



City Council
April 8, 2025
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Hoffman called the Tuesday, April 8, 2025, Regular Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 6:31 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, Josiah Bilskemper, Grant Lientz, Ryan Rusnak, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Park 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, March 25, 2025; Liquor License Renewal for Bluebird Café, Liquor License Renewal for Aldi, Inc., Liquor License Renewal for Revitalize U; 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 projects in the design phase, South Fiber Project, Forevergreen Road and Jasper Avenue Roundabout and Roadway Improvements, and Ranshaw Way Phase 6; projects under construction, North Liberty Road Trail, Fox Run Pond Trail, West Penn Street, Forevergreen Road Signal Improvements, and Centennial Events Complex. Council discussed the report with Bilskemper and staff.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar reported that negotiations continue with the Urban Central District. The agreement will be on the May 13 Council agenda. He reported on the Parks Department's refurbishment of the Old Town Park clock.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman reported he attended the Steindler ribbon cutting, attended the MPOJC meeting, led the Johnson County Solar Task Force launch, and attended the Greater Iowa City Breakfast Series. He reported on the MPOJC funding awards for the city of North Liberty. Mayor Hoffman proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month. Bijou Maliabo, Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition, spoke regarding affordable housing in North Liberty and Johnson County.

Council Reports

Councilor Wayson reported on the MPOJC meeting. He participated in the Muddy Creek Cleanup event. Council discussed the MPOJC meeting. Councilor Leibold thanked the community members for attending the council meeting. Leibold attended the Agriculture Breakfast, met with local business owners on how things are going, and welcomed the new University of Iowa men's basketball coach to our community. Councilor Smith thanked Councilor Wayson on Muddy Creek Cleanup and thanked the public for the budget session comments. He attended Steindler opening and reported that the Strategic Planning Event with Think Iowa City will be on Thursday. Councilor Park attended the Steindler event. Councilor Wayson reported that the Iowa Healthcare open house is on Saturday starting at 10 a.m. Councilor Sittig attended a meeting at City/County officials, Greater Iowa City, and the airport for a postmortem on CRANDIC transit line. He reported that there will be additional discussions going forward on how Johnson County can collaborate on public transit in the county.

Sewer and Water Facility Presentations

Jenny Ruddy, Strand Associates, presented information on the Wastewater Facility Plan updates. Council discussed the report with Ruddy and staff. Steve Troyer, Strand Associates, presented information on the Water Facility Plan updated. Council discussed the report with Troyer and staff.

Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-38, A Resolution approving the Water and Wastewater Facility Plan Updates prepared by Strand Associates. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Smith, Leibold, Wayson, Sittig, Park; nays – none. Motion carried.

Facilities Naming Request

Park moved, Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-39, A Resolution renaming Old Town Park to Penn Meadows Park, portions of North Liberty Recreation Trail and North Liberty Trail to North Ridge Trail and naming the City Hall Public Plaza Area Old Town Plaza. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Wayson, Smith, Leibold, Park; nays – Sittig. Motion carried.

Enhanced Security Services Memorandum of Understanding

Smith moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-40, A Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of North Liberty and State of Iowa Department of Management for Enhanced Security Services. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Smith, Park, Sittig, Leibold, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

Parking Resolution

Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-41, A Resolution approving Parking Control Devices in the City of North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Park, Wayson, Smith, Sittig, Leibold; nays – none. Motion carried.

FY 2025-26 Budget

Wayson moved, Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-42, A Resolution setting time and place for a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. The vote was: ayes – Park, Leibold, Smith, Sittig, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

Cedarhurst Rezoning

Park moved, Wayson seconded to approve the second consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-06, An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map District for certain property located in North Liberty, Iowa, from RM-12 Multi-Unit Residence District to RM-21 Multi-Unit Residence District. The vote was: ayes – Leibold, Smith, Sittig, Park, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business

Councilor Sittig thanked all for coming to tonight's meeting. Councilor Park appreciates the planning. Mayor Hoffman wished Councilor Smith a Happy Birthday.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjournment

Sittig moved; Park seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk