The City of Liberty
City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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Tuesday, December 13, 2011 | 6:00 PM | City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on December 13, 2011 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty,TX at 6:05 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Mike McCarty	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson	Absent	
Diane Huddleston	Councilperson	Present	
Frank Jordan	Councilperson	Present	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Brandon Davis	Legal Counsel	Present	

II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Pastor Edwin Hardy, St. John's Mission Church, Liberty, Texas.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge to the American and Texas flags were led by Liberty High School Seniors Lauren Iler and Michael Seay.

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 on items that are not on the City Council Agenda. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action on non-agenda items. In some situations, City staff may be able to respond to the public comment with a factual statement or clarification. City Council may request that the item be placed on a future agenda at which time the Council may deliberate and/or act.

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council. There were no comments.

Mayor Pickett reported that the Liberty Fire Department has an "Angel Tree" located at the Fire Station, which will ultimately provide Christmas gifts and necessities for underprivileged children. Mayor Pickett further reported that the Liberty Police Department held their second annual "Silver Santa" program, providing Christmas gifts and necessities to senior citizens in need.

Mayor Pickett wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 2256)

Various Project Updates

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on numerous ongoing projects to include:

1) water meter installation approximately 50 meters from completion,

2) electric meter installation approximately 75 meters from completion,

3) dirt work for hangars at the Airport still ongoing,

4) Wastewater Treatment Plant operation going well,

5) Fire Department Substation building currently under construction,

6) Utility summary billing going well, and

7) working on bringing Codebook Codification to final draft.

Mr. Broz mentioned various other projects, and highlighted several handouts that were distributed to Council, including the Texas Conflict of Interest Laws Made Easy.

B. Information Item (ID # 2257)

Shred-It Recycling Event

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Huddleston reported that there was a nice turnout for the "Shred-It" Event held on Saturday, December 3rd, and expressed her appreciation for the volunteers that assisted with this program. The next recycling event will be held in April, 2012.

C. Information Item (ID # 2258)

Annual Review and Update of the Community Development Capital Improvement Program.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz, as General Manager of the Liberty Community Development Corporation, presented a report to City Council on the Community Development Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Broz reported on the capital projects that the Corporation is currently working on:

1) Continuing work on Airport Improvements - T-hangars, terminal, real estate for runway extension,

2) Construction of 3-bay Fire Department Substation facility on south side of Hwy. 90 is underway,

3)continuously working on recruitment of retail development,

4) attended State and National Conferences of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC),

5) continuing work on Downtown Revitalization Plan, and

6) working with the hospital on acquiring real estate on proposed new street, east side of Liberty, between Lakeland and Highway 146 Bypass.

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.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, November 08, 2011

2. Tuesday, November 22, 2011

3. Tuesday, December 06, 2011

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Ordinance 2011-11

Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Objecting to a Proposed Rate Increase from Entergy Gulf States, Inc.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Ordinance into the record as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, SAID ORDINANCE OBJECTING TO A PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR ELECTRIC POWER PROVIDED BY ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. (ETI) AND ASKING THAT THEPUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUCT) SUSPEND ETI'S RATE CASE UNTIL APRIL 1, 2012."

Motion was made to adopt the Ordinance objecting to Entergy's proposed rate increase.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

2. Council Action 2011-120

Consider Ratifying the Agreement for Fire Protection Services Between the City of Liberty and Liberty County.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lengthy discussion was held regarding fair rates for mutual aid assistance, other municipal fire department practices, volunteer and paid personnel, costs vs. recovered costs, and other matters related thereto.

Motion was made to approve the agreement for Fire Protection Services between the City of Liberty and Liberty County.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fire Protection Agreement Dec 2011 (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

3. Public Hearing (ID # 2246)

Public Hearing on the Condemnation of the Structure Located at 609 Washington Street.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:31 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the condemnation of the structure located at 609 Washington Street. After a Power Point presentation regarding the condition of the structure was reviewed, Brandon Davis, Legal Counsel, directed questions to Neighborhood Services Director Robbie Hood confirming that proper notice of the public hearing condemnation process had been provided to all parties involved. Mr. Davis further questioned Mr. Hood regarding the structure being identified as a nuisance to the community and its dilapidated/substandard condition.

Property owner, Ronnie Rubit was present and requested an extension to further review the property for rehabilitation or condemnation, as he currently lives out of town.

After further discussion of the structure in question, Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PH 609 Washington (PDF)

4. Council Action 2011-121

Consider an Order of Abatement for the Structure Located at 609 Washington Street.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to grant the Order of Abatement, to include a 90-day extension, prior to any action being taken on the condemnation of the property located at 609 Washington Street.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Order of Abatement 609 Washington (DOC)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

5. Public Hearing (ID # 2248)

Public Hearing on the Condemnation of the Structure Located at 708 Lamar.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:46 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the condemnation of the structure located at 708 Lamar Street. After a Power Point presentation regarding the condition of the structure was reviewed, Brandon Davis, Legal Counsel, directed questions to Neighborhood Services Director Robbie Hood confirming that proper notice of the public hearing condemnation process had been provided to all parties involved. Mr. Davis further questioned Mr. Hood regarding the structure being identified as a nuisance to the community and its dilapidated/substandard condition.

Property owner, Betty Kirkwood was present and requested an extension to further review the property for rehabilitation or condemnation.

After further discussion of the structure in question, Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PH 708 Lamar (PDF)

6. Council Action 2011-122

Consider an Order of Abatement for the Structure Located at 708 Lamar.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to grant the Order of Abatement, to include a 90-day extension, prior to any action being taken on the condemnation of the property located at 708 Lamar Street.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Order of Abatement 708 Lamar (DOC)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

7. Public Hearing (ID # 2250)

Public Hearing on the Condemnation of the Structure Located at 1102 Trinity.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:51 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the condemnation of the structure located at 1102 Trinity Street. After a Power Point presentation regarding the condition of the structure was reviewed, Brandon Davis, Legal Counsel, directed questions to Neighborhood Services Director Robbie Hood confirming that proper notice of the public hearing condemnation process had been provided to all parties involved. Mr. Davis further questioned Mr. Hood regarding the structure being identified as a nuisance to the community and its dilapidated/substandard condition.

Roberto Munoz Sr. and Roberto Monuz Jr. were present to address Council regarding the condition of the structure and its removal, stating that in several weeks the project will be complete.

After further discussion of the structure in question, Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PH 1102 Trinity (PDF)

8. Council Action 2011-123

Consider an Order of Abatement for the Structure Located at 1102 Trinity.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to grant the Order of Abatement, to include a 60-day extension, prior to any action being taken on the condemnation of the property located at 1102 Trinity Street.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Order of Abatement 1102 Trinity (DOC)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

9. Public Hearing (ID # 2252)

Public Hearing on the Structure Located at 3019 Grand.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened a Public Hearing on the condemnation of the structure located at 3019 Grand Street. Brandon Davis, Legal Counsel, explained that this property was previously approved for demolition by Council, that the demolition has taken place, and by City ordinance this hearing must be held in order to set the lien amount for filing with the County.

After a brief power point showing the before and after pictures of the property under consideration, Mr. Davis questioned Robbie Hood, Neighborhood Services Director, asking if proper notice was given to the property owner regarding this public hearing, if notice was published in the newspaper, and if bids were taken for the demolition process. Mr. Hood answered in the affirmative to all questions, stating that the demolition cost for 3019 Grand Street was $1800.00. Additional costs for publications, mailing costs, filing fees, and attorney's fees bring the total lien amount to $1,896.58.

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PH 3019 Grand (DOC)

10. Resolution 2011-25

Consider a Resolution to Affirm the Cost of Demolition and Assess Lien on Property Located at 3019 Grand.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to approve the Resolution authorizing the filing of a lien on the property located at 3019 Grand Street, in the amount of $1,896.58.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

11. Public Hearing (ID # 2254)

Public Hearing on the Condemnation of the Structures Located at 615 Washington, 617 Washington, and 107 Tennessee.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened a Public Hearing on the condemnation of the structures located at 615 Washington Street, 617 Washington Street, and 107 Tennessee. Brandon Davis, Legal Counsel, explained that these properties were previously approved for demolition by Council, that the demolitions have taken place, and by City ordinance this hearing must be held in order to set the lien amount for filing with the County.

Mr. Hood explained that the three structures were all owned by the same individual and located on one legally described property, located at the intersection of Washington and Tennessee. Following a brief power point presentation showing the before and after pictures of the property under consideration, Mr. Davis questioned Robbie Hood, Neighborhood Services Director, asking if proper notice was given to the property owner regarding this public hearing, if notice was published in the newspaper, and if bids were taken for the demolition process. Mr. Hood answered in the affirmative to all questions, stating that the demolition cost for the three properties was $4200.00. Additional costs for publications, mailing costs, filing fees, and attorney's fees bring the total lien amount to $4,310.54.

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PH 615 Washington, 617 Washington, 107 Tennessee (DOC)

12. Resolution 2011-26

Consider a Resolution to Affirm the Cost of Demoltions and Assess Lien on Property Located at 615 Washington, 617 Washington, and 107 Tennessee.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Once again, Mr. Hood explained that the three structures were all owned by the same individual and located on one legally described property, located at the intersection of Washington and Tennessee. Hence, the three addresses, but only on one property.

Motion was made to approve the Resolution authorizing the filing of a lien on the property located at 615 Washington, 617 Washington, and 107 Tennessee Street in the amount of $4,310.54.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

13. Public Hearing (ID # 2259)

Public Hearing Regarding the Taxing of Tangible Personal Property in Transit Which Would Otherwise be Exempt Pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 7:08 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the taxing of tangible personal property in transit.

Legal Counsel Brandon Davis reported that the "goods in transit" tax is a tax on inventory or goods that are acquired in, or imported into, the state to be forwarded to another location inside or outside the state, is stored in a public warehouse that is not in way owned or controlled by the owner of the personal property, and is transported to another location in the state or outside the state not later than 175 days after the person acquired or imported the property into the state. Further discussion was held regarding items exempt from the tax (oil, natural gas, dealer motor vehicle inventory, and other items), to tax these goods action must be taken by the governing body prior to December 31. 2011, and other matters related thereto.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Goods in Transit Info 2011 (PDF)

14. Ordinance (ID # 2260)

Consider Adoption of an Ordinance to Tax Tangible Personal Property in Transit Which Would Otherwise be Exempt Pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Ordinance into the record as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS TO TAX TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXEMPT PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE, SECTION 11.253; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT ALL ORDINANCES BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS."

No action was taken.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

15. Council Action 2011-124

Consider Approval of the Final Plat of the Katina Whittington Subdivision.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Candice Motschman, Inspection Department, reported on the final plat of the Katina Whittington Subdivision, stating that all the minor corrections to the preliminary plat have been made. This subdivision is located at Westwood Street & Hwy. 563. Further discussion included the condition of the street, which is sealcoated all the way to Ms. Whittington's east property line.

Motion was made to approve the final plat.

ATTACHMENTS:

- K. Whittington Subd Map Dec 2011 (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

16. Council Action 2011-125

Consider Appointments to the Airport Advisory Board.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that the Airport Advisory Board consists of eight members. Each member has acknowledged their willingness to serve again, if reappointed, except for one member who was not able to attend meetings. Mr. Broz requested the re-appointment of the following persons, with an eighth member to be appointed at a later date:

Dale Clawson	Charlie Grabein
Chet Tims	Linda Dubois
Bill Sjolander	Darryl Taylor

Mike McCarty

Motion was made to reappoint the above-mentioned individuals to the Airport Advisory Board.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

17. Council Action 2011-126

Consider and Act Upon Possible Changes to the City Election Cycle as a Result of SB 100.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

After brief discussion of the available options and dates for conducting the City's elections as a result of SB 100, a motion was made that Council make no change to the City's current election cycle.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

18. Council Action 2011-127

Consider Awarding Bid for a SCADA System for the City’s Water Wells and Water Towers.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz reported that in October, $55,000 from the 2010 Certificates of Obligation was earmarked to outfit each of the four water towers and wells with a SCADA System. Mr. Broz requested approval for a SCADA System (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) to be placed on each of these facilities for a total cost of $53,131.30. Hahn Equipment will provide installation of the boxes, telemetry, and software. Aquametrics will provide the radios. All of this equipment works in conjunction with the AMI meter reading equipment. SCADA is an operator interface by which an individual may sit at a computer and monitor, in real time, information about each site regarding water levels in the tanks, pumps in operation, and other pertinent information. The SCADA will be placed on the North Water Plant, Monta Water Plant, San Jacinto Elevated Tank, and Palmer Elevated Tank.

Motion was made to approve awarding the bid to Hahn Equipment and Aquametrics for a total of $53,131.30.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SCADA Water Wells & Towers (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

19. Council Action 2011-128

Consider Approval of a Change Order (TWDB) for the SCADA System for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Lift Stations.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz reported on a change order to the Texas Water Development Board funds, in the amount of $98,793.66. These funds will provide a SCADA System for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Wallisville and Washington Lift Stations. This change order is a reallocation of existing funds, not a requisition for additional funds.

Motion was made to approve the change order in the amount of $98,793.66.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Change Order TWDB WWTP & Lift Stations (PDF)
- TWDB SCADA (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

20. Council Action 2011-129

Consider and Adopt the 2011 Plan of Finance as Presented by the City's Financial Advisor, on November 8, 2011.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz reported that the City is currently working on its bond rating. The City recently received a rating of AA from Moodys. Mr. Broz explained that AA is not a bad rating, however the City having an adopted Plan of Finance will assist in raising the City's rating from other agencies. Discussion of the Plan of Finance included transfer of utility funds to the General Fund, monthly financial reporting format, and receiving a bond rating from agencies, Standard and Poor's, and Fitch Ratings.

Motion was made to formally adopt the City's 2011 Plan of Finance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2011 Plan of Finance (PDF)

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

21. Council Action 2011-130

Consider and Compile a List of Projects to be Funded by the Proposed Issuance of Certificates of Obligation.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz stated that the application for the $1 million of Round 2 Diaster Funds to be used for a new police station was sumbitted last week. He asked Council to review a list of future projects that could be included in a proposed issuance of Certificates of Obligation in 2012, which would also include the remainder of necessary funds to complete the Police Station. Mr. Broz remarked that these projects had been previously discussed, additional projects could be added to the list, and that the list provides a plan for possible future action. Brief discussion was held regarding the project list consisting of the police station, Humphreys Cultural Center HVAC Unit, and Public Works Service Center vehicle awning. Additional topics of discussion were a bell tower and skate park.

No action was taken.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CO Projects (PDF)

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

22. Council Action 2011-131

Consider Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for a Community Improvement Grant.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz reported on a H-GAC Community Downtown Public Spaces Improvement Program. This is a $50,000 program ; 50/50 matching grant. Mr. Broz reported that he would like to submit for $25,000 to assist with ornamental street lights in the downtown area. Funds of $11,775 would provide for the purchase of some street lights, the City will purchase additional lights, and the City would provide in-kind labor for installation. Mr. Broz reported that there are funds in the budget that would cover the approximate $9000.00 that it would cost the City to participate.

Motion was made to authorize submission of an application to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Community Downtown Public Spaces Improvement Program grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- HGAC Community Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

23. Council Action 2011-132

Consider and Take Action, If Any, on Proposed Curbside Recycling to be Provided by Waste Management for City Residents.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Terry Woodson, Waste Management, was present to discuss with Council options for curbside recycling, along with solid waste collection. The options discussed were as follows:

1) curbside recycling collection 1 X per week / solid waste collection 2 X per week - WM provides recycling carts,

2) curbside recycling collection 1 X per week / solid waste collection 1 X per week - WM provides recycling carts,

3) curbside recycling collection 1 X per week / solid waste collection 2 X per week - City provides recycling carts, and

4) curbside recycling every over week / solid waste collection 2 X per week - City provides recycling carts.

Further discussion included an additional recycling option of using a recycling drop off site by use of a 30 yard roll-off, costs for the various collection options, educational opportunities regarding recycling, and the City trying to obtain recycling containers from an H-GAC solid waste grant, and other related matters.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Recycling Proposal Dec 2011 (PDF)

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

24. Council Action 2011-133

Consider Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for a Solid Waste Grant.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to authorize submission of a grant to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for a solid waste grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Solid Waste Grant Dec 2011 (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

25. Information Item (ID # 2275)

Discussion Regarding the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency and the Cambridge Project.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett reported on the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency and the Cambridge Project which began December 1st. Mayor Pickett stated that this project involves the restructuring of the energy contracts, in terms of the power purchased by SRMPA. The primary benefit is that SRMPA will move from $30 million a year in gross revenue to approximately $250-300 million. Projected profits for SRMPA are anticipated to be $5 million a year.

Additional discussion included bond rating agencies and reserve funds, larger staff to include a general manager, an office to be located in Liberty, contracts stabilizing the wholesale rate thru 2034, and other matters related thereto.

B. Executive Session

Deliberation Regarding Real Property. Gov. Code §551.072
Consultation with Attorney, Closed Meeting. Gov. Code §551.071

1. Discussion regarding sale of real estate.
2. Discussion regarding contemplated litigation.

At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executiive Session as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 9:48 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2011-119

Consider and Take Action, If Any, on the Sale of Real Estate as Discussed in the Executive Session.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to authorize the City Manager to prepare a bid schedule, with specifications, for sale of the properties discussed in the Executive Session.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

2. Council Action 2011-118

Consider and Take Action, If Any, on Contemplated Litigation as Discussed in the Executive Session.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, McCarty, Huddleston, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary