



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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April Gilliland
City Secretary
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Tuesday, May 16, 2023

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order on May 16, 2023 in the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston Street, Liberty, Texas at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Carl Pickett.

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 Chipper Smith	X			
Council Member Tommy Brents	X			
Council Member Ed Seymour	X			
Council Member John Hebert, Jr.	X			

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.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

- AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 6, 2023; FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A motion was made by Council Member Brents to approve the Ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Municipal Election Held on May 6, 2023 and seconded by Council Member Seymour. The motion passed 7 to 0 with all present voting yes.

2. Oath of Office to be administered to Council Members.

Mayor Carl Pickett, administered the oath of Council Members to newly elected Council Member John Hebert, Jr. and returning Council Members Libby Simonson and Dennis Beasley. After completion of the new Oaths of Office, the Members of Council were seated and Council Member Driggers was excused from the meeting.

3. Council to elect a Mayor Pro Tem

A motion was made by Council Member Simonson to elect Council Member Hebert as Mayor Pro Tem and this motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Council Member Seymour to elect Council Member Smith as Mayor Pro Tem and was seconded by Council Member Brents. The motion passed 6 to 1 with Council Member Simonson voting no.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary