



City Council
February 24, 2026
Regular Session

Call to order

Mayor Hoffman called the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 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: Tonja Fortney, Brian Leibold, Paul Park (virtually), Brian Wayson; absent: Brent Smith.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Tracey Mulcahey, Ryan Rusnak, Grant Lientz, Josiah Bilskemper, Mazahir Salih, Bijou Maliabo, Ryan Bobst, Nancy Bird, Evan Doyle, Cady Gerlach, Neema Ash, Dr. Dianne Atkins, Lacey Stutzman, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Brian Wayson moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve the Agenda. The vote was all ayes. Agenda approved.

Consent Agenda

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the City Council Minutes, Regular Session, February 10, 2026; Centennial Park Event Complex Phase 1 Project, Pay Application Number 17, Larson Construction Company, \$1,448.37; January Revenues; January Treasurer Report; and the attached list of Claims. The vote was all ayes. Consent Agenda approved.

Public Comment

Mazahir Salih spoke regarding the community ID bill in the State Legislature. Bijou Maliabo spoke regarding the Community ID bill in the legislature.

North Liberty Community Pantry Update

Ryan Bobst, North Liberty Community Pantry, presented an update of the first year of operation in the new facility. Council discussed the presentation with Bobst. To make a donation: nlcpantry.org/donate or to volunteer: nlcpantry.org/volunteer.

Greater Iowa City Update

Nancy Bird, Greater IC, Inc., provided a brief overview of the City's investment in the organization. Evan Doyle spoke regarding the data trends in Johnson County and North Liberty. He provided an update on the City's Targeted Economic Development Grant Program. Cady Gerlach provided an update on the Cherry Street Strategic Investment District. Council discussed the report with Greater IC staff.

Engineer Report

City Engineer Bilskemper provided updates on Centennial Park Splash Pad Project, Forevergreen Road & Jasper Avenue Project, Parking Lot Improvements for the Community Center Project, and Forevergreen Road Extension Project, Phase 1.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Heiar provided updates on upcoming happenings. At the next meeting there will be an update from Shive-Hattery on the Fire House Project and Water and Park Facility expansions and a design proposal for the next phase of the wastewater project. Heiar went to the Capitol in Des Moines yesterday to meet with legislators.

Mayor Report

Mayor Hoffman proclaimed March 8 as International Women's Day and March as Women's History Month. Bijou Maliabo spoke regarding the proclamation.

Mayor Hoffman proclaimed February as Black History Month. Mazahir Salih spoke regarding the Black History Month proclamation. Neema Ash spoke regarding the Black History Month Proclamation.

Mayor Hoffman proclaimed February as American Heart Month. Dr. Dianne Atkins spoke on behalf of the American Heart Association and Rotary Kerber. Rotary Kerber's goals are to increase awareness of cardiac arrest, provide training for CPR and AED use, and provide AEDs on a cost sharing basis to virtually any facility in Johnson County.

Council Reports

Councilor Wayson reported on the MPOJC meeting including the long-range plan and HSB 689 concerning Emergency Management. Councilor Leibold congratulated Liberty sports teams and performing arts groups. He thanked Green State for hosting North Liberty Lunch and Greater IC for a recent networking event. Councilor Fortney attended the Hy-Vee Centennial Center event for the announcement of the upcoming event schedule. Councilor Wayson attended Orchestra Iowa event.

28E Agreement with Tiffin for Fire Services

Brian Wayson moved, Tonja Fortney seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-13, A Resolution approving the 28E Agreement between the City of North Liberty and the City of Tiffin, Iowa for Cost Sharing for Certain Firefighting Protective Equipment. The vote was ayes: Paul Park, Brian Wayson, Tonja Fortney, Brian Leibold nays – none; absent – Brent Smith. Motion passed.

Forevergreen Road Easement Vacation

Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing regarding the proposed easement vacation on Forevergreen Road at 7:01 p.m. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-14, A Resolution Vacating an Easement for Public Highway held by the City of North Liberty in Forevergreen Estates Part Two. The vote was ayes: Brian Wayson, Brian Leibold, Paul Park, Tonja Fortney; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion passed.

Forevergreen Road Extension Disposition of Property

Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. for the disposition of property for the Forevergreen Road Extension Project. No oral or written comments were recieved. The public hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Wayson seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-15, A Resolution establishing Future Right of Way and Public Utility Easements for the Forevergreen Road East Extension Project. The vote was: ayes - Tonja Fortney, Brian Leibold, Brian Wayson, Paul Park; nays - None; absent - Brent Smith. Motion Passed.

Iowa DOT Agreement

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-16, A Resolution approving the Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads between the City of North Liberty and the Iowa Department of Transportation. The vote was ayes: Brian Leibold, Tonja Fortney, Brian Wayson, Paul Park; nays - None; absent - Brent Smith. Motion Passed.

Muddy Creek Acquisition

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-17, A Resolution accepting the Warranty Deed from Green Meadow Owners Association to the City of North Liberty for Muddy Creek Acquisition. After discussion, the vote was ayes: Brian Wayson, Brian Leibold, Tonja Fortney, Paul Park; nays - none; absent -Brent Smith. Motion Passed.

Urban Central District - Lot One Developer's Agreement, SMF Agreement, and Final Plat

Brian Leibold moved, Tonja Fortney seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-18, A Resolution approving the Developer's Agreement and Storm Water Maintenance Facilities Agreement for Urban Central District – Part One. The vote was all ayes: Tonja Fortney, Paul Park, Brian Leibold, Brian Wayson; nays - None; absent - Brent Smith. Motion Passed.

Brian Leibold moved, Tonja Fortney seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-19, A Resolution approving the Final Plat for Urban Central District - Lot One, North Liberty, Iowa. After discussion, the vote was all ayes: Tonja Fortney, Brian Wayson, Brian Leibold, Paul Park; nays – none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion Passed.

FY 2026-2027 Budget

Brian Wayson moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-20, A Resolution setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Considering the Consolidated General Fund Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget. The vote was all ayes: Brian Leibold, Paul Park, Brian Wayson, Tonja Fortney; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion Passed.

Animal Code Ordinance

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Wayson seconded to approve the third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2026-02, An Ordinance amending Chapters 55, 56, and 57 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of North Liberty concerning and reorganizing provision for Animal Control, Pet Licenses, and Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Animals. After discussion, the vote was ayes: Tonja Fortney, Brian Wayson, Brian Leibold, Paul Park; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion Passed.

SST Forevergreen Preliminary Plat

Staff and Planning Commission Recommendation

Rusnak presented a summary of the Preliminary Plat. He reported that staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Preliminary Plat.

Application Presentation

Lacey Stutzman, MMS Consultants, was present on behalf of the applicant and offered to answer questions.

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-21, A Resolution Approving the Preliminary Subdivision Plat for The Sanctuary at North Bend, North Liberty, Iowa. The vote was: ayes - Tonja Fortney, Paul Park, Brian Wayson, Brian Leibold; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion Passed.

Zoning Ordinance

Tonja Fortney moved, Brian Leibold seconded to approve the third consideration and adoption of Ordinance Number 2026-04, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 167 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances governing Definitions, Chapter 168 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances governing Use Standards and Chapter 169 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances governing Other Accessory Uses. The vote was: ayes - Brian Leibold, Brian Wayson, Tonja Fortney, Paul Park; nays - none; absent - Brent Smith. Motion Passed.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjournment

Tonja Fortney moved; Brian Wayson seconded to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk