



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

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Tuesday, July 31, 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	6:06 PM
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Absent	
Paul Glazener	Councilperson	Present	
Chipper Smith	Councilperson	Present	
Larry Shaw	Interim City Manager	Present	
April Gilliland	Adm. Asst.	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.

Mr. Don Gill addressed Council regarding road maintenance and access to River Bend Road. Mr. Gill was directed to speak with Staff for possible resolution of his concerns.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Information Item (ID # 4179)

Mayor, Council and Staff Comments

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Interim City Manager Larry Shaw reported on numerous City related issues/activities to include:

- Project budget for current levee rehab

- Electric and water rate study
- Purchase of payroll software
- Contract with Roy Trotter to serve as consultant for electric issues (30-60 days)
- Funds owed to Country Club for recent draw on golf cart rentals
- Electrical issues at the Library
- Other City related topics

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Information Item (ID # 4180)

Discussion of the City's Code of Ordinances with respect to Recreational Vehicle occupancy, storage, designated areas, and other related issues.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Interim City Manager Larry Shaw spoke to the City's current Recreational Vehicle Ordinance and possible revision of this document in order to become more enforceable. Public Works Director Tom Warner showed a powerpoint presentation of various RV's and their location, along with discussion of associated matters to consider:

- RV connections to which utilities?
- RV used as an office or business?
- Enforcement Issues related to individual RVs and RV Parks?
- Definition of an occupied RV?
- Exceptions to temporary occupancy?
- RV located on property during construction of a residence?
- RV storage in front of property?
- Health and Safety Issues?

Further discussion included review of the map of the current No Manufactured Home Zone and the No Recreational Vehicle Zone, making these two maps mirror each other for uncomplicated enforcement, and numerous other related issues.

2. Information Item (ID # 4181)

Review and discussion of a proposed new purchasing policy.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This agenda item was passed on, for discussion at a future meeting.

3. Ordinance 2018-17

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS REGULATING THE SPEED ON STATE MAINTAINED HIGHWAY 146N IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY, LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH 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:

Public Works Director Tom Warner reported that TxDOT had conducted a traffic study on SH 146 from Loop 227 (bypass) to the northern City Limits. Mr. Warner further stated that there had been numerous accidents on this section of the highway, including a fatality. Based on the traffic study, and TxDOT's recommendation, the City proposes to adopt an ordinance changing the speed limit to 50 mph from MP 27.581 to MP 29.647 (City's North Water Well to Mizell Road) and extending the 45 mph speed zone from MP 29.647 (Mizell Road to the Bypass) to MP 29.987.

After further discussion, a motion was made to adopt the Ordinance as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agenda Form - Speed Limits-SH 146N (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Carl Pickett, Mayor
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Glazener, Smith
ABSENT:	David Arnold

B. Executive Session

Gov. Code §551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

1. Discussion of the purchase of real property.

Gov. Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.

2. Discussion related to the City Manager Search.

Gov. Code §551.071 - Private consultation with Attorney

3. Contemplated/Pending Litigation-Discussion of the Humphreys Cultural Center.

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 8:11 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2018-59

Consider and take action, if any, on the purchase of real property, as discussed in the Executive Session.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made to purchase land on the Bypass, at \$0.45 per square foot.

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

2. Council Action 2018-60

Consider and take action, if any, on the City Manager Search, as discussed in the Executive Session.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN
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3. Council Action 2018-61

Consider and take action, if any, on issues related to the Humphreys Cultural Center, as discussed in the Executive Session.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN
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V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary