



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

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Tuesday, November 19, 2019

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Mayor ProTem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Council Member	Present	
Libby Simonson	Council Member	Present	
David Arnold	Council Member	Present	
Chipper Smith	Council Member	Present	
Neal Thornton	Council Member	Present	
Tom Warner	City Manager	Present	
Chris Jarmon	Asst. City Manager	Present	
Naomi Herrington	Asst. 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. Information Item (ID # 4642)

Presentation, and discussion, of the City's Stormwater System and related issues.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A PowerPoint Presentation was given by City Manager Tom Warner regarding the ownership, maintenance, and responsibilities relating to the stormwater system in the City. Presented was a map and an overview of the entire system. Mr. Warner provided information regarding the levee, pump stations, culverts, detention ponds, drainage studies, and numerous related issues/concerns.

2. Council Action 2019-101

Consider approval of a policy for Rules of Decorum and Procedures for the conduct of City Council Meetings.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Tom Warner reported that recent changes to State Law regarding transparency in government, this policy addresses issues relating to Council Meetings, agenda preparation, Public Comment, placement of items on the agenda and other associated matters.

A motion was made to approve the City Council Agenda Preparation and Meeting Decorum Policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agenda Prep & Meeting Decorum Policy(DOCX)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neal Thornton, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

3. Ordinance 2019-30

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 4.11 REGULATING GAME ROOMS AND AMUSEMENT REDEMPTION MACHINES IN THE CITY; ESTABLISHING 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:

City Manager Tom Warner reported on the Council's recent work session on the City's existing game room ordinance. Discussion was held regarding items not addressed in the current ordinance, including parking space plans, floor plans for machine locations, background checks, and numerous additional issues.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made to adopt the Ordinance.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Arnold, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

4. Ordinance 2019-31

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR ALL RATES AND FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF LIBERTY; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE GAME ROOM LICENSE FEE; PROVIDING THAT ALL RATES OR SCHEDULES OF RATES CONFLICTING HERewith ARE AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; 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:

City Manager Tom Warner stated that with the adoption of the amended game room ordinance, Management and Staff proposes that the annual game room license fee be updated. Mr. Warner proposed an increase in this fee from \$50 to \$750.

Following discussion, a motion was made to adopt the Ordinance, increasing the annual game room license fee.

ATTACHMENTS:

- MFS Change-Game Room License Fee (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Arnold, Council Member
SECONDER:	Chipper Smith, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary