The City of Liberty
City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Dianne Tidwell
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Tuesday, November 15, 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. There were no comments from the audience.

Fire Chief Brian Hurst reported on the Fire Department Annual Fundraiser, the “Turkey Fry” which will begin November 22nd.

Mayor Pickett reported on the following:

- Country Christmas Event - November 29
- Thanked employees Maria Olmos and Cathy Miller - City Hall Display Case decorations
- Rotary Chili Cook-off - December 3

- Thanked Liberty Women's Club for Trash Clean Up Project - November 15
- City Manager presented program at Rotary Club Luncheon today.

City Manager Broz reminded Council of the special called meeting to be held on November 18 at Noon regarding a public hearing on proposed annexation.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2016-109

Consider a request from the Liberty Independent School District for assistance with new electrical service at Liberty High School, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lengthy discussion was held with representatives of the Liberty Independent School District regarding new electric service at the High School, to include primary metering at the pole. Discussed was the City purchasing all required material, equipment, transformers and providing installation to complete this project. In turn, LISD will reimburse the City for all funds expended for a total cost of approximately $50,000.

A motion was made to approve the project as discussed.

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

2. Public Hearing (ID # 3657)

Public Hearing on the proposed annexation of .67 square miles beginning in the Easterly Line of the Maynard Properties Tract recorded in Volume 1819 Page 079, Official Public Records, Liberty County, Texas, Having coordinates of N:9999194.88, E:4045649.68.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:11 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on Phase II of proposed annexation by the City of Liberty. Mr. Art Pertile, Olson & Olson LLP was present to expound upon the proposed Phase II annexation of .67 square miles of property. However, Mr. Pertile explained that the revised annexation now includes a total of six (6) properties and .42 square miles. Five (5) of these are ag exempt properties. Mr. Pertile reviewed the properties, service plan, notices, petitions and agreements for annexation. This was the first of two public hearings on the proposed Phase II annexation.

At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Public Hearing Notices (DOC)

3. Council Action 2016-110

Consider extending the term of the Airport Advisory Board, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell informed the Council that the authority of the Airport Advisory Board will cease December 31, 2016. Ms. Tidwell reviewed the Board's mission and if the Board is not disbanded, members will be appointed at the December Council Meeting.

After brief discussion, a motion was made to extend the term of the Airport Advisory Board until December 31, 2019.

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

4. Council Action 2016-111

Consider extending the term of the Community Development Advisory Board, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell informed the Council that the authority of the Community Development Advisory Board will cease December 31, 2016. Ms. Tidwell reviewed the Board's mission and if the Board is not disbanded, members will be appointed at the December Council Meeting.

After brief discussion, a motion was made to extend the term of the Community Development Advisory Board until December 31, 2019.

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

5. Work Session (ID # 3661)

Discussion of current and proposed future City projects, needs and finance issues.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the $14 million in total funds received by the City from the Cambridge Project; reviewing the expended funds and plans for the remaining unexpended funds. Mr. Broz also recommended the investment of $14 million in 6, 9 and 12 month insured Certificates of Deposit. Those funds are proposed to be compiled from the following:

$7,000,000 - Certificates of Obligation (Wastewater Projects)

$4,000,000 - Cambridge - Unrestricted Funds

$2,000,000 - Cambridge (new funds received) - Library Improvements

$1,000,000 - Cambridge (from previous $2.5 received)

Mr. Broz continued by reviewing a list of impending issues that need to be addressed:

- Police/Fire radios
- Splash Pad
- Animal Shelter Upgrade
- Backhoe - Water Dept.
- City Hall Upgrade
- Ambulance

These topics were discussed in detail for an approximate cost of $900,000. Other subjects discussed were solid waste issues and code enforcement.

6. Council Action 2016-112

Consider funding various City projects and needs, as discussed in the Work Session.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made by Councilperson Glazener, seconded by Councilperson Simonson to approve the investment of $14 million in 6, 9 and 12 month insured Certificates of Deposit as discussed in the Work Session. Councilperson Huddleston abstained. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was also made by Councilperson Glazener, seconded by Councilperson Beasley to move forward with the purchase of a backhoe, ambulance and Police/Fire radios from the needs list discussed and to return to Council with firm numbers on the City Hall, Animal Shelter and Splash Pad upgrades. The motion passed 7-0.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Paul Glazener, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold, Glazener
ABSTAIN:	Diane Huddleston

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary