



The City of Liberty City Council

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, November 14, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

The City Council of Liberty, Texas reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor Carl Pickett				
Mayor Pro Tem Chipper Smith				
Council Member Dennis Beasley				
Council Member Libby Simonson				
Council Member John Hebert, Jr.				
Council Member Tommy Brents				
Council Member Ed Seymour				

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

- A. City Manager's Report - City Manager Tom Warner - Topics include, Pole Attachment & Distribution Inventory, Golf Course, Water Leak Repair Schedule, Economic Development Sales Tax Workshop, Economic Development Activities, 2023 Street Rehabilitation Project, and Electrical Projects.
- B. Finance Report - Assistant City Manager/CFO Naomi Herrington
- C. Department Reports
- D. Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

E. Mayor, Council and Staff Comments**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

1. October 10, 2023

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, APPROVING THE 2024 TxDOT ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (RAMP) GRANT AGREEMENT.**C. 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, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) LIBERTY POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.****VII. REGULAR AGENDA****A. Regular Session**

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, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LIBERTY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT #1.
2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATING AND ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF AN UNIMPROVED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE COLLINS SUBDIVISION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
3. 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, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE LIBERTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.
4. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS BEYOND THE EFFECTIVE DATE PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES IN THE TEXAS DIVISION, FILED ON OCTOBER 30, 2023; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LAWYERS AND RATE EXPERTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AT THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
5. WORK SESSION - Discussion on proposed updates on Building Codes
6. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3.02, ARTICLE 3.03, ARTICLE 3.04, AND ARTICLE 5.03, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF BUILDING, ELECTRIC, PLUMBING, AND FIRE CODES; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

B. Executive Session

1. **Texas Government Code §551.071 - Private Consultation with Attorney**
Discussion with attorney regarding contemplated/pending litigation and/or regarding matters protected by attorney/client privilege.
2. **Texas Government Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.**
To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
Liberty County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors
Designations to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2024 General Assembly
Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors
3. **Texas Government Code §551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**
Discussion regarding economic development negotiations.
4. **Texas Government Code §551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property**
Discussion regarding purchase of real property.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

1. Consider and take possible action on legal matters discussed in executive session.
2. **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, NOMINATING A CANDIDATE FOR THE LIBERTY COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
3. **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, DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**
4. **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, APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SAM RAYBURN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
5. Consider and take possible action on economic development matters discussed in executive session.
6. Consider and take action on real estate matters discussed in executive session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

I certify that the attached Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board and in the Message Centers located on the east and west sides of the City Hall Administration Building, located at 1829 Sam Houston on the 9th day of November, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. This notice will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

April Gilliland

April Gilliland, City Secretary

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I certify that the attached Notice and Agenda of items to be considered by the City Council was removed by me from the bulletin board at the City Hall on the _____ day of _____, _____.