



The City of Liberty City Council

Regular Meeting

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1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
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April Gilliland
City Secretary
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Tuesday, October 26, 2021

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order on October 26, 2021 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston Street, Liberty, Texas at 6:00 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

A.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor Carl Pickett	x			
Mayor Pro Tem Diane Driggers		x		
Council Member Dennis Beasley	x			
Council Member Libby Simonson	x			
Council Member David Arnold	x			
Council Member Chipper Smith	x			
Council Member Neal Thornton	x			

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 individuals wishing to address the council. Mr. Frank Jordan spoke in regards to the Port of Liberty Commission.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

The motion was made by Council Member Beasley to approve all items on the consent agenda and seconded by Council Member Arnold. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Driggers being absent.

A. Resolutions

1. **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, RATIFYING THE LIBERTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S EXPENDITURE OF \$24,000.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AT THE LIBERTY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**

IV. REGULAR AGENDA**A. Regular Session**

1. **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE ELECTRIC SUBSTATIONS, RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND REAL PROPERTY FROM THE SAM RAYBURN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY TO THE CITY OF LIBERTY**

The motion was made by Council Member Thornton to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents to transfer ownership of the electric substations, related infrastructure, and real property from the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency to the City of Liberty. The motion was seconded by Council Member Arnold. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Driggers being absent.

2. **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC RATE STABILIZATION FUND POLICY.**

The motion was made by Council Member Smith to approve the resolution establishing an electric rate stabilization fund policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thornton. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Driggers being absent.

3. **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GDS ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LINE EXTENSION AND CONTRIBUTION IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION POLICY.**

The motion was made by Council Member Arnold to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with GDS Associates, Inc., for the development of a line extension and contribution in aid of construction policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Beasley. The motion passed 6 to 0, with all present members voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Driggers being absent.

B. Executive Session

At 6:26 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above and read aloud.

1. Texas Government Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.

- To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Electrical Supervisor

2. Texas Government Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.

- To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Discussion of appointments to the Port of Liberty Commission

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Consider and Take Action on Electrical Supervisor as discussed in the Executive Session.

No action was taken.

2. Consider and Take Action on the appointments to the Port of Liberty Commission as discussed in the Executive Session.

No action was taken.

V. ADJOURNMENT**A. Motion To: Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary