



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

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Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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.

Mayor Pickett thanked the City Staff for their dedication and hard work on the 33rd Annual Liberty Jubilee. City Manager Gary Broz reported on a new sinkhole at the intersection of Travis and Edgewood Street.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Public Hearing (ID # 4063)

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF .27 SQUARE MILES BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 2017 ANNEXATION TRACT 7, SAME BEING A POINT IN EAST LINE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TRACT RECORDED IN VOLUME 670 PAGE 327, DEED RECORDS, LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS, HAVING COORDINATES OF N:9975374.24, E:4074719.99.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:02 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the second, of two, Public Hearings on the proposed Phase 8 Annexation. Art Pertile, Olson & Olson, LLP was present to report on recent annexations, the only property involved in this annexation being the USA Department of Interior, and reviewed a map of the previous annexed properties and the one property relative to this public hearing. After brief discussion, Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Public Notice-Phase 8 (DOC)

2. Council Action 2018-23

Discussion of Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency activities, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett reported that the SRMPA Board of Directors held a meeting on March 20, 2018, and as a result of that meeting, an Executive Session was held regarding an ongoing matter with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC); this matter relating indirectly to the SRMPA Cambridge Project. Mayor Pickett stated that there was a March 23rd deadline, set by the LPSC, in which those parties involved were to offer comments to a consultant's report concerning this matter. Mayor Pickett stated that there is an effort, by the Vinton Public Power Authority, to undermine the Cambridge Project. However, the SRMPA Board's objective is to keep the Project intact. The Cambridge Project provides revenues to the participating cities of Liberty, Jasper and Livingston, from wholesale power contracts.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

3. Council Action 2018-24

Discussion of the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency electric buydown, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that after the Annual SRMPA Audit, with adequate funds to cover its debt service, the Agency, as done in previous years, will refund excess revenues to the three participating cities of Liberty, Jasper and Livingston. In 2018, the City of Liberty received \$561,550. After discussion of this issue, a motion was made to place the \$561,550 into the City's electric revenue fund, therefore keeping the rates consistent for the City of Liberty electric service customers.

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

4. Council Action 2018-25

Discussion, and possible adoption, of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Works Director Tom Warner reported on the proposed adoption of the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Warner stated that this code provides guidelines and enforceable regulations that govern existing structures in disrepair. The Code addresses health and safety concerns, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and fire protection systems, light and ventilation and other topics. Following discussion of this item, City Manager Gary Broz stated that the 2015 IPMC will be brought before Council for possible adoption, in ordinance form, at the next meeting.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN
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5. Information Item (ID # 4067)

Discussion and recap of the 2018 Annual Liberty Jubilee.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz presented a recap of the recent 33rd Annual Liberty Jubilee. Mr. Broz reported on booth space numbers, to include food, arts & crafts, and public awareness. Also discussed were the street dance attendance, children's activities, fun run, and possibly changing the date of the event so as not to conflict with other activities in the area. Also discussed was a proposed committee to rebrand/relaunch the annual festival, to receive community feedback, and proposal of new ideas.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary