



The City of Liberty City Council

Regular Meeting

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1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
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April Gilliland
City Secretary
936-336-3684

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

The City Council of Liberty, Texas reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. 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.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

- A. City Manager's Report - City Manager Bryan Kendrick - Includes various updates of interest to our community.
- B. Department Reports
- C. Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Hebert
- D. Mayor, Council and Staff Comments

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.

A. Minutes Approval

1. August 11, 2026
2. August 17, 2026
3. August 25, 2026

B. A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, APPROVING THE 2027 TxDOT ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (RAMP) GRANT AGREEMENT.

C. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF LIBERTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2025 – 2026 BUDGET.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. CITY COUNCIL TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.
2. CITY COUNCIL TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

House Bill 1522, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2025, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of a meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year, if the proposed budget is adopted.

The statement shows the estimated annual property tax bill for a median-valued homestead in Liberty, Texas (\$227,028), comparing the current tax rate, the proposed tax rate and no-new-revenue tax rate.

Description	FY 2025-2026 Adopted Tax Rate	FY 2026-2027 Proposed Tax Rate	FY 2026-2027 No New Revenue Rate	Difference from previous FY
Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation	\$0.583800000	\$0.583800000	\$0.576799288	increase of 0.0000 per \$100, or 0.00%
Median Taxable Value Homestead	\$227,964	\$227,028	\$227,028	decrease of -0.41%

Estimated Annual Tax Bill	\$1330.85	\$1325.39	\$1309.49	decrease of \$ -5.46, or -0.41%
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3. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING THAT EXPENDITURES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET; APPROPRIATING NECESSARY FUNDS FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, PROJECTS AND ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
4. **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET.**
5. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AT A RATE OF \$0.5838 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR (\$100) ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
6. **AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CITY OF LIBERTY'S TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFITS AUTHORIZING: (1) ANNUALLY ACCRUING UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS AND TRANSFER UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS; AND (2) PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH BENEFITS FUND OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**
7. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE BY INCREASING WATER, WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE RATES, AND ADJUSTING FEES FOR EMS CHARGES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
8. Discussion and possible action relate to guidelines for Filming inside the City of Liberty.
9. Consideration and possible action regarding the amended agreement for School Resource Officers (SRO) with Liberty ISD.

B. Executive Session

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 §551.074 - Personnel Matters.**
To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 - **Library Board**
4. **Texas Government Code §551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**
Discussion regarding economic development negotiations.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

1. Consider and take possible action on legal matters discussed in the executive session.
2. Consider and take possible action on real estate matters discussed in the executive session.
3. Consider and take possible action on personnel matters discussed in the executive session.
 - **Library Board**
4. Consider and take possible action on economic development matters discussed in the executive session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT**A. Motion To: Adjourn**

I certify that the attached Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board and in the Message Centers located on the east and west sides of the City Hall Administration Building, located at 1829 Sam Houston on the 1st day of September 2026. This notice will remain posted continuously for at least three (3) business days preceding the scheduled day of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

April Gilliland
April Gilliland, City Secretary

NOTICE

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Liberty will provide reasonable accommodation for persons attending and/or participating in this Council Meeting. To better serve you, requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Contact the City at (936) 336-3684 or by Fax at (936) 336-9846. The building is wheelchair accessible, with parking available, on the west side of the building.

I certify that the attached Notice and Agenda of items to be considered by the City Council was removed by me from the bulletin board at the City Hall on the _____ day of _____, ____.