



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Tuesday, September 2, 2014

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Absent	
Diane Huddleston	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	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 regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action during Citizen's comments for 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 Pro Tem Huddleston 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 that the next meeting of the City Council would be held on Tuesday, September 9th, in which the budget and tax rate would be adopted.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Information Item (ID # 3084)

Presentation of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Planning Project #712054 - City of Liberty Comprehensive Plan.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. J. Rice, Public Management, Inc, presented to Council the City's 2014-2035 Comprehensive Plan, a Texas Community Development Block Grant Planning Project. Mr. Rice, at a previous Council Meeting, reviewed portions of the Plan that included mapping, housing, population, land

use, and economic development. This presentation is a continuation of the review of the Plan to include the following topics:

- 1) Thoroughfare System
- 2) Water System
- 3) Wastewater System
- 4) Storm Drainage
- 5) Recreation and Open Space
- 6) Capital Improvements Program

Mr. Rice reviewed each of these issues in detail, discussing the goals and objectives for each. Mr. Rice concluded by reiterating that this Plan gives the City a guide for making decisions in the future development of the community.

Prior to the conclusion of this discussion, Councilperson Simonson took leave of the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

2. Resolution 2014-11

Consider a Resolution approving acceptance of the City of Liberty 2014-2035 Comprehensive Plan, as prepared through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Planning Project #712054.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made to approve the Resolution accepting the City's 2014-2035 Comprehensive Plan.

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

3. Public Hearing (ID # 3086)

Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston opened the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for FY 2014-2015. Finance Director Naomi Herrington stated that the effective tax rate is \$0.5669 and the rollback rate is \$0.5922. However, management is proposing the same \$0.5900 which has been the tax rate for the past six years. The proposed rate of \$0.5900 will increase the City's budget an additional \$143,000. This is the second of the two required public hearings on the tax rate.

With no comments from the audience, Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston closed the Public Hearing on the tax rate at 7:01 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary