



The City of Liberty
Liberty Community Development Corporation

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Meeting

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City Secretary
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~ Minutes ~

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 President Michael Dorsett.

Table with 5 columns: ATTENDEE NAME, PRESENT, ABSENT, LATE, ARRIVED. Rows include President Michael Dorsett Jr., Vice-President Kathrine McCarty, Secretary Betty Runkle, Board Member Barbara Norwood, Board Member Mark Campbell, Board Member Dan VanDeventer, and Board Member Craig Vansau.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the Liberty Community Development Corporation Board regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Board may not deliberate or take any action during Citizen's comments on items not on the agenda.

President Dorsett welcomed guests and visitors in attendance, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the board. There were no comments.

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.

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. CONSENT AGENDA**

All consent items listed are considered to be routine by the Liberty Community Development Corporation and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board 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.

A motion was made by Board Member Norwood to approve all items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Board Member Runkle. The motion passed 6 to 0.

**A. Minutes Approval**

- 1. January 20, 2026

**V. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. Regular Session**

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding outdoor audio system.

City Manager Kendrick and Keith Perry from Peridon Entertainment LLC went over the proposal for the outdoor audio system for the City Hall Campus. The outdoor audio system would be used for outdoor city events, i.e. Lights in Liberty Christmas Event for parade announcements and entertainment at the Daniel pavilion. The system could be used for other events as needed or requested. President Dorsett mentioned the option of zoning out the speakers. That way, if you are just using the gazebo, the sound is not playing out in the streets and/or area not around the gazebo.

A motion was made by Board Member McCarty to approve funding the full amount of the outdoor audio system presented for City Hall Campus and authorizing the City Manager to seek additional funding sources to reduce Liberty Community Development Corporation expenses if possible. The motion was seconded by Board Member Runkle. The motion passed 6 to 0.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Motion To: Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, President Dorsett adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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Michael Dorsett, Jr., President

ATTEST:

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Betty Runkle, Board Secretary