



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
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April Gilliland
City Secretary
936-336-3684

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

9:00 AM

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 Tommy Brents				
Council Member Ed Seymour				
Council Member Ross Ward				
Council Member Debbie Dugger				
Council Member Bruce Bell				
Council Member Nick Dennis				

II. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Consideration and possible action related to the McGuire Road Utility and Paving Improvement Project.
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, APPROVING THE SALE OF ITS FIBER RING TO HIGHLINE.

III. 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 13th day of June 2025 by 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

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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 _____, _____.

CITY OF LIBERTY

City Council Agenda Item Form

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Agenda Wording: Consideration and possible action related to the McGuire Road Utility and Paving Improvement Project.

Department: Water, Wastewater

Subject: McGuire Road

Background: McGuire Road

Funding Source:

Staff Recommendation:

CITY OF LIBERTY

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The City of Liberty

City Council
1829 Sam Houston
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Meeting: 6/17/2025 9:00 AM

Department: Administration
Category: Action Item

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, APPROVING THE SALE OF ITS FIBER RING TO HIGHLINE.

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty recently installed a fiber ring around the city connecting all city facilities; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary purposes of the construction of the fiber ring was to save on internet costs in the future; and

WHEREAS, Highline is in the business of providing high-speed internet service to customers in and around Liberty County; and

WHEREAS, Highline has submitted a proposal to purchase and manage the city's existing fiber ring infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Highline proposes purchasing the fiber infrastructure for \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, Highline has also offered to provide high-speed internet access to the original city-owned locations served by the fiber ring free of charge in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed agreement, the City will continue enjoying the interdepartmental connectivity it originally paid for; and

WHEREAS, Highline will map the fiber ring in its plant management software, which will allow it to respond to failures quickly; and

WHEREAS, Highline will assume all responsibilities related to the operation and upkeep of the fiber assets; and

WHEREAS, Highline is contractually obligated under the BOOT II program to build fiber that will overlay the fiber ring and purchasing the City's fiber ring will allow Highline to avoid disruption to Liberty residents and government that would come with easements and construction; and

WHEREAS, purchasing the fiber ring will allow Highline to provide high-speed fiber internet to the citizens of Liberty in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Liberty finds that partnering with Highline for the sale of the City's fiber ring will be beneficial to the citizens of Liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Liberty, Texas hereby approves authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Highline for the sale of its existing fiber ring for \$300,000 and the provision of high-speed internet access to the original city-owned facilities it was intended to serve free of charge in perpetuity.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor
City of Liberty, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary
City of Liberty, Texas

June 4th, 2025

Proposal for Partnership with the City of Liberty

Highline proposes to acquire and manage the existing fiber ring infrastructure in the City of Liberty as part of a partnership with the City, in exchange for a total cash consideration of \$300k. This partnership would provide Highline the opportunity to bring high-speed internet to Liberty residents and would allow the City to realize a financial return on the asset it commissioned while still receiving the benefits for which it was originally constructed. It would also reduce the financial and administrative burden of maintenance and upkeep for the City.

Benefits

- 1. Immediate Financial Return** – This partnership would allow the City to continue enjoying the interdepartmental connectivity it paid for while also receiving a financial return from its investment.
- 2. Free Internet Access** – As part of this partnership, Highline would be willing to provide high-speed internet access to the original City-owned locations it was intended to serve free of charge.
- 3. Digital Mapping and Network Visibility** – The entire fiber ring will be mapped in Highline’s plant management software, VETRO. This software will provide detailed information on the assets for any future staff and allow Highline to respond to failures quickly.
- 4. No-Cost Maintenance and Professional Management** – Highline will assume all responsibilities related to the operation and upkeep of the assets. This will release the City from the burden of troubleshooting any issues that arise as the assets age.
- 5. Elimination of Duplicate Construction** – Highline is contractually obligated under the BOOT II program to build fiber that will overlay this ring. A partnership would allow Highline to avoid the disruption to Liberty residents and government that would come with easements and construction.
- 6. Accelerated Residential and Business Fiber Access** – The inclusion of 35 handholes in the original plan will greatly reduce the time required for Highline to bring high-speed internet access to Liberty residents.
- 7. Smart City Enablement** – With a modernized and professionally managed fiber backbone, Liberty will be position to begin rolling out smart city features such as public Wi-Fi, traffic monitoring and optimization systems, or remote utility management and smart metering.

Consideration

As consideration for the opportunity to enter into this partnership, Highline proposes a one-time payment of \$300,000 to the City of Liberty. We look forward to working with the City of Liberty and are excited about the prospect of this partnership. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions concerning this proposal.