The City of Liberty

City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Tuesday, June 23, 2026	6:00 PM	City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order on June 23, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston Street, Liberty, Texas at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor John Hebert.

A.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor John Hebert, Jr.	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Dugger	X			
Council Member Ed Seymour	X			
Council Member Ross Ward	X			
Council Member Bruce Bell	X			
Council Member Nick Dennis		X		
Council Member Betty Runkle	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. 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.

B. Resolution to add Anthony Lasky to the Investment Committee

Council Member Ward moved to approve all items on the consent agenda, and Council Member Seymour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

A. Resolution for Frontier Waste Fuel Cost Adjustment

This item was moved from the consent agenda at the request of Council Member Seymour.

Frontier Waste Solutions is requesting a temporary fuel surcharge of $2,100 per month, effective with the next billing cycle, which will remain in place until fuel prices fall below $3.75 per gallon, at which point it would be removed. Council Member Seymour questioned the fuel surcharge cost and how it would be paid. City Manager Kendrick advised that it would be paid out of the solid waste fund balance and the city was only paying $2,100 of the $4,700 per month (less than half of the expense) that Frontier Waste had estimated the cost to be.

Council Member Bell moved to approve the resolution for Frontier Waste fuel cost adjustment, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

1. Consider a resolution awarding the proposal for EMS Billing and Collections to Express Billing, Inc. and authorizing City Manager to negotiate and execute the contract.

On May 29, 2026, one proposal was received for the EMS billing and collection request. The proposal was from Express Billing, Inc. Chief Hurst has reviewed the proposal and Express Billing, Inc. proposal meets all requirements and qualifications.

Council Member Dugger moved to approve the resolution awarding the proposal for EMS Billing and Collections to Express Billing, Inc. and authorizing City Manager to negotiate and execute the contract, and Council Member Seymour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

2. Consider a resolution approving the extension of McGuire Road.

Mr. Charles Von Schmidt the developer of Liberty Ranch and Highlands Subdivisions, is requesting the repairs of McGuire Road via the Public Improvement District. While engineering the repairs, it was determined that McGuire Road could be extended approximately 365.5 feet to serve residents located on an unimproved portion of the road right-of-way. Under the agreement with the developer, the city would fund two-thirds of the cost not to exceed $135,000 funded from the Cambridge project. The repairs would extend the road to serve the current residents and help promote future development of the area.

Council Member Ross moved to approve the resolution for McGuire Road extension, and Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

B. Executive Session

At 6:19 p.m., Mayor Hebert closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

1. Texas Government Code §551.071 - Private Consultation with Attorney
Discussion with attorney regarding contemplated/pending litigation and/or regarding matters protected by attorney/client privilege.

2. Texas Government Code §551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property
Discussion regarding real property.

3. Texas Government Code §551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.
Discussion regarding economic development negotiations.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Hebert closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

3. Consideration and possible action regarding the concessionaire agreement at Liberty Municipal Golf Course.

This item was moved, at the request of City Manager Kendrick, to the reconvening of regular session

Council Member Bell moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a buyout of the current concessionaire agreement at the Liberty Municipal Golf Course in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00, and Council Member Seymour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

1. Consider and take possible action on legal matters discussed in the executive session.

No action was taken.

2. Consider and take possible action on real estate matters discussed in the executive session.

Council Member Ward moved to authorize city staff to offer City of Liberty's property between Dustin Robinson and Texas First Bank for sale to the neighboring property owners; and to vacate, abandon, and sell the portion of Monta Street Right of Way that runs in between the property owned by Dustin Robinson, and Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

Council Member Ward moved to approve purchase of 16.1 acres from Liberty County Farming LLC for an amount not to exceed $660,000, and Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0, with all members present voting in favor.

3. Consider and take possible action on economic development matters discussed in the executive session.

No action was taken.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hebert adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

John Hebert, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary