



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

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Tuesday, August 30, 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	

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. There were no comments from the audience.

Council Member Simonson welcomed Council Member Beasley back to his first meeting after recent surgery.

City Manager Gary Broz reported that Travis Street, from Holly to Edgewood, was closed for sewer repairs. Mr. Broz further commented on several other water/sewer line repair issues.

Mayor Pickett reported that the City Offices would be closed on Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day Holiday. Mayor Pickett also expressed his appreciation for City Hall Custodian Maria Olmos for her dedication and diligence to her work.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

There were no presentations and reports.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Public Hearing (ID # 3603)

Public Hearing on the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:11 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the second of two public hearings on the proposed tax rate. Mr. Broz reported at the previous Council Meeting, the decision was made to transfer \$50,000 to the General Fund, from the Solid Waste Fund, in order to lower the proposed tax rate of \$0.6200 to \$0.6100. Mr. Broz stated that this would provide for a balanced budget.

After brief discussion, Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m.

2. Council Action 2016-76

Consider an expenditure for relocation of a waterline on Neyland Street, at the WCID #5 ditch, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Tom Warner, Public Works Director, reported on a proposed expenditure for the relocation of a waterline between Layl Drive and East Street. The WCID #5 made improvements to the ditch and moved the centerline to the west, causing the waterline to be exposed. It is now necessary to relocate the waterline 200 feet in both directions and 2 feet deeper. The cost of moving the line is \$15,200 and installation of two cut off valves, in order to minimize interruption in water service is \$15, 804.

A motion was made to relocate the waterline and install two valves for a total cost of \$31,004.74, to include dialogue with the WCID #5 regarding reimbursement for this work.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold, Glazener

3. Council Action 2016-77

Presentation by O'Malley Strand Associates, Inc. Regarding Texas Water Development Board Water Projects, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

William Huebner and Craig Kankel, Strand Associates, were present to address Council regarding the City's proposed water projects to be funded through a Texas Water Development Board Loan. Mr. Huebner stated that the various projects were numerous and would be better served by a Phase I and Phase II approach. The main goal being the creation of two pressure planes in the City, as the north end of town has a higher elevation than the south end of town.

Mr. Huebner reported that Phase I includes a new water plant made up of the following: water well, ground storage tank, booster pump station and elevated tank. Phase I will also include installing new valves on existing lines and installing new water lines to improve pressure in the upper pressure plane. All of these improvements will assist in keeping up with demand and plans for future use. Total cost is approximately \$8 million.

Phase II includes replacing the existing booster pump station at the North Water Plant, rehabilitation of the existing ground storage tank at the North Plant, and replacing undersized water lines with new 6" and 8" water lines. Approximate cost is \$3.5 million. At some point in time, there will be a Phase III to complete necessary improvements to remaining water lines.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the Phase I construction schedule and related issues. The project is to be let for bid in October 2017, with completion of Phase I construction in December 31, 2018.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary