



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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1829 Sam Houston
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April Gilliland
City Secretary
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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order on June 17, 2025, in the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston Street, Liberty, Texas at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor John Hebert.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor John Hebert, Jr.	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Brents	X			
Council Member Ed Seymour	X			
Council Member Ross Ward			X	9:19 AM
Council Member Debbie Dugger	X			
Council Member Bruce Bell	X			
Council Member Nick Dennis	X			

II. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Consideration and possible action related to the McGuire Road Utility and Paving Improvement Project.

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, REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE MCGUIRE ROAD STREET AND UTILITY PROJECT.

City Manager Bryan Kendrick advised the council that the recommendation was to reject all current bids and revise the project plans. This decision followed a meeting with the project's engineers, during which it was discovered that the initial data provided was incomplete and failed to account for future development in the area. As a result, the proposed upgrades and repairs would only be effective for 4 to 6 years and would not provide a long-term solution. In the meantime, a proposal is in place to address immediate issues while a more permanent plan is developed.

A motion was made by Council Member Brents to reject all bids received for the McGuire Road Utility and Paving Improvement Project and seconded by Council Member Dennis. The motion passed 6 to 0 with all present voting yes.

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.**

The City of Liberty recently completed the installation of a fiber ring connecting all city facilities, with one of its primary goals being to reduce future internet costs. Highline, a provider of high-speed internet services in and around Liberty County, has submitted a proposal to purchase and manage the city's existing fiber ring infrastructure. The proposal includes a purchase price of \$300,000 and a commitment to provide free high-speed internet access in perpetuity to the original city-owned locations served by the fiber ring.

Under the proposed agreement, the city would retain the interdepartmental connectivity it originally invested in, while transferring responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the fiber assets to Highline. Highline plans to map the fiber ring in its plant management software to ensure rapid response to any outages or failures. Additionally, as part of its obligations under the BOOT II program, Highline is required to construct a fiber network that overlaps with the city's existing ring. By purchasing the City's fiber infrastructure, Highline can avoid the disruptions to residents and government operations that would otherwise come with new easement acquisitions and construction.

This acquisition will enable Highline to deliver high-speed fiber internet to Liberty residents more efficiently. The City Council of Liberty has determined that partnering with Highline for the sale of the fiber ring is in the best interest of its citizens.

A motion was made by Council Member Brents to approve the resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Highline for the sale of the fiber ring for \$300,000, along with the provision of free, perpetual high-speed internet service to the originally intended city-owned facilities and seconded by Council Member Ward. The motion passed 7 to 0 with all present voting yes.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hebert adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

John Hebert, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary