The City of Liberty
City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Wednesday, May 16, 2012 | **6:00 PM** | **City Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on May 16, 2012 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	
Mike McCarty	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Councilperson	Present	
Frank Jordan	Councilperson	Present	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
David Arnold	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

Public Comment is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the City Council on items that are not on the City Council Agenda. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action on non-agenda items. In some situations, City staff may be able to respond to the public comment with a factual statement or clarification. City Council may request that the item be placed on a future agenda at which time the Council may deliberate and/or act.

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council. Mr. Lonnie Shivers addressed Council stating that he had provided assistance to a resident whose utility bill was in arrears and requested that Council review the service fees for disconnection.

City Manager Gary Broz reported that there are Council Work Sessions scheduled for July 11 - 13, 2012 in regard to the upcoming Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Resolution 2012-6

Canvass Returns of the City of Liberty General Election Held on May 12, 2012 and Take Action on Resolution for Same.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Canvass of the May 12, 2012 General Election results were as follows:

Carl Pickett -	Mayor	405
Louie Potetz	Council Member	306
Gary "Skeet" Raggio	Council Member	184
Frank M. Jordan	Council Member	239
David W. Arnold	Council Member	360

A motion was made to approve the Resolution canvassing the election and declaring the following individuals elected to office:

Carl Pickett

Louie Potetz

Frank M. Jordan

David W. Arnold

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Beasley, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson

2. Information Item (ID # 2395)

Oath of Office to be Issued to Newly Elected Officials.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Municipal Court Judge Bobby Rader issued the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials. Councilperson McCarty stepped down as the newly elected officials took their places at the Council table.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Oath of Office Form (DOC)

3. Council Action 2012-44

Elect a Mayor Pro Tem.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett opened nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem, stating that outgoing Council Member Mike McCarty has served as Mayor Pro Tem for eight years. After offering appreciation for Councilperson McCarty's service, the following nominations were made:

Councilperson Simonson nominated Councilperson Huddleston for Mayor Pro Tem and Councilperson Beasley expressed his interest in serving in that position also. Nominations were closed. After a vote, by a show of hands, the result was as follows:

Councilperson Huddleston - 5

Councilperson Beasley - 2

Councilperson Huddleston will serve as the Mayor Pro Tem and perform all duties of the Mayor in his absence or disability.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED BY SHOW OF HANDS**

4. Council Action 2012-45

Consider and Take Action, If Any, on Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Individuals are appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission on or after May 1 of each year. This Commission is comprised of five members who are appointed to serve three-year terms. Those members whose terms expire are Bill Takach and Kim Anderson. Both of these individuals are willing to serve again, if reappointed.

Motion was made to reappoint Bill Takach and Kim Anderson to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold

5. Council Action 2012-46

Consider and Take Action, If Any, on Filling the Vacancy Created by Councilperson McCarty's Resignation from the Liberty Community Development Corporation Board of Directors.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Prior to this meeting, Mike McCarty whose Council term has expired, resigned his Council position as a member of the Liberty Community Development Corporation. This leaves a vacancy of one year on an unexpired term on the LCDC Board of Directors.

Mayor Pickett opened nominations. Councilperson Beasley nominated Councilperson Jordan and Councilperson Potetz nominated newly elected Councilperson Arnold. Nominations were closed.

After a vote, by a show of hands, the result was as follows:

Councilperson Jordan- 2

Councilperson Arnold - 5

Councilperson Arnold will serve as a Councilperson on the LCDC Board of Directors for the unexpired term of one year.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED BY SHOW OF HANDS**

6. Council Action 2012-47

Consider and Take Action, If Any on Appointments to the Liberty Community Development Corporation Board of Directors.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Liberty Community Development Corporation Board of Directors is comprised of seven members who serve two-year terms. Four of the seven members shall be persons who are not employees, officers of the City, or members of City Council. Those members whose terms expire are Councilperson Beasley, Councilperson Potetz, Barbara Norwood, and Billy Page. All are willing to serve again, however, Mr. Page is unavailable for appointment.

Councilperson Beasley nominated Mike McCarty to serve as a citizen member on the LCDC Board. Councilperson Simonson made a motion to appoint, by acclimation, those board members that are willing to serve again, and Mike McCarty to the LCDC Board of Directors. The following newly appointed Board Members will serve a two-year term:

Councilperson Beasely, Councilperson Potetz, Barbara Norwood, and Mike McCarty.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold

7. Council Action 2012-48

Consider and Take Action, If Any, on Providing Assistance to the Liberty County Project on Aging/Liberty Senior Activity Center.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that at the previous Council Meeting, discussion was held regarding the financial difficulties of the Liberty County Project on Aging. Mr. Broz continued that he was instructed to investigate solutions for sustainability. Meetings have been held with the local Ministerial Alliance and the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Mr. Broz proposed that the main priority is to see that homebound seniors continue to receive meals. Mr. Broz has visited with Valley Foods, Houston, Tx, regarding obtaining nutritional meals, volunteers to deliver these meals, and has met with representatives from various entities (hospital, school, churches) regarding the heating of these frozen meals in their kitchens.

Mr. Broz remarked that his proposal is to feed the homebound for a period of 90 days, use City Staff to handle the paperwork as in-kind, expending no cash funds, reorganize the Center's Board, outsource the bookkeeping, and locate additional volunteers and funds for gas. Mr. Broz stated that the Senior Citizen Center will close on May 31. He is working on a short-term solution but would like to help find a long-term solution in order for the seniors to have a new facility in which to gather for meals and socialize.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made that in order to comply with the Houston-Galveston Area Council requirements that the City provide matching funds, that those matching funds be in the form of administrative work being provided by City employees for a period of 90 days.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold

8. Council Action 2012-49

Consider and Take Action, If Any, on Compensation to the Election Officials for the May 12, 2012 General Election.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to approve payment to the election workers for the May 12, 2012 General Election, in the amount of $1117.50.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary