



The City of Liberty City Council

Joint Meeting

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April Gilliland
City Secretary
936-336-3684

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order on March 17, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston Street, Liberty, Texas at 6:00 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	6:03 P.M.
Council Member Ross Ward			X	6:16 P.M.
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 comments were made.

III. JOINT AGENDA

A. Joint Session

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Rural Texas Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program.

Ms. Samantha Roberston & Ms. Shyanne Loftin from Rural Texas TNR Program, in support of Ms. Austin Thomas from ROSES Rescues, presented their program to the City Council and the Liberty Community Development Corporation and how it helps the community. The Trap-Neuter-Return program safely traps stray and feral cat populations, then they are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and treated for health issues at a vet, and are returned to their outdoor homes to live out their natural lives to help reduce overpopulation and improve community health. Various

locations within the City of Liberty were discussed that would benefit from partner funding to help to increase the number of cats that are treated specifically in the city. The City Council and the Liberty Community Development Corporation had a joint discussion on how this program would benefit the City of Liberty and its citizens. The program would provide public awareness and education, a public health benefit, and support for animal control.

A motion was made by Liberty Community Development Corporation Board Member Campbell to provide \$20,000 in funding for the Rural Texas Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program. The motion was seconded by Board Member McCarty. The motion passed with a 5 to 0 to 1 vote, all present board members voting yes, board member Runkle abstaining, and board member VanDeventer absent.

A motion was made by Council Member Brents to ratify the Liberty Community Development Corporation expenditure of \$20,000 in funding for the Rural Texas Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dennis. The motion passed with a 7 to 0 vote.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hebert adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

John Hebert, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary