

North Liberty Town Council Minutes – March 10, 2014

The legally advertised public hearing of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Community Building. President Gerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Richard Warner gave the Invocation.

Will Groves, Jr., Brett Voreis, and Matthew Peterson Council Members and Skip Davidson Utilities Manager and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. Town Attorney Peddycord was not in attendance. Donna and Kent Anderson of Kenna Consulting and Mark Nye, DLZ were in attendance. There was not any representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the vouchers. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Donna Anderson introduced herself to the Town Council. She explained the OCRA Grant process. The grant proposal is due March 14th. The OCRA grant application is due mid-May and the award is August 15th. This is the only grant round this year. The OCRA grant is dependant on other funding. North Liberty grant application of \$500,000 is based on our current wastewater utility rates. State Revolving Fund (SRF) or a bond issue would be required. Letters of support are needed. Vicki Kitchen will contact Senator Jim Arnold for his support of OCRA grant and SRF application. Kent Anderson will be doing the environmental review.

Mark Nye has worked with Skip Davidson regarding improvements at the wastewater plant and the Industrial Park lift station. The plant was built in the 1970's and needs to be brought up to date. The improvements proposed will work with any future wastewater expansion. The proposed wastewater improvements are ten mini projects and the Industrial Dr Lift Station. A grit removal system will be needed to replace the grit system that was removed in the 1990's, ultraviolet treatment to replace chemical treatment, new lab area, step screen improvements, new energy saving doors, window, HVAC, new sludge removal system, air compressor, maintenance building, are some of the proposed improvements. DLZ is working on the SRF application. The Town Council would like the project bid in mini projects in case the project comes in over budget.

Skip Davidson and Richard Warner commented on the needs of the wastewater plant. Vicki Kitchen commented on her support of the project for the safety of the employees with having the ultraviolet instead of liquid chemicals.

The Park WPA Historic Preservation Restoration bids were discussed. Richard Warner made a motion to award the WPA Historic Preservation Bid to Ziolkowski Construction for \$92,711.00 pending DNR Historic Preservation approval. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Attorney Peddycord has reviewed the INDOT School Trail and Tamarack Trail contracts. He has e-mailed his approval. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to execute INDOT & LPA contract for DES No. 1383395 for School Trail. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to execute INDOT & LPA contract for DES No. 1383396 Tamarack Trail. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

The Town Council discussed the proposal for the school resource officer with John Glenn School Corporation and Town of Walkerton. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to not be part of the school resource officer proposal. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The March 19th work session will most likely be canceled.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:05. Richard Warner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer

Mary E. Brown
Matthew Peterson
Richard J. Warner