



The City of Liberty

City Council

Regular Meeting

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1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
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April Gilliland
City Secretary
936-336-3684

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order on September 28, 2021 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston Liberty, TX at 6:00 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the City Council regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action during Citizens' comments about items not on the agenda. In some situations, City Staff may be able to respond to the public comment with a factual statement or clarification. The City Council may have the item placed on a future agenda for action or refer the item to Management and Staff for study or conclusion.

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council. Mayor Pickett reminded everyone about the prayer march on Saturday, October 2 at Noon. City Manager Tom Warner spoke about utility collection letters being sent out to collect bad utility debt. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2021.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, ADOPTING THE EMPLOYEE PAID QUARANTINE LEAVE POLICY FOR NON-POLICE, FIRE AND EMS EMPLOYEES.

A motion was made by Council Member Arnold to not approve the resolution for the non-police, fire and ems employees' paid quarantine leave policy. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Driggers. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting Yes and Council Member Beasley absent.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE BY ADDING FIRE MITIGATION RATES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Council Member Simonson to approve the Ordinance amending the master fee schedule by adding Fire Mitigation Rates. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting Yes and Council Member Beasley absent.

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE BY UPDATING ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Council Member Arnold to approve the Ordinance amending the master fee schedule by updating electric rates and charges. The motion was seconded by Council Member Simonson. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting Yes and Council Member Beasley absent.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) – CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (CLFRF); AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) – CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (CLFRF) FUNDS.

A motion was made by Council Member Simonson to approve the resolution authorizing the acceptance of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF); and authorizing the Mayor and the City Manager to act as the City's executive officer and authorized representatives in all matters pertaining to the City's implementation of the ARPA-CLFRF Funds . The motion was seconded by Council Member Thornton. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting Yes and Council Member Beasley absent.

5. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ATTACHED POLICIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS PARTICIPATION IN FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT – CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (ARPA – CLFRF) AND ADHERENCE TO THE REGULATIONS DESCRIBED THEREIN.

A motion was made by Council Member Simonson to approve the resolution adopting the policies in connection with the federally funded projects associated with the American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-CLFRF). The motion was seconded by Council Member Arnold. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting Yes and Council Member Beasley absent.

6. FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by Council Member Thornton to accept the Fair Housing Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month. The motion was seconded by Council Member Simonson. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting Yes and Council Member Beasley absent.

7. A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOMINATING _____ TO THE LIBERTY COUNTY

CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD.

The Resolution was passed on as a nomination to the Liberty County Central Appraisal District Appraisal Review Board was not made.

8. A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOMINATING CANDIDATE(S) FOR THE LIBERTY COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A motion was made by Council Member Simonson to approve the resolution nominating John J. Hebert Jr. to the Liberty County Cental Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thornton. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting Yes and Council Member Beasley absent.

B. Executive Session

Texas Government Code §551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

- To deliberate a proposed economic development project.

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above and read aloud.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 7:38 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Consider and take action on an Economic Development Agreement with a prospective local business.

A motion was made by Council Member Simonson to amend the 380 agreement with Liberty Capstone Properties, LLC as discussed in the executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thornton. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting Yes and Council Member Beasley absent.

IV. ADJOURNMENT**A. Motion To: Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary