



The City of Liberty
City Council
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Tuesday, July 14, 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	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Brandon Davis	City Counsel	Present	

II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was not held.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Local journalist Casey Stinnett led the pledge to the American and Texas flags.

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 there would be a Special Called Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 28th

and expressed appreciation for all those that participated in making the Independence Day Celebration a huge success.

Councilperson Jordan conveyed his appreciation for the recent power outage reports placed on the City's webpage.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 3299)

Project Updates - City Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the following:

- Various City projects and the status of each
- Recent electric outages and their cause
- Street Supt. Harvey Joiner and Court Clerk Dorothy Drennan retiring
- Street Project progressing well - completion date is July 31
- Budget Work Sessions to be held July 15th and 16th, and if necessary July 17th
- July Sates Tax revenues continuing to decline.

B. Information Item (ID # 3300)

Recycling Report - Councilperson Huddleston

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Huddleston reported that she will soon be scheduling the next Shred-It event for possibly the month of September.

C. Information Item (ID # 3301)

Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett reported on recent minutes from, and upcoming meetings of, the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency. Mayor Pickett spoke to recent power outages as not acceptable, with some being a result of mother nature and some being substation maintenance performed by the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency.

D. Information Item (ID # 3302)

Houston-Galveston Area Council - Councilperson Jordan

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Jordan reported that the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Gulf Coast Economic Development District is urging cities to apply for \$50,000 grants with a 50% match. These grants are offered every two years. As H-GAC covers a 13-County region, Councilperson Jordan conveyed information on neighboring Chambers County economic development

activities that could possibly overflow into Liberty County.

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, Arnold

A. Minutes Approval

1. Friday, June 05, 2015
2. Tuesday, June 09, 2015
3. Tuesday, June 23, 2015

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Public Hearing (ID # 3303)

Public Hearing on the 2014 Drinking Water Quality Report.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:31 p.m, Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the 2014 Drinking Water Quality Report. Tom Warner, Public Works Director, stated that it is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that this report be sent to each citizen served by the City's water system, prior to July 1st. The 2014 report reflects that there are no violations and the City's water exceeds EPA drinking water standards.

After brief discussion, Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Water Quality Rpt Pg 1 (PDF)
- Water Quality Rpt. Pg 2 (PDF)

2. Council Action 2015-48

Consider selection of the design for a municipal flag to represent the City of Liberty.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This agenda item was passed on.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

3. Council Action 2015-49

Consider award of bid for two vehicles for the Liberty Police Department.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on a bid tabulation for two vehicles for the Liberty Police Department. The low bidder on both vehicles was BJ Ford, Liberty, Texas as follows:

2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility	\$31,982.73
2015 F-150 4X2 Crew Cab XL	\$25,220.16

After brief discussion of the various bidders, bid amounts and that the vehicles will be funded from the Fixed Asset Fund, a motion was made to accept the bid from BJ Ford for both vehicles.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bid Tab-PD Vehicles (PDF)

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

4. Council Action 2015-50

Consider selection of an engineer for proposed Drinking Water Fund Projects, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. J. Rice, Public Management, reported on the low-interest loan program from the Texas Water Development Board. The City has applied for funding of proposed Drinking Water Fund (State Revolving Fund) Projects to include a new well, elevated tank, 12" water line extension and rehabilitation of the North Water Plant. Mr. Rice stated as these are federal funds, federal procurement standards must be met for any contract services. The City must select an engineer for the proposed projects and seven engineering firms responded to a Request for Proposals. After lengthy discussion of the projects, the engineering firms and their qualifications, a motion was made to begin contract negotiations with O'Malley/Strand Associates, Brenham, Texas.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Drinking Water Projects (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER: Louie Potetz, Councilperson
AYES: Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold

5. Council Action 2015-51

Consider selection of an engineer for proposed Clean Water Fund Projects, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

J. Rice, Public Management, reported on the low-interest loan program from the Texas Water Development Board. The City has applied for funding of proposed Clean Water Fund (State Revolving Fund) Projects to include a Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge line increase, rehabilitation of the manhole/collection line and lift stations, expansion of sewer service and a reuse transmission line. The City must select an engineer for the proposed projects and seven engineering firms responded to a Request for Proposals. After lengthy discussion of the projects, the engineering firms and their qualifications, a motion was made to begin contract negotiations with HR Green, Inc., Houston, Texas.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Clean Water Projects (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold

B. Executive Session

Government Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.

1. Discussion of the City Manager's Annual Evaluation.

At 7:11 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and convened the Executive Session as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 7:53 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2015-52

Consider and take action, if any, on the City Manager's evaluation as discussed in the Executive Session.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN
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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary