

**City Council**

April 8, 2025

Special Session – Tax Levy Rate Hearing

Call to order

Mayor Hoffman called the April 8, 2025, Special 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, Ryan Rusnak, Dorota Staniewska, Scott Becker, Mike Mbanza, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

FY 26 Budget

Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing regarding the proposed Tax Levy Hearing for the FY 2025-26 City of North Liberty Budget at 6:01 p.m. Dorota Staniewska, 240 N. Colton Drive, asked about the letter that residents received. Heiar provided information regarding the letter and the tax rate for FY 2026. Scott Becker, 240 N. Colton Drive, asked about the rate increase versus the population increase. There was discussion on how tax rates are set. Heiar offered to meet with Becker to review the model and provide additional information. Mike Mbanza, 1165 Ogden Lane, spoke regarding the FY 26 budget and the hardship of the tax rate increase on residents. He proposed the City provide funds to Bridge the Housing Gap for support of low-income property owners in the city. Steve, former firefighter, asked which takes priority, parks or the fire department. The Mayor and Heiar provided information on the question including fire department expansion and the future of the department. The public hearing was closed at 6:28 p.m.

Adjournment

Park moved; Wayson seconded to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk