



The City of Liberty City Council

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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. Liberty Vindicator to present the 2024 Readers' Choice Award Winners for the City of Liberty.
- B. City Manager's Report - City Manager Tom Warner - Topics include - April/May 2024 Flood, Houston-Galveston Area Council Training, Tax Strike Off Transactions, Park Master Plan, Water System, Golf Course, Forest Hills Water Main Improvements, and Electrical Projects.
- C. Finance Report - Assistant City Manager/CFO Naomi Herrington

- D. Department Reports
- E. Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett
- F. 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. April 9, 2024
- 2. May 6, 2024

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

- 1. **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 4, 2024; FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 2. Oath of Office to be administered to Mayor and Council Members
- 3. Council to elect a Mayor Pro Tem
- 4. **AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS'S STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES IN THE HOUSTON, TEXAS COAST, SOUTH TEXAS, AND BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS DIVISIONS, FILED OCTOBER 30, 2023; 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. **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LIBERTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024 BUDGET BY AMENDING THE PERSONNEL SCHEDULE FOR THE LIBERTY POLICE DEPARTMENT.**
- 6. **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, AMENDING THE PRICING OF THE CONTRACT WITH TEXAS ELITE UTILITY SERVICES, LLC.**
- 7. **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, APPROVAL OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION #270.**
- 8. **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 EIGHT (8) RECLOSERS FOR THE**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.**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 §551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property**
Discussion regarding real property.
3. **Texas Government Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.**
To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 - Discussion regarding the vacancy on the City Council.
4. **Texas Government Code §551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**
Discussion regarding economic development negotiations.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

1. Consider and take possible action on legal matters discussed in executive session.
2. Consider and take action on real estate matters discussed in executive session.
3. Consider and take possible action on personnel matters discussed in the executive session.
 - Consider and take possible action to fill the vacancy on the City Council.
4. Consider and take possible action on economic development 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 10th day of May, 2024 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 _____, ____.