



The City of Liberty City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

1829 Sam Houston
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Dianne Tidwell
City Secretary
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Tuesday, October 14, 2008

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on October 14, 2008 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 6:08 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

II. INVOCATION

Shelley Benoit, Liberty High School Senior

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Julie Birdwell, Liberty High School Senior

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

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

IV. ITEMS OF INTEREST

A. *Miscellaneous Communication*

1. Information Item 2008-50

Liberty County Central Appraisal District - Appraisal Review Board

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell reported that the Central Appraisal District is requesting a nomination from each taxing unit from their respective county precinct to the Appraisal Review Board. The current Precinct 1 representative is Bob Walker. This item was for informational purposes only to allow the council proper notice of the upcoming nomination. This item will be placed on the November agenda.

2. Information Item 2008-51

Liberty County Central Appraisal District - Agricultural Advisory Board

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell reported that the Central Appraisal District is requesting a nomination from each taxing unit from their respective county precinct to the Agricultural Advisory Board. The current Precinct 1 representative is Frederick Freeman. This item was for informational purposes only to allow the council proper notice of the upcoming nomination. This item will be placed on the November agenda.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Information Item 2008-52

Comcast Cable - Craig D'Agostini, Director of Gov. Relations**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Mr. Craig D'Agostini, Director of Governmental Relations for Comcast Cable was present to report on the company's activities since Hurricane Ike. Mr. D'Agostini assured Council that Comcast had taken every step possible to ensure the restoration of cable services to its customers. Mr. D'Agostini's report included information regarding tripling the number of service calls made, use of over 800 additional personnel with restoration experience, and other related topics. Mr. D'Agostini listened to Council's comments regarding various problems with the cable service within the City, including poor customer service, long wait time on the telephone, and no-show at appointment times. Mr. D'Agostini stated that he would make every effort to remedy the issues presented to him.

2. Information Item 2008-53**Hurricane Ike DVD - Bruce Stratton****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Local attorney C. Bruce Stratton presented to Council a DVD that he made of the aftermath of Hurricane Ike and activities during the restoration process. After viewing of the DVD, Council thanked Mr. Stratton for his time and effort.

3. Information Item 2008-54**Hurricane Ike Update****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

A status report of Hurricane Ike recovery activities was given by several of the city's department heads. Discussed was the kick-off meeting with FEMA for funds recovery, debris cleanup, traffic control and street signs, and other related recovery efforts. Mayor Pickett expressed the Council's appreciation to employees and vendors for their efforts on a job well done.

4. Information Item 2008-55**Recycling Report - Councilperson Huddleston****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Councilperson Huddleston reported that the scheduled Tire Recycling Day was recently cancelled due to Hurricane Ike. Ms. Huddleston also reported that a tentative date of November 15th has been set for a "Shred-It Day" for the public to shred their personal documents.

5. Information Item 2008-56**Financial Report****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Mayor Pickett reported due to work involved with the hurricane, Finance Director Naomi Herrington has not had time to devote to the finance report, but that it would be delivered in the near future.

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.

A. Minutes Approval

The Council did not have their computers in use at this meeting, October 14, 2008, however each set of minutes were previously available to the council members and had been reviewed prior to the meeting.

1. Tuesday, September 09, 2008

2. Friday, September 19, 2008
3. Tuesday, September 30, 2008

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Information Item 2008-57

Discussion of Various Issues Relating to the Manufactured Home Ordinance.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A lengthy discussion was held regarding various issues relating to the city's manufactured home ordinance. Discussion centered on the previous moratorium prohibiting manufactured homes to be placed in flood hazard areas, specifically the South Liberty Oilfield and the Trinity River area at Hwy. 90. Topics of discussion included the no-manufactured home zone, flood hazard areas, and the Flood Insurance Rate Map. Mayor Pickett requested that an amendment to the manufactured home ordinance be presented to address expanding the no-manufactured home zone areas.

Further discussion also included temporary FEMA housing, the Twin Oaks Subdivision, and related property drainage issues.

VIII. COUNCIL MEAL

The Council shared an evening meal.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, McCarty, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley, Al Simonson

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary

