



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Tuesday, April 26, 2011

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on April 26, 2011 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 6:03 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	Absent	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Frank Jordan	Councilperson	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Randy Gunter	City Attorney	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 from the audience.

City Manager Gary Broz reported the following:

- 1) installation of the new smart meters began on Monday, April 25th, moving from the west side of town to the east,
- 2) final inspection on the rehab of the Monta Street water tank will be Friday, April 29th,
- 3) TML Region XVI Meeting on Thursday, April 28th, in Nacogdoches,
- 4) Dayton's 100 Birthday celebration on Saturday, April 30, 2-6 p.m.
- 4) upcoming budget workshops on July 11-15, and
- 5) a letter commending the Liberty Police Department.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 2017)

Financial Report - March, 2011

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Finance Director Naomi Herrington reviewed the four operating funds and year-to-date figures for the end of month, March, 2011. Ms. Herrington also mentioned that property tax revenues are 95% of the budgeted amount, and sales tax revenues are 60.12% of the budgeted amount.

Further discussion was held regarding transfers from the electric and water funds to general fund, bond payment for the Texas Water Development Board Loan, Boomerang Tube electric usage, and other associated financial information.

B. Information Item (ID # 2016)

Recycling Report - Councilperson Huddleston

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Huddleston reported on the "Shred-It" event held on Saturday, April 16th, scheduled from 9 a.m. til Noon. Councilperson Huddleston further explained that this event was held for the recycling of sensitive documents, and the turnout was such that the truck was full by 10:00 a.m. Also reported was that the Liberty Independent School District art classes were on-site and displayed projects related to recycling. Councilperson Huddleston stated that this artwork is currently on display at the Liberty Municipal Library.

Councilperson Huddleston thanked Waste Management representative Terry Woodson for Waste Management's support and sponsorship of this community event; also expressing appreciation for the many volunteers who participated.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2011-51

Consider Award of Bid for Group Life Insurance.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz requested approval to continue providing life insurance benefits to City employees, through Mutual of Omaha. Mr. Broz stated that the initial proposal was effective June 1, 2010 and provides a three-year rate guarantee.

Motion was made to allow Mutual of Omaha to continue providing life insurance benefits for City employees for an additional (2nd) year.

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

2. Council Action 2011-52

Consider Award of Bid for Group Dental and Medical Insurance.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz led a discussion regarding dental and medical insurance benefits for City employees. Mr. Broz reviewed a handout reflecting a breakdown of the employees and current insurance costs, both for the City's and the employee contribution. Also reviewed were the renewal figures for the current plan, to include raising the employee contribution by 50% for those employees with dependents, leaving the employee-only costs unchanged. Further discussion

included a proposal on costs to participate in the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool.

Additional topics discussed were stop loss, being self-funded, comparison of other municipalities' insurance costs, and other related issues. Motion was made to approve the self-funded renewal plan and rates, through the Texas Municipal League.

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

3. Council Action (ID # 2020)

Consider the 2011 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to Municipal Communications Right-Of-Way Access Line Rates.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz reported that it is the time of year to consider the Consumer Price Index adjustment for telecommunications right-of-way access line rates. Mr. Broz recommended that the current rates not be adjusted for inflation, as this cost is passed directly to the customer.

Motion was made to leave the right-of-way access line rates at the 2010 rate.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ROW Access Line Rates 2011 (PDF)

RESULT:	DEFEATED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty, Al Simonson

V. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session (ID # 2021)

Discussion of K&K Proposal for Wrecker Services.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ernest and Shawna Kreuzer, K & K Towing, were present to discuss a proposal for an exclusive contract with the Liberty Police Department, to provide services for all non-consent towing. Mr. Kreuzer discussed that he would also like to serve the City's vehicle fleet with towing services, within the City, at no charge. Mr. Kreuzer further explained assisting stranded motorists and helping those without the necessary funds.

Additional discussion included K&K's local partnerships, participation with various roadside service companies, and towing rates. Mr. & Mrs. Kreuzer explained that they would like to do their best to help in making this community a better place to work and live.

City Manager Gary Broz will discuss with Staff the possibility of accepting proposals for towing services, in the near future.

ATTACHMENTS:

- K&K Towing Proposal (PDF)

2. Work Session (ID # 2022)

Discussion of Waste Management Proposal for Recycling.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Terry Woodson, Waste Management Director of Governmental Affairs, was present to discuss recycling options for the City of Liberty. Ms. Woodson presented those options as follows:

Option #1

2x week - curbside trash collection service

1x week - curbside "96 gal cart" recycling collection

At your door - household hazardous waste collection (quarterly)

2x month - brush collection

Option #2

1x week - curbside trash collection

1x week - curbside "96 gal cart" recycling collection

At your door - household hazardous waste collection (quarterly)

2x month - brush collection

Ms. Woodson reviewed the various type items acceptable for recycling, the bagster program, the interest and volume in the City's recycling kiosk, curbside recycling vs. drop-off recycling, and a possible recycling pilot program to test the citizens interest.

This item will be brought before Council at a later date, with cost figures for the various recycling options.

3. Work Session (ID # 2023)

Discussion of Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency Audit and Operations.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz distributed to Council the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency, Annual Comprehensive Engineering Report for FY ending September 30, 2010. Also distributed was a Financial Statements and Supplementary Information Report (audit) for FY ending September 30, 2010 and 2009.

Mayor Pickett, SRMPA Board Member, stated that this information was for Council's review, contained a history and various information about the agency, electric system customer data for Jasper, Liberty, and Livingston; with Liberty and Jasper being the main power purchasers.

Mr. Broz further explained that this report contains financial, statistical, and operating data, rate comparisons, projected operating results, and other relevant information.

VI. COUNCIL MEAL

Council shared an evening meal.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary