



City Council
July 8, 2025
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Hoffman called the Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 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: Paul Park, Erek Sittig, Brent Smith, and Brian Wayson; absent – Brian Leibold.

Others present: Ryan Rusnak, Ryan Heiar, Stacey House, Josiah Bilskemper, Grant Lientz and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Wayson moved, Park seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes Regular Session, June 24, 2025; Freedom Park Trail Project, Change Order Number 1, J&L Construction LLC, \$1,069.28; Freedom Park Trail Project, Pay Application Number 1, J&L Construction LLC, \$27,818.88; North Liberty Road Trail Project, Pay Application Number 4, Metro Pavers, Inc., \$87,543.39; Liquor License Application, North Liberty Street Dance, Liquor License Application, J&A Tap, Outdoor Service Amendment for Street Dance, Liquor License Renewal, Kwik Trip, Liquor License Renewal, Field Day, Liquor License Renewal, Tin Roost, Liquor License Renewal, Mickey's Irish Pub; and the attached list of Claims. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

Alan Schau, a resident of North Liberty, expressed concern with the Urban Central District project.

City Engineer Report

City Engineer Bilskemper reported on projects in the design phase including the Centennial Park splash pad, the Forevergreen Road and Jasper Avenue improvements and Ranshaw Way. Phase 6 Projects under construction include Freedom Park Trail (Jones Blvd) and The North liberty Road Trail.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar talked about the social service grant program and gave an update on the Iowa League of Cities Conference and the demolition of properties at 240 and 242 North Main.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman reported on a meeting with the Emergency Communications Board and how the 911 funding has changed. He welcomed others to attend the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County. The Pantry ribbon cutting ceremony is July 14th. He thanked the staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and recognized Delen Tusing and David Furler for passing the grade 4 examination. He also noted that the recreation center, library, and pool have been very busy, the Parks Department have made some updates to the roundabout on Fairview and welcomed Bri Fluhr to the Police Department and community.

Council Reports

Councilor Wayson thanked Ryan for the Centennial and Streets Departments tour. Erek Sittig is going to the MPO meeting for him and the Emergency Management Association will open bids for the Tiffin storage shed. Councilor Sittig attended the Johnson County affordable housing meeting and the Iowa Cancer registry meeting. Councilor Park also toured the Centennial Center. He joined the Iowa City Area Sports Commission. He was impressed with the fireworks display at Penn Meadows, thanked the Police Department for the “meet the officer” videos and noted that the PD can be followed on Instagram @northlibertypublicsafety. Councilor Smith welcomed Park to the Iowa City Area Sports Commission.

Cherry Street Firehouse

Natalie Oppedal with Shive Hattery presented information on the Cherry Street Firehouse.

Local Option Sales and Service Tax

Park moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-82, A Resolution calling for the Submission to Registered Voters the Proposal to Impose a Local Option Sales and Service Tax in the City of North Liberty, Iowa. After discussion, the vote was: ayes –Park, Wayson, Smith; nays– Sittig. Motion carried.

North Central Middle School East Parking Site Plan

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

Wayson moved, Sittig seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-83, A Resolution approving the Preliminary Site Plan for North Central Middle School East Parking, 180 East Forevergreen Road, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Wayson, Park, Sittig, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

Creekside South II Preliminary Plat & Site Plan

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

Jon Marner was present on behalf of the applicant and offered to answer questions.

Sittig moved, Park seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-84, A Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for Creekside South II, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Sittig, Wayson, Park; nays – none. Motion carried.

Smith moved, Sittig seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-85, A Resolution approving the Preliminary Site Plan for Creekside South II, Lot 1, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes – Smith, Wayson, Sittig, Park; nays – none. Motion carried.

Urban Renewal Plan Amendment & Tiff Ordinance

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing regarding proposed amendment to the North Liberty Urban Renewal Area. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Wayson moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution 2025-86, A Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Expanded North Liberty Urban Renewal Area. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Smith, Park, Sittig, Wayson; nays – none. Motion carried.

Sittig moved, Park seconded to approve First Consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-16, An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in July 2025 Addition to the North Liberty Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Wayson, Sittig, Park, Smith; nays – none. Motion carried.

Johnson County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2025-87, A Resolution Adopting the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Johnson County in North Liberty, Iowa. After discussion, the vote was: ayes – Park, Smith, Wayson, Sittig; nays – none. Motion carried.

Old Business

Councilor Sittig questioned if funds were allocated for housing yet.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjournment

Park moved; Smith seconded to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Stacey House, Deputy City Clerk