



MINUTES
LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
January 8, 2008
6:00 p.m.

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Liberty, Texas was held in the Council Room of the City Administration Building. The following members were present:

Carl Pickett	Mayor
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson
Diane Huddleston	Councilperson
Mike McCarty	Councilperson
Charles McGuire	Councilperson
Louie Potetz	Councilperson

Absent: Councilperson Simonson.

Administrative personnel present: Ron Wood, City Manager; Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary; Randy Gunter, City Attorney.

Others present in the Council Chambers: Naomi Herrington, Finance Director; Candy Parker, Inspection Dept.; Robbie Hood, Code Enforcement Officer; Amy Fowler, The Vindicator; Ryan Wessels, Kimley-Horn & Associates; Kevin Ladd.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum of the councilpersons present, the Regular Meeting of the Liberty City Council was called to order by Mayor Pickett at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, in the Council Chambers of the Liberty City Hall.

2. **INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilperson Beasley gave the Invocation and Robbie Hood led the pledge to the American and Texas flags.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council regarding non-agenda items. There was no public comment.

4. **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

4.1 **Miscellaneous Correspondence.** None.

5. **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

5.1 Mayor Pickett reported on the TML Region XVI Quarterly Meeting to be hosted by the City of Liberty on Thursday, January 17, 2008.

5.2 Councilperson Huddleston reported on the progress of working toward a permanent recycling drop-off facility.

City Manager Ron Wood brought Council's attention to a new version of the financial report.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**6.1 **Approval of Minutes – Regular Called Meeting of December 11, 2007 and the Special Called Meeting of December 17, 2007.**

A motion was made by Councilperson McCarty, seconded by Councilperson Beasley to approve the above-mentioned minutes, with the wording changes as noted. The motion passed 6-0.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA**7.1 **Consider and take action on a Short Form final Plat of the Hwy. 146 Enterprise.**

Candy Parker, Inspection Dept., reported the above-mentioned plat is presented under the short form process as the subdivision is already in existence. The proposed plat provides Murphy USA with its own metes and bounds; which differentiates it from the larger tract that accommodates the Wal-Mart structure. This plat was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission on January 3, 2008. A motion was made by Councilperson McCarty, seconded by Councilperson Beasley to approve the plat as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

7.2 **Council Workshop – Discussion on code enforcement and related issues.**

City Manager Ron Wood introduced new Code Enforcement Officer Robbie Hood and stated this workshop was to gather information from Council regarding their goals and objectives for this newly created position. Discussion entailed dangerous and dilapidated buildings, high grass and weeds, junk vehicles, public education, citizen involvement, neighborhood watch programs, and other related issues.

7.3 **Council Meal.**

Council shared an evening meal.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary