



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

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Tuesday, August 2, 2016

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson	Present	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Present	
Paul Glazener	Councilperson	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Brandon Davis	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 Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council. Mr. Bill Killian, LT's Garbage Service, thanked Council for the opportunity to respond to the City's Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services.

City Manager Gary Broz reported on a handout regarding wastewater flow meter readings for the cities of Ames and Hardin.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Resolution 2016-4

Consider a Resolution declaring the intention of the City of Liberty to annex certain territory described as .55 square miles beginning at the intersection of the south line of the existing city limits of the City of Liberty and the Trinity River having coordinates of N:10004359.04, E:4042761.36; setting the dates, times and places for two public hearings; providing for publication of notices of public hearings; and directing preparation of a Municipal Service Plan for the proposed territory.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Art Pertile, Olson & Olson, LLP, was present to address Council regarding the City's proposed annexation of property along the Trinity River. Mr. Pertile described the annexation (Phase 1) being described as .55 square miles beginning at the intersection of the South Line of the existing city limits of the City of Liberty and the Trinity River, having coordinates of N:10004359.04, E:4042761.36. The whole complete annexation process will consist of one mile increments and 7 total phases. Mr. Pertile reviewed the resolution declaring intent, written notice sent to property owners, owners ability to keep agriculture exemptions, and other related topics.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made to approve the Resolution declaring the City's intent to annex property as described above, along the Trinity River.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution Exhibit A (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Glazener
NAYS:	Louie Potetz

IV. WORK SESSION**1. Work Session (ID # 3574)**

Discussion of the City of Liberty's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget to include, but not limited to, the following topics:

- increasing property taxes by 3¢, from the current \$0.5900 to \$0.6200, with each 1¢ equaling approximately \$50,000 in additional tax revenue,
- rollback and effective tax rates,
- 1.5% employee salary increase,
- health insurance costs up 4%,
- increasing water and wastewater rates,
- various funds and fund balances, and

- other related issues.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary