



The City of Liberty City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
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Tuesday, May 10, 2011

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on May 10, 2011 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 6:02 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Councilperson	Present	
Mike McCarty	Mayor Pro-Tem	Absent	
Al Simonson	Councilperson	Absent	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Frank Jordan	Councilperson	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Randy Gunter	City Attorney	Present	

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the pledges to both flags.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council. There were no comments from the audience.

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the following:

- 1) a simulated disaster exercise and Emergency Operations Center will be held next Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. to assure Management and staff's knowledge and familiarity of the City's Emergency Operations Plan,
- 2) a special called meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th to issue the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members, and
- 3) a work session will be held in the near future for Council's review of the proposed changes to the City's Code of Ordinances.

Mayor Pickett reported the following:

- 1) the 3rd Annual Fire Department Muster will be held on Saturday, May 14th, with competitions beginning at 9:00 a.m., and a BBQ lunch served at 11:00 a.m.,

- 2) a copy of the most recently approved Liberty Community Development Corporation minutes are included in the Council packet,
- 3) congratulations to Randy Gunter, Coach of the Liberty High School Literary/Criticism Team for winning 1st place in the State Meet, three years in a row, and
- 4) the Liberty High School Girls Softball Team won their first play-off game and will play Friday night in Tomball, Texas.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 2029)

Various Project Updates

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz gave an update on various City projects as follows:

- 1) the new smart meter installation is going well and approximately 200 meters have been installed,
- 2) the Monta Street Ground Storage Tank rehabilitation is complete, and work on the elevated tank begins today,
- 3) the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation is now one-half complete, and
- 4) the various departments have now moved into, and are operating out of, the new Public Works Service Center on Main Street.

B. Information Item (ID # 2030)

Recycling Report and "Shred-It" Recognition

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Huddleston reported that the recycling event for sensitive documents, held at City Hall on April 16, was a huge success. This event was planned for 9:00 a.m.- Noon, however, the truck was quickly filled to capacity and was shut down at 10:00 a.m.

Councilperson Huddleston further explained that the Liberty Independent School District art classes were on-site and displayed artwork relating to recycling. Ms. Huddleston expressed her appreciation for the volunteers, City employees, and to Waste Management for sponsoring the event.

C. Information Item (ID # 2032)

Liberty Community Development Corporation Appointments

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Brief discussion was held regarding upcoming appointments to the Liberty Community Development Corporation. Those Board members whose terms expire are Robert Ward, Mike McCarty and Juan Venegas.

Mr. Broz reported that these appointments will be brought before the Council on May 17th.

D. Information Item (ID # 2031)

Liberty Municipal Park Presentation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Avon Moore, Community Services Director, gave a powerpoint presentation on the progress of numerous projects at the Liberty Municipal Park. Mr. Moore reviewed various equipment upgrades to include the concrete picnic tables, splash park, water fountain, installation of speed bumps, freshly painted playground equipment, a new sand volleyball court, and a report regarding the recent Kidfish event.

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.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty, Al Simonson

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, April 12, 2011
2. Tuesday, April 26, 2011

VII. REGULAR AGENDA**A. Regular Session****1. Council Action 2011-53**

Consider Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Planning and Zoning Commission members are appointed in May of each year, for three-year terms. Those members whose terms expire are Shelli Ellerbe and David Arnold. Ms. Ellerbe has agreed to serve again, if appointed, however Dr. Arnold has declined. Mr. Broz recommended the reappointment of Ms. Ellerbe, along with the appointment of Mark Campbell. Mr. Broz reported that Mr. Campbell is currently an alternate member, and is familiar with the Commission and its procedures.

As there were no other nominations or recommendations, a motion was made to appoint Shelli Ellerbe and Mark Campbell to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty, Al Simonson

2. Resolution 2011-8

Consider a Resolution to Set Hearings Regarding Hazardous/Substandard Building Demolition Liens.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Resolution into the record as follows:

"A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS SCHEDULING A HEARING ON LIEN AMOUNTS FOR PROPERTIES DEMOLISHED BY THE CITY AND LOCATED AT 2722 CORNELL STREET, LIBERTY, TEXAS 77575; 517 BOWIE STREET, LIBERTY, TEXAS 77575; 205 AVENUE E, LIBERTY, TEXAS 77575; AND 901 MLK STREET, LIBERTY, TEXAS 77575."

City Attorney Randy Gunter stated that in regard to the City working to condemn substandard structures, and in review of the City's Code, a lengthy process is required to make the liens enforceable. It requires that the City hold a Public Hearing to provide evidence of the costs to condemn the various structures.

The proposed Resolution sets a Public Hearing date and time, to provide the required evidence, which will allow the paperwork to be filed to recover the funds, at a later date. Mr. Gunter also stated that at the next Council Meeting an ordinance will be presented to simplify the process.

Motion was made to approve the Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty, Al Simonson

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty, Al Simonson

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary