



The City of Liberty City Council

Joint Work Session

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Thursday, May 6, 2010

6:00 PM

City Hall - Liberty Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on May 6, 2010 at the City Hall - Liberty Center, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 6:00 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Carl Pickett	p	..	..	
Dennis Beasley	p	..	..	
Diane Huddleston	..	p	..	
Mike McCarty	p	..	..	
Al Simonson	..	p	..	
Louie Potetz	..	p	..	
Frank Jordan	p	..	..	

II. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session (ID # 1658)

Discussion of Bids Received for the Demolition of the Old Mercy Hospital Located at 521 Travis Street.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A joint work session was held between the governing bodies of the Liberty City Council, Liberty Independent School District, and Liberty County, regarding the demolition of the old Mercy Hospital located at 521 Travis Street. Mayor Carl Pickett, LISD Supt. Cynthia Lusignolo, and County Judge Phil Fitzgerald were all present, along with various members of their respective governing bodies.

City Manager Gary Broz began the work session by reviewing the bid tabulation for bids opened on April 27th. Mr. Broz reported on the low bid, in the amount of \$97,444 and various related issues including the building being structurally unsafe, asbestos removal costs, transportation of demolished materials to an approved landfill or recycling facility, and seeking direction from those in attendance on how to proceed with respect to the demolition of the subject building being held in trust by Liberty County.

Maris Blair, Delinquent Tax Attorney, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson, was in attendance and addressed the officials in regard to issues such as a title held in trust, tax liability, Sheriff sale with no bids, quitclaim and warranty deeds, condemnation authority, marketability or future resale of the property, current value of the property (.637 acres), and other related topics.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the allocation of cost for the demolition, by the three taxing authorities. Further discussion included Liberty Community Development Corporation's interest in assisting, State fees, getting the property back onto the tax roll, and other related issues. At the conclusion of this discussion, Mr. Broz offered a proposal, subject to the appropriate Boards' approval, that LCDC would fund 50% of the demolition cost, in the amount of \$56,700 and the \$1689 to purchase the property by paying the State fees, if the other two entities in attendance would split the remaining 50%. School Supt. Lusignolo asked that the remaining 50% be split three ways between the LISD, Liberty County and the City of Liberty.

Each entity is to take the information discussed and the proposal for the demolition of the property to their next meeting for action, if any.

Mr. Broz thanked everyone in attendance for their cooperation and participation.

III. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The work session was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary