



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

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City Secretary
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Tuesday, April 17, 2018

12:00 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.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Ordinance 2018-5

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS ANNEXING A 0.27 SQUARE MILES TRACT OF LAND, PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN TERRITORY IDENTIFIED BY LIBERTY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT RECORDS AS PROPERTY ID #19341;

PROVIDING THAT ANNEXED TERRITORY BEARS PRO RATA PART OF TAXES; ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTIES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT ALL ORDINANCES BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Ordinance into the record as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS ANNEXING A 0.27 SQUARE MILES TRACT OF LAND, PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN TERRITORY IDENTIFIED BY LIBERTY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT RECORDS AS PROPERTY ID #19341; PROVIDING THAT ANNEXED TERRITORY BEARS PRO RATA PART OF TAXES; ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTIES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT ALL ORDINANCES BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS."

Mr. Art Pertile, Olson & Olson, LLP was present to discuss the annexation process and Phase 8 property, being USA Department of Interior consisting of 0.27 square miles. A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Paul Glazener, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Glazener
NAYS:	Louie Potetz

2. Ordinance 2018-6

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS ("CENTERPOINT" OR "COMPANY") COMPANY'S GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ("GRIP") FILING MADE WITH THE CITY ON MARCH 29, 2018; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Ordinance into the record as follows:

"ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS ("CENTERPOINT" OR "COMPANY") COMPANY'S GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ("GRIP") FILING MADE WITH THE CITY ON MARCH 29, 2018; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE

REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS."

City Manager Gary Broz reported that this ordinance suspends the proposed new gas rates until July 11, 2018. A motion was made to adopt the ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CenterPoint Ord Letter - Lawton Law Firm (PDF)

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

3. Ordinance 2018-7

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE 5, REGULATING FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Ordinance into the record as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE 5, REGULATING FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS."

City Manager Gary Broz and Fire Chief Brian Hurst reported on the proposed ordinance which regulates burning within the City of Liberty. A motion was made to adopt the ordinance, as presented.

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

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary