

North Liberty Town Council Minutes – May 6, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Community Building. Gerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Matthew Peterson gave the Invocation.

Will Groves, Jr., and Thomas England Council Members, Attorney Peddycord, Town Marshal Michael Sawdon, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. Brett Voreis, Council Member was not in attendance. There were six attendees present. There was no representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda including April 1, 2015 and special meeting April 29, 2015 Minutes, Resolution #2015-03 Void Outstanding Checks, Resolution #2015-04 Stellar Planning Grant Long Form, Resolution #2015-05 Stellar Planning Grant Short Form, Park Board Minutes November 3, 2014 and April 6, 2015 and the vouchers as presented. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Eric Walsh spoke to the Town Council regarding the metered and unmetered wastewater customers outside the Town limits. In 2012 the Town of North Liberty filed its wastewater ordinances on out of town users. The metered customers did not allow for the 50% additional fee for wastewater. The statute allows for out of town users that were not included in the original filing the maximum additional out of fee to be 15% without going before the IURC. This currently only applies to three customers. Eric Walsh introduced Ordinance # 2015-05 as a two phase rate increase. Discussion followed. Matthew Peterson approved Ordinance #2015-05 for a 15% increase pending public hearing. Thomas England seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

William Gentry 805 Red Robin submitted a request for sewer credit due to an outside faucet/waterhose. Town employee Stan Szymkowiak submitted his report. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to issue William Gentry an average sewer credit based on the last three months of 14,130 gallons. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve,

Gene Crusie, Maple Net Wireless and Deb Palguta proposed a 4 feet and 1 foot dish antenna to be placed on the elevated water tower to service the North Liberty Library. Discussion followed. Attorney Peddycord needs to review proposed contract. Gerry Brown stated Liberty Township Fire Department approached him regarding placing an antenna on the elevated water tower. Discussion followed. Will Groves, Jr. mad a motion to approve the MetroNet proposal pending attorney review. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Reva Feitz asked the Town Council to release a Lien 1334633 from their property so they may construct a garage at their property. The Town has no record of a lien being filed. Town

Council requested a copy be provided. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to release lien #1334633. Thomas England seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The elevated water tower painting and water treatment plant modifications bids were opened.

Section 1 **Classic** **Maxcor** **Ottenweller**
Water Tower **Protective** **Incorporated** **Contracting**
Painting **Coating**

Base Bid	199500	98900	no bid
Alternate 1	18500	116000	no bid
Alternate 2	82100	78400	no bid
Alternate 3	108900	96500	no bid
Alternate 4	51600	59800	no bid
Alternate 5	38500	32900	no bid
Alternate 6	9600	13000	no bid
Alternate 7	6000	8800	no bid
Total	514700	504300	no bid

Section 2
WTP
Modifications

Base Bid	no bid	no bid	95300
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The bids were taken under advisement.

The North Liberty Town Council executed Ordinance #2013-04 adding the properties at 600, 602, and 604 South State Street to separate the water meters/and shut off valves.

Town Marshal Michael Sawdon submitted March and April Police Reports. Copies are filed with the minutes. He submitted for consideration an updated Use of Force Policy for adoption at an upcoming meeting. Town Marshal Michael Sawdon provided photos of the property at 404 N. Main Street showing high weeds, junk, and a pool that provides a health and safety concern. Discussion followed. Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kitchen will send a certified mail to Bank of America and the St. Joseph County Health Department.

Skip Davidson stated he had obtained a high service pump quote from Ortmann Drilling for the worst case scenario of total pump repair for \$9,500. The clerk-treasurer stated two more quotes would be required per State Board of Accounts and state statute.

Skip Davidson had contacted several dealers regarding used backhoe/plowing equipment. Case has provided a picture and a quote for a used 2000 Catapillar 416C with 2050 hours, including a brush chopper, heat, and claw, with a cost of \$37,176 which allows a \$4,000 trade in allowance for the 1987 John Deere backhoe trade in. Discussion followed. Town Marshal Sawdon stated he had seen several with more hours and less equipment for more money in trade magazines. He will provide copies for documentaion on price of Catapillar. The clerk-treasurer stated it was included in the 2015 budget and the recent utility rate studies. Will Goves, Jr. made a motion to offer \$35,000 for the Catapillar 416C but not to exceed \$37,176.47. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Skip Davidson had a request to rent our street sweeper. Discussion followed. The clerk-treasurer will check with the insurance company and an interlocal government agreement will need to be executed.

Skip Davidson stated a tree from the Michael Schmidt property has come down on the wastewater plant fence. The downed tree is in a position that it is unsafe for utility personnel to remove. Gerry Brown will contact the property owner.

Greene Intermediate Center students provide a request for a sponsorship donation for wells to be drilled in the Sudan and their demonstration day. Thomas England made a motion to deny the request by Greene Intermediate Center students. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

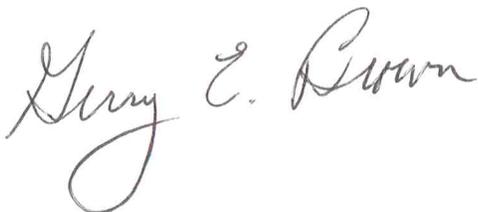
Problem properties were discussed. Lot 7 in the North Liberty Industrial Park was sent a timeline request regarding the construction debris and the outside storage clean up by tonight's meeting. No timeline was received. The properties at 1103 Taylors Way and 404 S. State Street were also discussed. NLPD will take pictures of these properties.

Stellar Planning Grant of \$10,000 to develop the Community Investment Plan was discussed. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to execute the grant paperwork. Thomas England seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

DLZ provided progress reports on the INDOT School Trail and Tamarack Trail projects. A copy is filed with the minutes.

A notice to proceed on the Ottenweller Wastewater Improvements Project was executed dated May 1, 2015.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:47. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.



Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer