



The City of Liberty
City Council
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Dianne Tidwell
City Secretary
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Tuesday, May 12, 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	6:15 PM
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Absent	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	

II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Pastor Don Prather, Liberty Church of Christ.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge to the American and Texas flags was led by Liberty High School Senior Josh Williams.

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.

Mayor Pickett reported on the following:

- \$26,500 was given to the Friends of the Library, in honor of the tremendous number of volunteer hours dedicated to the Library by Ms. Terri Cash.
- The dedication of the Ruth Canfield Park, located on Grand Street, will be held on Friday, June 5th.
- Tomoe Engineering has given their resources to upgrade the area in which the large American Flag is located on Hwy. 90. Tomoe has provided vegetation and plantings to this area to make it a more aesthetically area to those traveling through the community.

City Manager Gary Broz reported that on May 15 Burgers at the Park would be held at the City Park.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 3252)

Proclamation - Liberty High School Soccer Team

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett introduced LHS Soccer Coach Joe Roberts and congratulated Coach Roberts and the team members on their recent success. Mayor Pickett read, in its entirety, a Proclamation proclaiming May 13th as "Liberty High School Soccer Team Day".

ATTACHMENTS:

- LHS Soccer Team Day 2015 (DOC)

B. Information Item (ID # 3260)

Proclamation-Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read, in its entirety, a proclamation proclaiming the month of May, 2015 as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" in the City of Liberty. Representatives from various motorcycle groups were present and expressed their appreciation for the proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Motorcycle Safety Month 2015 (DOC)

C. Information Item (ID # 3248)

Project Updates - City Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on numerous projects as follows:

- Street Project moving along well as all concrete lanes are poured. Contractor is currently working on curbing,
- The Splash Pad is now open,

- Work has begun on the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget,
- Street Department working on Bike Route, markings on street will be made soon when no longer raining,
- Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Cassandra Gill has resigned,
- Recent issues with power outages in which SRMPA sent a repair crew,
- Possible ordinance to address homeless issues in the City and
- and other varied projects.

D. Information Item (ID # 3249)

Recycling Report - Councilperson Huddleston

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Huddleston reported that there was a large turnout for the recent "Shred-It" Event held on April 18th. Ms. Huddleston stated that this event was a huge success and that she had received many positive comments regarding this city project.

E. Information Item (ID # 3261)

Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett reported that the next meeting of the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors would be held on Tuesday, May 19th, and minutes of the previous meeting are included in the Council handouts. Mayor Pickett remarked that there is ongoing litigation with the Agency's former general counsel.

F. Information Item (ID # 3250)

H-GAC Report - Councilperson Jordan

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Jordan reported that he was honored to be elected as Chairperson of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District Loan Committee. This committee has \$7.5 million to release over the H-GAC 13-County Region. Councilperson Jordan also reported that he is a member of another H-GAC Committee which has completed planning/foresight for the 13-county region, this information being used as a basis for Houston-Galveston Area grants.

G. Information Item (ID # 3251)

Finance Report - Fin. Dir. N. Herrington

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Finance Director Naomi Herrington reported on revenues and expenditures for each fund to include the cash in bank. Ms. Herrington reported that as of March 31st, cash in bank for the General Fund is \$2.9 million. Ms. Herrington further reported that sales tax collections are 47% of budgeted amounts, and property taxes collections are 77% of budgeted amounts. Ms. Herrington provided further details of the General Fund and other remaining funds.

Ms. Herrington continued by reporting on Council's request for information regarding the City's bond indebtedness relating to Boomerang Tube LLC. Ms. Herrington reported that the principal amount, as of May 8, 2015 is \$1.235 million, interest is \$248,000, for a combined total of \$1.483

million. The balance in the fund which includes the adder and facility charge is \$613,000, leaving an unsecured balance of \$869,000. Payments are made in March and September of each year, with the pay-off scheduled for September, 2020, unless paid off prior to that time.

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

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, April 07, 2015
2. Tuesday, April 14, 2015

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2015-32

Receive and accept the 2015 Charter Review Commission Final Report, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Jordan, Chairman of the 2015 Charter Review Commission, reported that the committee had met and held discussions that included input from the City Manager and City Attorney regarding the City's Home Rule Charter. At the conclusion of these discussions, the committee's determination was there were no changes to be made.

A motion was made to accept the Final Report of the 2015 Charter Review Commission, with no changes to the City Charter.

Councilperson Jordan departed at 6:57 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Final Report (DOCX)

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

2. Information Item (ID # 3253)

Oath of Office - Judge Mike Little

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Municipal Court Judge Michael Little issued the Oath of Office to those individuals elected to City Council, as a result of the May 9, 2015 election cycle. The following individuals were unopposed and declared duly elected to office:

Diane Huddleston	Council Member
Libby Simonson	Council Member
Dennis Beasley	Council Member

ATTACHMENTS:

- Oath of Office Form (DOC)

3. Council Action 2015-28

Council to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Simonson nominated Diane Huddleston to continue serving as Mayor Pro Tem. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made to elect Councilperson Huddleston as Mayor Pro Tem.

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

4. Council Action 2015-29

Consider appointments to the Liberty Community Development Corporation Board of Directors.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell reported that the Liberty Community Development Corporation Board Members serve two-year terms and that four of the seven members shall be persons who are not employees, officers of the City or members of City Council. Those members whose terms expire are David Arnold, Mark Campbell and Leslie Herndon.

A motion was made to reappoint the following members to the LCDC Board of Directors:

David Arnold

Mark Campbell

Leslie Herndon

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

5. Council Action 2015-30

Consider appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission is comprised of five members, appointed by City Council, to serve three-year terms. Those members whose terms expire are Kim Anderson and Bill Takach.

A motion was made to reappoint the following members to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Kim Anderson and Bill Takach.

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

6. Council Action 2015-31

Consider dates for the 2016 Liberty Jubilee, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of changing the Liberty Jubilee from the 4th weekend of March to another weekend, as the normal 2016 date would also be Easter weekend. After brief discussion of current events for the month of March and April, a motion was made to hold the 2016 Liberty Jubilee on March 18 and 19.

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

VIII. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session (ID # 3259)

Review goals, objectives and action plans for 2015-2016.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the City's 2014 Goals, Objectives and Action Plans, those items that were complete and those items that were still of great significance. Discussed was the homeless situation, community enhancement to include the appearance of the

community, especially along Hwy. 90. Discussed were painting curbs, mowing right-of-ways, landscaping the Public Works Facility, electrical issues in the Forest Hills Subdivision, working with the WCID No. 5, quality customer service and numerous other topics.

After lengthy discussion of all the various categories, Council decided to arrange the goals in the following order:

1. Infrastructure
2. Public Safety
3. Personnel
4. Community Enhancement
5. Community Relations

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary