



The City of Liberty City Council

Regular Meeting

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1829 Sam Houston
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April Gilliland
City Secretary
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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on December 14, 2021 in the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston St., Liberty, Texas at 6:02 p.m. 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. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Omar Cantu, North Main Baptist Church, Liberty, Texas.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge to the American Flag was led by Fire Chief Brain Hurst and the pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Police Chief Gary Martin.

IV. 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.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. City Manager's Report - City Manager Tom Warner - Topics include 2022 Jubilee, 2021 Country Christmas, Employee Appreciation Dinner, Harris County Sheriff's Office Junior Mounted Posse, The Oaks at Magnolia Ridge Restaurant and Electric Projects.

City Manager Tom Warner reported on the following updates:

- 2022 Jubilee
- 2021 Country Christmas
- Employee Appreciation Dinner
- Harris County Sheriff's Office Junior Mounted Posse
- The Oaks at Magnolia Ridge Restaurant
- Electric Projects

B. Finance Report - Assistant City Manager / CFO Naomi Herrington

Assistant City Manager / CFO Naomi Herrington reported on the City's financials as of October 31, 2021.

C. Department Reports

Monthly reports are submitted by all departmentse and are attached to the agenda for the Council's review and any questions the Council may have. The Fire Department and Golf Course monthly report was discussed in detail.

D. Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

Mayor Pickett, President of the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency, stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21, 2021 in Livingston.

E. Mayor, Council and Staff Comments

The 2022 Council Election is scheduled for May 7, 2022 with 4 positions up for election. The positions are mayor and 3 council members. Applications for the place on the ballot can be turned in from January 19 - February 18, 2021. Construction on new water well and tank will go out for bids in the first quarter of 2022. Mayor Pickett thanked all employees for their help with the Christmas Parade and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

VI. 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 Driggers. The motion passed 5 to 0 with all present voting yes and Council members Simonson and Arnold being absent.

A. Minutes Approval

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B. 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 AND APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE FOR A WILDLIFE STUDY AT THE LIBERTY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Executive Session

At 6:42 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

1. Texas Government Code §551.071 - Private Consultation with Attorney
 - To seek advice regarding contemplated litigation - Cities of Ames and Hardin

B. Regular Session

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

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, AWARDED THE TREE TRIMMING CONTRACT TO EASTEX LINE CLEARING, LLC.**

The motion was made by Council Member Driggers to approve the resolution awarding the tree trimming contract to Eastex Line Clearing, LLC and seconded by Council Member Thornton. The motion passed 5 to 0 with all present voting yes and Council members Simonson and Arnold being absent.

C. Work Session

1. Discuss the proposed Mobile Food Vendor ordinance

Assistant City Manager Chris Jarmon started the work session with a PowerPoint presentation going over current procedures and what the new proposed ordinance would clarify. Some of the items to be clarified in the new ordinance are single Mobile Food Trucks vs Food Trucks in Parks or at special events. Permits would be issued annually, with no temporary or monthly permits. Fire Marshall would perform local safety inspections. Utility connections for Mobile Food Trucks vs Food Trucks in Parks or special events.

D. Executive Session

At 8:34 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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.

- Discussion of Electrical Department Supervisor
- Discussion of nominations to the Port of Liberty Commission
- Discussion of nominations to the Liberty Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

E. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

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

The motion was made by Council Member Beasley to nominate Julie Hebert to the Port of Liberty Commissioners Board and seconded by Council Member Thornton. The motion passed 5 to 0 with all present voting yes and Council members Simonson and Arnold being absent.

2. Consider and Take Action on the nominations to the Liberty County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The motion was made by Council Member Driggers to nominate Charles Boles to the Liberty County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and seconded by Council Member Thornton. The motion passed 5 to 0 with all present voting yes and Council members Simonson and Arnold being absent.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary