



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

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Tuesday, August 29, 2017

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	Late	6:20 PM
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Present	
Paul Glazener	Councilperson	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	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.

City Manager Gary Broz gave an update of current activities as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Information Item (ID # 3908)

Liberty County CAD - Appraisal Review Board

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz informed the Council of the upcoming nominations to the Liberty

County CAD Appraisal Review Board. Nominations are due by September 21, 2017.

2. Information Item (ID # 3909)

Liberty County CAD - Agricultural Advisory Board

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on upcoming nominations to the Liberty County CAD Agricultural Advisory Board. These nominations are due by September 21, 2017.

Mr. Broz also reported on nominations to the Liberty County CAD Board of Directors. Submissions are due by October 15, 2017.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Public Hearing (ID # 3910)

Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:22 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the second of two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Brief discussion was held regarding the proposed tax rate of \$0.0061 per \$100 valuation.

At 6:24 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing.

2. Council Action 2017-87

Consider amending the existing Order of Abatement for the structure located at 124 Ohio, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Works Director Tom Warner reported on the proposed modification of an Order of Abatement for 124 Ohio Street, under which the structure had previously been declared a nuisance the abatement ordered. Prior to receiving bids for demolition, the City was informed that the property had been sold and the new owners wished to repair the structure. After brief discussion, a motion was made to give the new owners 60 days to repair the structure, and if not repaired within the allotted time, the City is authorized the secure the demolition.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Abatement-124 Ohio (DOCX)
- Ohio Street Letter (PDF)

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

3. Council Action 2017-88

Consider amending the existing Order of Abatement for the structure located at 419 Austin, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Works Director Tom Warner reported on the proposed modification of an Order of Abatement for 419 Austin Street, in which the structure had previously been declared a nuisance and the abatement ordered. The structure was not demolished in the prescribed 30 days as specified in the Order, however prior to the City receiving bids for demolition, Mr. Matt Harris informed the City he was in the process of purchasing the property. After brief discussion, a motion was made that Mr. Harris be given 30 days to purchase the property, and given an additional 30 days to demolish the structure, or the City is authorized to secure the demolition.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Amending Abatement-419 Austin and Austin & Trinity (DOCX)

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

4. Council Action 2017-89

Consider amending the existing Order of Abatement for the structure located at Austin and Trinity, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Works Director Tom Warner reported on the proposed modification of an Order of Abatement for a structure located on property at Austin and Trinity Streets, in which the structure had previously been declared a nuisance and the abatement ordered. The structure was not demolished in the prescribed 30 days as specified in the Order, however prior to the City receiving bids for demolition, Mr. Matt Harris informed the City he was in the process of purchasing the property. After brief discussion, a motion was made that Mr. Harris be given 30 days to purchase the property, and given an additional 30 days to demolish the structure, or the City is authorized to secure the demolition.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Amending Abatement-419 Austin and Austin & Trinity (DOCX)

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Potetz, Simonson, Glazener
ABSTAIN:	David Arnold

5. Ordinance 2017-14

Consider adoption of an Ordinance amending the Master Fee Schedule to include fees associated with the installation of network nodes and node support poles.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to adopt the Ordinance as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

- MASTER FEE SCHEDULE-FINAL 8-29-2017 - Network Nodes (PDF)

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary