



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

~ Agenda ~

1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
www.cityofliberty.org

April Gilliland
City Secretary
936-336-3684

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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 John Hebert, Jr.				
Mayor Pro Tem Libby Simonson				
Council Member Dennis Beasley				
Council Member Tommy Brents				
Council Member Ed Seymour				
Council Member Ross Ward				
Council Member Debbie Dugger				

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.

III. 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, ADDING BRYAN KENDRICK AS A SIGNATORY ON ALL CITY OF LIBERTY BANK ACCOUNTS.
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, DECLARING EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND ORDERING AN ONLINE AUCTION.

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 MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT OF LIBERTY.**

B. Work Session

1. Discussion of Future Plans for the Jubilee

C. 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.
4. **Texas Government Code §551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**
Discussion regarding economic development negotiations.

D. Reconvene into Regular Session

1. Consider and take possible action on legal matters discussed in executive session.
2. Consider and take possible action on real estate matters discussed in executive session.
3. Consider and take possible action on personnel matters discussed in the executive session.
4. Consider and take possible action on economic development matters discussed in executive session.

IV. 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 21st day of February 2025 at 5:00 p.m. This notice will remain 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

NOTICE

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Liberty will provide reasonable accommodation for persons attending and/or participating in this Council Meeting. To better serve you, requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Contact the City at (936) 336-3684 or by Fax at (936) 336-9846. The building is wheelchair accessible, with parking available, on the west side of the building.

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 _____, ____.

CITY OF LIBERTY

City Council Agenda Item Form

Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

Agenda Wording: 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, ADDING BRYAN KENDRICK AS A SIGNATORY ON ALL CITY OF LIBERTY BANK ACCOUNTS.

Department: Administration

Subject: Signers on City of Liberty accounts

Background: Due to the retirement of City Manager, Tom Warner, we need to add the New City Manager, Bryan Kendrick, as a signer on our depository accounts with First Liberty Bank. This Resolution will allow Tom Warner, Bryan Kendrick, Naomi Herrington and April Gilliland to be authorized signers on all accounts.

Funding Source: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the resolution adding Bryan Kendrick to the authorized signatories at FLB.



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Department: Administration
Category: Resolution

Resolution

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, ADDING BRYAN KENDRICK AS A SIGNATORY ON ALL CITY OF LIBERTY BANK ACCOUNTS.

WHEREAS, The City of Liberty currently banks with the First Liberty Bank; and

WHEREAS, Tom Warner is a signatory on all City of Liberty's bank accounts due to his role as the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Tom Warner is retiring, and Bryan Kendrick has been named the new City Manager for the City of Liberty; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Kendrick needs to be added as a signatory on all City of Liberty's bank accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Liberty, Texas hereby adds Bryan Kendrick as a signatory on all City of Liberty's bank accounts.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of February 2025.

Mayor
City of Liberty, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary
City of Liberty, Texas

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Department: Finance

Subject: Auction for Surplus Property

Background: The City is in possession of various vehicles and equipment that are no longer in good working order. The attached list of items to be declared surplus, if approved, will be sold in an online auction, at a future date to be determined. These items will be sold to the highest bidder and the auction will be conducted by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc.

Funding Source: All revenue from the sale of surplus property will go to the general fund in the revenue account, sale of assets.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends declaring this equipment surplus, in order to hold an online auction.



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Department: Finance
Category: Action Item

Resolution

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LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING
UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, DECLARING
EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND ORDERING AN ONLINE AUCTION.**

WHEREAS, the City is in possession of various vehicles and equipment that are no longer in good working order; and

WHEREAS, a list of the surplus vehicles and equipment is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to declare the property listed in Exhibit "A" as surplus property and orders it sold via online auction by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Liberty, Texas hereby declares that the vehicles and equipment listed in Exhibit "A" are surplus property and orders said items sold at an online auction conducted by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of February 2025.

Mayor
City of Liberty, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary
City of Liberty, Texas

SURPLUS ITEMS 02-2025

LIBRARY - 404

Misc Books to be given to Friends of the Library

Dell Monitor

CTL Monitor

Backup UPS Office 500

Data Transfer Switch

Epson Printer

Duracraft Heater

VHS Rewinder

Litebox Flashlight

HP Printer

Logitech Media Keyboard

Lucent Phone

Dell Wireless USB Adapter

STREET - 409

2019 Dodge Ram 1500 4 door truck

1C6RR6KT3JS315427

Mosquito ULV Machine

209

Wylie 500 gallon Herbicide Skid

PARKS - 410

(4) Z-Trak 72" Mowers

CITY HALL - 414

Ice machine - In Liberty Center Kitchen

Does Not Work

WATER/WASTEWATER - 420 & 450

2015 F750 Dump Truck

3FRXF7FE1F624448

GOLF COURSE - 435

2005 F150 Truck

LFTRFW35NA62905

2013 Z-Trak Mower 60"

1TC930MCHDT014224

2006 John Deere 2500A Greens Mower

TC2500AG040234

CITY HALL - 414

Misc Fluorescent light bulbs

POICE DEPARTMENT - 406

2016 Ford Explorer

1FM5K8ARXGGA86443

2016 Dodge Charger

2C3CDXAT1GH298880

2017 Ford Exlporer

1FM5K8AR0HGD59097

2020 Dodge Durango

1C4RDJFG6LC309951

FIRE DEPARTMENT - 403

RKO Enterprise Skid Tank with Pump

Metal Door with code lock

(8) Twin Bed Frames

Wood Desk with Metal Legs

1 set of 3 Metal Lockers with locking Keys

(2) Round Tables with Metal Legs

Blueprint Holder

(12) Padded Chairs

(10) Plastic Chairs

(2) File Cabinets 4 Drawer

(1) File Cabinet 2 Drawer

(4) Wood Lockers with Key Lock

2007 Diesel Kawasaki Mule

Uniden 2-Way Radios with Charging Base

Box G

(2) Uniden 2-Way Radios only

Box G

(2) Power Cords

Box G

Emerson Remote

Box G

2 Server Brackets

BoxG

Power Chute Software with Cord

Box G

(2) Motorola MC1000 Phone

Does Not work

(10) Kits Mounting Brackets and Hardware

NTN 8940B

(5) Motorola Speaker with Hardware

HSN1000B

(4) Motorola Mobile Microphone

HMN4069E

Motorola Radio Coax End

NTN 4849A

Motorola Radio Bracket End

NMN6156B

Motorola Radio 2-Prong End

HMN9725C

Jbro 10.0v 1000mAH Nickel Cadium Battery

JB5451

(3) Motorola 10V Nickle Cadium Battery

NTN5521B

(3) Motorola 7.5v Nickel Cadium Ballerty Kit

NTN9815A

(2) Fargo DTC Color Ribbon

(2) Fargp Polyguard

Misc. Items for Fargo Badge Printer

DeltaCo Type A-B Plug 3.0m printer scanner cable

(5) European Universal Power Cord

Elgin Distribution Tool Wrench for Radios

Pack of 8

(3) RELM NI-MH Battery Pack 7.2v 1500mah

(2) Antenna-TDF6620A, NMO800, NMOK-DS-PI

Radial/Larson

PL259T Conn/Solder Teflon

Radial/Larson

(11) RELM Speaker Microphone for 2-way

Misc. Office Supplies

Box F

Motorola HT750 Handheld Radio no battery/antenna

Does Not Work

(3) Motorola Batery Chargers

Motorola Radio P100

Box H

(2) Motorola Radio P200
Misc. Radio Chargers with Power Cords
(4) Motorola Radios

H23RPU7160 Box H
Box H
Does Not Work

CITY OF LIBERTY

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Department: Administration

Subject: Port of Liberty

Background: The Trinity River Authority (Authority) of Texas has been working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Port of Liberty Commissioners, the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District, the City of Liberty, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Liberty County to develop a long-range vision plan for the Port of Liberty. As the Authority is close to finalizing the Port of Liberty Vision Plan they are gathering support letters from the project stakeholders. The Authority will act as the non-Federal primary sponsor for the feasibility study. The Authority will contribute necessary financial support, provide staff and consultant resources, and coordinate stakeholder and community understanding and engagement. The Authority expects potentially complex solutions will be identified through the feasibility study and is committed to thoroughly pursuing and implementing a long-term plan to re-open the Port of Liberty.

Funding Source: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Port of Liberty.



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Resolution

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WHEREAS, the City of Liberty recognizes the significant economic and strategic benefits of developing the Port of Liberty and the importance of supporting efforts to enhance regional and state infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Trinity River Authority, the Port of Liberty Commissioners, the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District, the City of Liberty, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Liberty County have collaborated to develop a long-range vision plan for the Port of Liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Liberty is strategically located approximately forty river miles from Trinity Bay on the Texas coast and previously serviced barges until 1992, offering a unique opportunity for economic revitalization and regional development; and

WHEREAS, Texas ports are responsible for over thirty percent of the state's gross domestic product and play an integral role in manufacturing and energy, making their improvement vital to maintaining economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Trinity River Authority will act as the non-federal primary sponsor for the feasibility study and will contribute necessary financial support, provide staff and consultant resources, and coordinate stakeholder and community engagement to explore long-term solutions for reopening the Port of Liberty; and

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty recognizes the importance of funding and support to advance the next steps in the feasibility study and implementation of the vision plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Liberty, Texas, hereby expresses its strong support for the development of the Port of Liberty and the collaborative efforts of the Trinity River Authority and other stakeholders.

SECTION 2. The Mayor of the City of Liberty is hereby authorized to sign a letter of support in furtherance of the vision plan and feasibility study for the Port of Liberty.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of February 2025.

Mayor
City of Liberty, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary
City of Liberty, Texas

February 25, 2025

RE: PORT OF LIBERTY

To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Liberty would like to offer a strong letter of support of the future plans to develop the Port of Liberty. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Trinity River Authority have worked in collaboration with the Port of Liberty Commissioners, the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District, the City of Liberty, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Liberty County to develop a long-range vision plan. The City of Liberty fully supports the vision plan that has been released.

The Trinity River Authority of Texas is a conservation and reclamation district that provides water from reservoir facilities, water and wastewater treatment, along with recreation and reservoir facilities, within the nearly 18,000-square-mile Trinity River basin. The Authority also maintains a master plan for basin-wide development and serves as a conduit for tax-exempt financing for municipal projects and as a local sponsor for federal water projects.

The Port of Liberty is located in the city of Liberty, Texas approximately forty river miles from the Trinity Bay on the Gulf of Mexico. The Port previously serviced barges until 1992. The Port is strategically located between the Port of Houston and the Port of Beaumont.

Texas ports are responsible for over thirty percent of the Texas gross domestic product and are integral to Texas manufacturing and energy. However, Texas ports and manufacturing face an unprecedented competitive threat as ports in neighboring states are beating Texas in the race to improve their depth and infrastructure to meet the opportunities created by the new, deeper Panama Canal. Texas cannot afford to fall behind.

The Authority will act as the non-Federal primary sponsor for the feasibility study. The Authority will contribute necessary financial support, provide staff and consultant resources, and coordinate stakeholder and community understanding and engagement. The Authority expects potentially complex solutions will be identified through the feasibility study and is committed to thoroughly pursuing and implementing a long-term plan to re-open the Port of Liberty.

We sincerely hope that the vision of the group will be cultivated, and funding will be provided to explore the next steps of the project.

Sincerely,

John Hebert, Jr.
Mayor

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Department: Administration

Subject:

Background:

Funding Source:

Staff Recommendation: