**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – August 17, 2020**

The regular meeting of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Community Building. Randy Lemert led The Pledge of Allegiance. Ben Webb gave the Invocation. President Randy Lemert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council Members Tom England, Will Groves, Jr., Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance socially distanced. Gerry Brown was not in attendance. There was one citizen present. There was no representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the August 3, 2020 Minutes and the vouchers as presented. Ben Webb seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Ray Blair inquired about the utility bill he received for a recent property he purchased at 304 Elm Street. He did not realize the ordinances for water and sewer use regarding discontinuance of service. A copy of the sections from the sewer use ordinance were given to him.

Skip Davidson reported on the filter media replacement at the water plant.

The town council discussed the potential new water meter replacement project. The Itron maintenance agreement service contract invoice will be paid since it will be supported to the end of 2021. The goal is to advertise and open bids in September on the new water meter replacement project.

Will Groves, Jr. had three discussion items: spray and cut weeds downtown, Liberty Tire shreds, and cleaning of the water tower. Skip will contact Liberty Tire, have the weeds sprayed and cut, and work on getting a company to power wash the water tower.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber said there would be some uncovered shifts with COVID quarantine, half off for military duty, and injuries.

Town Marshal Wilber also inquired about the St. Joseph County Humane Society Contract. The $115 for call out and the $115 for each animal is expensive. He would like to be able to bill the resident for what the Town gets charged. The fees will be looked at in 2021 contract renewal.

Town and Community Building AED’s were discussed. Vicki Kitchen will get a response from the Town’s insurance company. Smoke alarms were also mentioned in the clerk’s office and the North Liberty Community Building.

Problem properties: 107 S. Lafayette Street, 109 S. Lafayette Street, 811 S. State Street, and 900 S. State Street. Also, the tenant blocking the Town alley with a vehicle at 303 S. Main Street. Tom England to contact the property owner.

Stellar Trail ROW with John Glenn School Corporation is on the agenda for August 18, 2020 school board meeting regarding the school parcels.

The town council discussed COVID 19 possible eligible expenses for reimbursement from the Coronavirus Funds from HHS including PPE sprayers, spit masks, plexiglass cages, and ½ police cages.

Discussion of raising the rates for trash in 2021 were discussed. Tom England made a motion to increase the trash fees in December 2020 through December 2023. Ben Webb seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Reminder the next meeting is September 8, 2020 due to the Labor Day Holiday. The 2021 budget public hearing will be September 21, 2020.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 P.M. Ben Webb seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer