

North Liberty Town Council Minutes – September 17, 2014

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 7:01 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Matt Peterson gave the Invocation.

Will Groves, Jr., and Brett Voreis, Town Council Members, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. Richard Warner Council Member was not in attendance. Ricky Curtis from Umbaugh was present and no representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda including September 3, 2014 Minutes, August 4, 2014 Park Board Minutes and vouchers. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Ricky Curtis, Umbaugh asked if the town council had any updates on the new rates for the three utility studies since the OCRA grant has been awarded. Discussion followed. Public hearings and advertising will be required. Will Groves made a motion for Umbaugh to draft the advertising based on adding \$3.00 for users and \$75.00 to SAPA to the water rates effective January 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016 and adding a stormwater fee of \$1.00 for users and \$2.00 for SAPA effective on January 1, 2015 and July 1, 2015. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Ricky Curtis said wastewater rates will be determined after the bidding on the wastewater improvement project and the funding interest rate at time of closing.

Ricky Curtis and the town council discussed option on the water improvement fund and the water bond and interest. The 1974 bonds have been retired and that allows some flexibility. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to keep the water band and interest fund and water improvements funded with Umbaugh recommendations for the clerk-treasurer. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Ricky Curtis explained the SRF funding. Even the Town has passed PER there are still no guarantees on funding. The Town will need to have in place bonding in case funding is not available when required. Will Groves, Jr. authorized Umbaugh to start the bonding process as a back up to the SRF. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

DLZ is drafting a wastewater contract for the wastewater improvement project. The contract needs to be executed by September 30, 2014 or the procurement process will be required October 1, 2014. Brett Voreis made a motion to authorize Gerry Brown to execute the contract pending Attorney Peddycord and Kenna Consulting approval. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Gerry Brown executed the OCRA grant documents.

Walkerton is going to a primary instead of town caucus if required for town elections. Vicki Kitchen just wanted the town council to be aware if they wanted to change the Town election process. The town council did not want to change the election process at this time.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:45. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer