



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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April Gilliland
City Secretary
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Tuesday, December 16, 2025

4:30 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order on December 16, 2025, in the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston Street, Liberty, Texas at 4:30 p.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			
Council Member Debbie Dugger	X			
Council Member Bruce Bell	X			
Council Member Nick Dennis	X			

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.

Mayor Hebert welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council. No public comments were made.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING ARTICLE 3.15 REGULATING THE USE AND PLACEMENT OF PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS, SHIPPING CONTAINERS, AND PORTABLE BUILDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

City Attorney Brandon Davis reviewed the two versions of the ordinance regulating the use and placement of portable storage containers, shipping containers, and portable buildings with the City Council. Mr. Davis noted the similarities and differences between the two versions of the ordinances. The conversation discussed the differences between portable storage containers (Pods that are brought to a location, filled and picked up for off-site storage); shipping containers

(Conex boxes); and portable buildings (Graceland buildings, etc.). Any existing permit or building will be allowed as is before approval of the ordinance. The new ordinance will apply to any new request as of this date. A change to remove the portable building from residential use was requested by council members. City Attorney Brandon Davis clarified the changes the Council wanted to see in the ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Ward to adopt the 2nd version of the ordinance with the revisions noted by city attorney Brandon Davis and seconded by Council Member Bell. The motion passed 6 to 1 with Members Bell, Dennis, Dugger, Hebert, Seymour and Ward voting yes, and member Brents voting no.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hebert adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

John Hebert, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary