



The City of Liberty
City Council
Special Called Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Tuesday, August 31, 2010

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on August 31, 2010 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 6:00 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Councilperson	Present	
Mike McCarty	Mayor Pro-Tem	Absent	
Al Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Frank Jordan	Councilperson	Present	

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council.

There were no comments.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2010-98

Consider Future IT Services for the City of Liberty.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz addressed Council regarding the need for an evaluation of the city's IT infrastructure and solutions for current and future IT concerns. Mr. Broz stated that he would like to have a plan whereby one individual or vendor would handle all the City's IT issues. Discussion included internet, intranet, email, networking, and other related topics.

There has been \$80,000 budgeted for IT services and development with funds from the recent issuance of certificates of obligation.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

2. Council Action 2010-97

Consider Rejecting Proposal for City IT Services.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The City had previously received one proposal for IT Services from the Combs Consulting Group. The proposal was in the amount of \$21,000 for an infrastructure evaluation and development of an IT Plan. This process would take 62 days to complete.

No action was taken on this item.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

3. Public Hearing (ID # 1803)

Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:18 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The first required public hearing was held on August 24th.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed tax rate of \$.5900, reserves, bad debt, possibly lowering the tax rate, and other tax related issues.

At 6:35 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing.

IV. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session (ID # 1804)

Discussion of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz discussed with Council changes made to the proposed budget. Discussion included outstanding FEMA revenue, fund balances, grants, fitness program for employees, uniforms, hurricane preparedness, meter change out program, and other city services.

V. COUNCIL MEAL

Council shared an evening meal.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary