting. He met with Greater IC and Traverro regarding the rail line. The MPOJC Bus Rapid Transit report will be completed on Friday. Councilor Park attended the Joint Entities meeting. He will be attending Iowa Mayors Association Emergency Management seminar. He offered a reminder that early voting is next weekend at Library. Councilor Leibold reminded all to vote. He offered congratulations to fall activities at Liberty and CCA schools. He attended Nightmare on Ale Street. He requested community share feedback with Council.

Immigrant Welcome Network of Johnson County

Mazahir Salih, Executive Director, Immigrant Welcome Network of Johnson County, presented information on the organization. Interns Samantha Fitzpatrick and Aldair Solis Sanchez assisted in the presentation. Council discussed the presentation with Salih.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Staff recommends remaining \$312,000 be invested into the Community Center parking lot improvements. Heiar requested feedback from the Council. Council discussed proposed possible uses of the ARPA funds. The consensus was to bring this back to Council on November 12 to review proposals.

Hodge Construction Company Rezoning

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing regarding proposed rezoning. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

Rusnak reported that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the application. Council discussed the report with staff.

Nate Kaeding was present on behalf of the applicant and offered additional information on the application. Council discussed the application with Kaeding.

Wayson moved to table this agenda item until the next City Council meeting. Sittig seconded. After discussion, the vote was all ayes.

North Jones LLC Rezoning

At 7:41 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing regarding proposed rezoning. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

Rusnak reported that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the application.

Adam Hahn, Watts Group, was present on behalf of the applicant and offered additional information on the application. Council discussed the application with Hahn.

Sittig moved, Park seconded to approve the first consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-11, An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map District designation for certain property located in North Liberty, Iowa from RM-8 Multi-Unit Residence District to RM-12 Multi-Unit Residence District. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Park, Sittig, Wayson, Leibold; nays – none. Motion carried.

North Liberty Road Trail Project

Wayson moved, Park seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-99, A Resolution approving the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between Scanlon Family LLC and the City of North Liberty. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Sittig, Wayson, Park, Leibold; nays – none. Motion carried.

Smith moved, Park seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-100, A Resolution approving the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between Life Church Assembly of God and the City of North Liberty. The vote was: ayes – Leibold, Park, Sittig, Smith, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

2024 Bond Sale

Wayson moved, Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-101, A Resolution setting the date for sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2024A and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Park, Sittig, Leibold, Wayson, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

CDBG-CV

Wayson moved, Sittig seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-102, A Resolution approving the policies required by the Community Development Block Grant CV Program for the purchase of fresh food for the North Liberty Community Pantry. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Leibold, Park, Smith, Wayson, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

Parking Resolution

Sittig moved, Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2024-103, A Resolution Approving Parking Control Devices in the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Leibold, Sittig, Smith, Park, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

Code of Ordinances Amendments

Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve the third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2024-09, An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code and Subdivision Ordinance

regulations for Preliminary Site Plans, Zoning Certificates, Defined terms, Residential Density, Permitted Uses and Use Standards, Parking Requirements, Parking Lot Landscaping, Fences and Walls, Yard Encroachments, Design Standards and Required Improvements for Subdivisions. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Leibold, Smith, Sittig, Wayson, Park; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjournment

Park moved; Smith seconded to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk