



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

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Tuesday, January 23, 2018

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	
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 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.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Information Item (ID # 4013)

Project Updates - City Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on various City projects, the recent inclement weather and that the City's Annual Audit would be presented at the February 13, 2018 Council Meeting.

2. Information Item (ID # 4014)

Financial Report - Dec 2017 - Fin. Dir. N. Herrington

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Finance Director Naomi Herrington reported on the City's financials ending December 31, 2017. Ms Herrington reported on the various funds, the cash in bank amount for each fund and other related information. Ms. Herrington stated that sales tax collections are in line with budgeted amounts and that property tax revenue is 15-20 percent below the collected amount this same time last year.

3. Information Item (ID # 4015)

FEMA Update - Pub. Works Dir. T. Warner

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Works Director Tom Warner reported on FEMA submittals as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Mr. Warner reviewed the various categories and submitted amounts. Current submittal amount is \$924,482.55. Mr. Warner further detailed the current work in progress and related costs.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA**A. Regular Session****1. Council Action 2018-3**

Consider ratifying the Liberty Community Development Corporation's action regarding approval of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Water Control District #5 for the Natural Resources Conservation Service Joint Levee Project, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager gave a powerpoint presentation of the WCID/NRCS Project for repairs near Pump Station A. Public Works Director Tom Warner presented, in detail, a breakdown of the total cost, reflecting the federal and local funding amounts. Total project cost is \$3,175,806.00. The City of Liberty's portion of the cost is \$283,311.87.

A motion was made to accept the amended Interlocal Agreement with Water Control Improvement District #5.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Amended Agreement-NRCS Grant (PDF)
- Repairs-FEMA Project-NRCS Project (PDF)

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

2. Resolution 2018-1

Consider approval of a Resolution in support of Park Forest Housing, LTD for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Park Forest Apartments and its application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2018 Housing Tax Credits.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Jim Washburn and Mr. Devon Baker, Park Forest Housing, LTD were present to address the Council regarding the rehabilitation of the Park Forest Apartments on Cook Road. Mr. Washburn relayed that the Housing Tax Credit process assists with the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of affordable housing. Investors make application for the funds and must show community support as part of the process. Mr. Washburn reported on the upgrades to be made to the housing units should their application be approved.

After further discussion, a motion was made to approve a Resolution in support of Park Forest Housing, LTD for its application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2018 Housing Tax Credits.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution-Park Forest (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	David Arnold, Councilperson
AYES:	Huddleston, Beasley, Potetz, Arnold, Glazener
NAYS:	Libby Simonson
ABSENT:	Carl Pickett

3. Council Action 2018-4

Consider approval of the purchase of a new vehicle for the Street Department, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on two quotes received for a new Street Department vehicle. After review and discussion of the quotes from BJ Ford and Liberty-Dayton Chrysler, a motion was made to approve the purchase of a Dodge 4-Door Crew Cab, less Uconnect, from Liberty-Dayton Chrysler in the amount of \$24,955.00.

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

4. Council Action 2018-5

Consider approval of payment of invoices from Water Control Improvement District #5 for Joint Levee Project repairs, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Works Director Tom Warner reported on FEMA DR 4269 in regard to the May 2016 flood and washout of the free flow flaps at Main "A". FEMA reimbursed the maximum

amount of 75% to WCID #5. WCID has requested that the City pay the remaining 25%, or \$29,450.00, as the work was done on the City's levee.

During the October 2016 Flood, FEMA DR 4272, City employees were assigned to monitor pump operations or "levee watch" at Main A and Main B. The cost to provide the levee watch was \$5,622.99. The City invoiced WCID #5 the FEMA 75% share or \$4,217.24. These funds are owed to the City by WCID #5.

A motion was made to approve payment to WCID #5, which will result in a net amount of \$25,200.00 for the City's share.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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Diane Huddleston, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary