The City of Liberty

City Council

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, March 10, 2015 **6:00 PM** **City Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson	Present	
Frank Jordan	Councilperson	Present	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Absent	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Randy Gunter	City Attorney	Present	

II. INVOCATION

This agenda item was passed on.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge to the American and Texas flags was led by Fire Chief Fred Collins.

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.

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

City Manager Gary Broz requested that Council, if available, sign up to work the Information

Booth for the Liberty Jubilee.

Mayor Pickett reported on a story related to him by Library Director Dana Abshier regarding a former resident that named her child "Liberty". The Mayor further reported on twenty years of volunteer service to the Library by Mr. Al Brandli.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 3220)

Project Updates - City Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the status of numerous City activities to include the soon to be completed new park restrooms, 3000 ft. of concrete poured on the new street, Fire Department tanker truck to be delivered within the next two weeks, meeting with Boomerang Tube Interim President regarding delinquent tax payments, Navigation Waterline Project almost complete, Texas Municipal League information on revenue caps, 30^{th} Annual Jubilee, and other City projects.

B. Information Item (ID # 3221)

Recycling Report - Councilperson Huddleston

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Huddleston reported that the next "Shred-It" event will take place on Saturday, April 18th, 9:00 a.m. until Noon, in the parking lot on the west side of the City Hall.

C. Information Item (ID # 3222)

Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett reported that the City has received the annual refund from SRMPA in the amount of $846,339.85. Mayor Pickett further explained that this money is applied to the bill the City owes the Agency for electricity, but also helps to reduce the rate paid by the citizens. This amount is consistent with previous refunds.

D. Information Item (ID # 3223)

Houston-Galveston Area Council - Councilperson Jordan

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Jordan reported that he and the City Manager recently attended the 2015 Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly. Councilperson Jordan further reported that they were able to converse with Chief Operating Officer, Chuck Wemple on various City related topics. The speaker was State Representative Dennis Bonnen, Brazoria County, who discussed ad valorem taxes and revenue caps.

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:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	David Arnold

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, February 10, 2015

2. Tuesday, February 24, 2015

3. Tuesday, February 24, 2015

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2015-15

Representatives of the Water Control Improvement District #5 to address Council regarding drainage concerns with the Lakeland to Bypass Connector Project, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. William Conlan, PE., Klotz Associates, was present to address Council, on behalf of Water Control Improvement District #5, in regard to drainage concerns with the street project. Mr. Conlan related that WCID's concern is a possible increase in the rate of runoff that will flow to, and possibly flood, Main A (Tractor Supply/Mas Amigos). Discussion included previous plans for a detention pond and there being no documentation of water detention in the current plan. Mr. Conlan reported that he has a meeting scheduled with the City's project engineers, CivilCorp, and will return to Council at a later date to report on the issues, and conclusions made, in the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- WCID Request & Info (PDF)

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

2. Council Action 2015-16

Consider acceptance of the City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Candidates.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell reported that the three candidates that have filed for a place on the ballot in the City's General Election for officers, are unopposed. This certification is the first step in cancelling the election due to lack of opposition. Those individuals that filed as Council Member candidates were incumbents:

Council Member	Dennis Beasley
	Diane Huddleston
	Libby Simonson

A motion was made to accept the City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Candidates.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Certification of Unopposed Candidates (PDF)

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

3. Ordinance 2015-4

Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Cancelling the May 9, 2015 General Election and Declaring Unopposed Candidates Elected to Office. Considerar La Adopción De Una Ordenanza Cancelando Las Elecciones Generals Del 9 De Mayo Del 2015 Y Declarando Los Candidatos Sin Oposición a Las Elecciones.

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, CANCELLING AN ELECTION PREVIOUSLY ORDERED TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2015; FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE COUNCILPERSONS; DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN SAID ELECTION ELECTED TO OFFICE; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS.

A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance cancelling the May 9, 2015 General Election, due to lack of opposition.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	David Arnold

4. Council Action 2015-18

Consider the appointment of a Police Chief for the Liberty Police Department.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reviewed the process for selection of a Police Chief and presented Mr. Thomas Claunch as the final candidate for the position. A motion was made to appoint Mr. Claunch as the Police Chief.

Gary Martin was thanked for serving as the Interim Police Chief and his many years of service to the Department. Mr. Broz informed the Council and audience that the Chief's swearing-in ceremony will take place on Friday, March 20th at the Liberty Police Department. Mr. Claunch's first day will be April 1st.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [5 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz
ABSTAIN:	Libby Simonson
ABSENT:	David Arnold

5. Council Action 2015-17

Consider approval of a bid received for Tax Resale Property described as 000022 P P Dever, Tract 205 207.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This agenda item was passed on.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Tax Resale Property Info (PDF)

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

6. Council Action 2015-19

Consider ratifying the Liberty Community Development Corporation's recommendation to name the new road, Lakeland to Bypass Connector Project, as Woodsprings Drive.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Beasley, President of the Liberty Community Development Corporation, stated that at the March 3rd meeting of the Corporation, the Board had voted to name the Lakeland to Bypass Connector Project as Woodsprings Drive. Councilperson Beasley explained that Woodsprings was at the edge of town, a part of the Atascosita Trail and the Board decided to give the new road a name related to Texas history.

A motion was made to name the new road Woodsprings Drive.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Diane Huddleston, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	David Arnold

7. Council Action 2015-20

Consider proposals for leased lines for City connectivity, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz requested that the Mayor open together agenda items #7, #8 and #9 and reported that the connectivity plan began in June, 2011. Mr. Broz explained that this technology upgrade would connect all City facilities together by use of a city-wide area network. Completion of this project includes leasing the necessary lines for connectivity, purchasing a phone system for the Public Works Service Center and the Municipal Library, and the purchase of various switches and related cables and equipment. Mr. Broz reported on the previous completed portions of the plan and the costs for project completion as follows:

Proposal from Comcast for network & dedicated internet - $4372 monthly - 36 months + $3000 installation fee

Purchase of phones-Triangle Computer & Telephone - $19,858

Purchase of misc. Equipment-Triangle Computer & Telephone - $24,825.

After further discussion of the scope of work, related warranties and security concerns, a motion was made to approve the proposal from Comcast at a cost of $4372 monthly for 36 months, to include the $3000 installation fee which will be paid from the 2010 Certificates of Obligation.

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

8. Council Action 2015-21

Consider the purchase of telephones for the Public Works Service Center and the Liberty Municipal Library.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made to purchase telephones for the Public Works Service Center and Municipal Library, from Triangle Computer & Telephone, in the amount of $19,858.00, to be paid from the 2010 Certificates of Obligation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Phone System Quotes (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson
ABSENT:	David Arnold

9. Council Action 2015-22

Consider the purchase of equipment for wide-area network connectivity, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made to purchase the various equipment for wide-area network connectivity from Triangle Computer & Telephone in the amount of $24,825.00, with the five-year warranty to be included in the written documentation and to be paid from the 2010 Certificates of Obligation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- WAN Project (PDF)

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary