The City of Liberty
City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Tuesday, January 22, 2019 | **6:30 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 from the audience.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Information Item (ID # 4351)

Presentation to Former Council Member Paul Glazener

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett, on behalf of the City Council, presented a set of engraved bookends and Council name plate, to former Council Member Paul Glazener. Mayor Pickett thanked Mr. Glazener for his service on Council and his dedication to City issues and serving the community.

Mr. Glazener expressed his thanks, stating he enjoyed being a part of the City's governing body in serving the citizens.

2. Information Item (ID # 4352)

City Manager's Report - Projects & Activities - City Mgr. - T. Warner

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Tom Warner reported on various City activities to include:

- Levee breach at Main "B" has been stopped,
- Major leak under driveway at Popeye's,
- Pole fell at FM 3361 - crews placed new poles in several days, not the anticipated two weeks,
- Work to continue at Main "A" when the river levels drop, and
- Report of other City projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

- City Manager's Report January 22 2019 (DOCX)

3. Information Item (ID # 4353)

Finance Report - Finance Director N. Herrington

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Finance Director Naomi Herrington reported on the December, 2018 financials. Ms. Herrington conveyed that tax deposits are being made, General Fund cash in bank is $1.6 million, Boomerang Electric Account balance for capital projects is $750,000.00, and reviewed the status of other funds.

4. Information Item (ID # 4354)

Mayor, Council and Staff Comments

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett reported that Fire Chief Brian Hurst recently presented an informative program on 'Stop the Bleed", at a recent meeting of the Liberty Rotary Club. Mayor Pickett also stated that the Houston-Galveston Area Council will hold a public meeting on the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, on Thursday, January 29 in the Liberty Center from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Resolution 2019-1

Consider approval, upon second reading, of a Resolution approving a Liberty Community Development Corporation grant to PLC Construction.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Attorney Brandon Davis read aloud the entire Resolution regarding a grant to PLC Construction for a sewer line extension to the PLC property; an extension of approximately 3,000 feet. The LCDC will fund $380,00.00 of the total $464,200 of the extension to the southern boundary of PLC's property. PLC will be bear the cost of the extension from the southern boundary to the property's northern boundary for a cost of $84,200.00. Two readings of this document are required by Texas Local Government Code §505.158, prior to an expenditure of more than $10,000 for a Type B Economic Development Corporation project.

This was the second reading of the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PLC Performance Agreement (DOCX)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [5 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith
ABSTAIN:	Diane Huddleston

2. Resolution 2019-2

Consider approval, upon second reading, of a Resolution approving the Liberty Community Development Corporation Levee Repair Project.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Attorney Brandon Davis read aloud the entire Resolution regarding repairs to the Main "B" Levee due to slope failure during Hurricane Harvey, from Bowie Street to the west approximately four hundred (400) feet. The project cost is approximately $193,362.68 to be funded by the Liberty Community Development Corporation (LCDC), which FEMA may reimburse the LCDC for a majority of the cost, with LCDC being only responsible for a 10% match of $31,274.00. Two readings of this document are required by Texas Local Government Code §505.158, prior to an expenditure of more than $10,000 for a Type B Economic Development Corporation project.

This was the second reading of the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the Resolution.

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

3. Resolution 2019-3

Consider approval, upon second reading, of a Resolution approving the Liberty Community Development Corporation's purchase of a tractor and mower for the Park.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Attorney Brandon Davis read aloud the entire Resolution regarding the purchase of a tractor and slope mower for maintenance of drainage ditches at the Liberty Municipal Park(s).

The cost is $155,447.40, with the Street Department contributing $31,717.00 of budgeted funds towards the purchase. The Liberty Community Development Corporation would fund the remaining $123,730.40 for the purchase of this equipment. Two readings of this document are required by Texas Local Government Code §505.158, prior to an expenditure of more than $10,000 for a Type B Economic Development Corporation project.

This was the second reading of the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the Resolution.

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

4. Council Action 2019-8

Consider an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dayton for cooperative governmental functions to include machinery, equipment, materials and related employees when needed.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Tom Warner explained that this agreement would be beneficial to each entity to provide supplementary services to the other by having access to materials, machinery, equipment and related employees. After brief discussion, a motion was made to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Liberty and the City of Dayton.

ATTACHMENTS:

- COD Interlocal with COL (DOCX)

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

5. Council Action 2019-9

Consider the nomination of two (2) individuals to the Liberty County Early Voting Ballot Board for the May 4, 2019 Elections.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Council will consider nominations to the Liberty County Early Voting Ballot Board, with this agenda item being brought before the Council at the next meeting.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

6. Council Action (ID # 4361)

Discussion and possible action, if any, on the Liberty Jubilee.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lengthy discussion was held regarding all aspects of the Liberty Jubilee, to include vendors, entertainment, location, street dance, revenues and expenditures, children's carnival and other related topics.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Jubilee Revenues Expenses January 22 2019 (XLSX)

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary