



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

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Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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	
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Present	
Chipper Smith	Councilperson	Present	
Tom Warner	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. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session (ID # 4415)

Discussion and presentation of the Utility Rate Study by Freese and Nichols, Inc.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The results of a Water, Wastewater, and Electric Rate Study, was presented by Amy Kaarlela, Freese and Nichols. Ms. Kaarlela reviewed general data, including projected population figures and utility connections, financial data, the City's Capital Improvement

Plan and other related information. Ms. Kaarlela addressed proposed rate increases applicable to both water and wastewater, applicable to the base fee and volume charge and all classes of users. The proposed fees are a \$1.30 increase to the monthly base fee and a \$0.20 increase in volume fees each year, beginning FY20 thru FY 26.

Ms. Kaarlela also reported on the Electric Rate Study, on behalf of NewGen Strategies & Solutions. Discussed were current rates, customer class designations, projected revenues, and anticipated changes to purchased power cost structures in FY22. Ms. Kaarlela stated that there is no action recommended regarding electric rates, at this time.

The purpose of the study is to assure that the City's revenues are sufficient to cover expenses and to effect rates that are affordable to the citizens.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Rate Study Presentation (PDF)

B. Executive Session

Gov. Code §551.071 - Consultation with Attorney.

1. Discussion of Contemplated / Pending Litigation - Liberty Municipal Airport.

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session, as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 7:14 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2019-29

Consider and take action, if any, on contemplated / pending litigation, Liberty Municipal Airport, as discussed in the Executive Session.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made to move forward with litigation related to the Liberty Municipal Airport, as presented in the Executive Session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary