



The City of Liberty
City Council
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Tuesday, February 9, 2016

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Mayor Pro Tem	Absent	
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	

II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Pastor Dick Lintelman, North Main Baptist Church, Liberty, Texas.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge to the American and Texas flags was led by Liberty High School students, Abby Jones and Jake Reidland.

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 reported on the recent Annual Fire Department Banquet held on January 30, 2016.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 3442)

Project Updates - City Manager, G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on current City projects several of which include: City of Hardin sewer overage bills are current with the payment agreement, Boomerang Tube has paid 2015 property taxes in full, the City will be closing soon on Texas Water Development Board Loan for Planning and Design for water and wastewater improvements, Parks & Wildlife Grant was submitted end of January, Staff preparing for Liberty Jubilee to be held on March 18 & 19, and the Inn at Liberty will soon be demolished.

B. Information Item (ID # 3443)

Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett reported that the Agency did not meet in January, but will hold a meeting in February. Mayor Pickett further reported that the Annual Engineer's Report will soon be complete, which relates to the Agency's bond indenture and also details financial information and Agency operations.

C. Information Item (ID # 3444)

Houston-Galveston Area Council - Councilperson Jordan

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Jordan reported that at the most recent meeting of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District, the 2014-2018 economic development strategy was reviewed. This strategy encompasses the HGAC 13-County Region, which includes Liberty County. Councilperson Jordan further reported on the Liberty County Economic Development Committee, 2002-2010 population increases for Liberty County and other related activities.

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, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold
ABSENT:	Diane Huddleston

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, January 12, 2016

2. Tuesday, January 26, 2016**B. Resolution 2016-1**

Consider a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of Main Street during the 2016 Liberty Jubilee.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TxDOT Temporary Rd. Closure Agreement 2016 (DOC)

VII. REGULAR AGENDA**A. Regular Session****1. Ordinance 2016-2**

Consider adoption of an Ordinance ordering a General Election to be held in the City of Liberty on Saturday, May 7, 2016 authorizing a Joint Election Agreement and Election Services Contract by and between the City of Liberty, Liberty Independent School District, any other contracting entities, and the Liberty County Clerk. Considere una aceptacion a la ordenanza que manda a una eleccion general que tendra lugar en la Ciudad de Liberty, el sabado 7 de mayo del 2016; que autoriza un Acuerdo de Elecciones Conjuntas y un Contrato de los Servicios de Eleccion por y entre la Ciudad de Liberty, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Liberty, cualquier otra entidad de contracción y la Oficina del Secretario del Condado de Liberty.

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 ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LIBERTY, LIBERTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ANY OTHER CONTRACTING ENTITIES, AND THE LIBERTY COUNTY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR TWO TWELVE-HOUR DAYS OF EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION; ESTABLISHING OTHER PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; 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 ordering the City's General Election for Saturday, May 7, 2016.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Election Services Agreement 2016 (DOCX)
- Election Svs Joint Resolution (DOCX)
- Spanish Ord General Election (DOC)

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

2. Council Action 2016-10

Consider award of contract to Bright Star Solutions for the Electric Distribution Overhead System Maintenance Project.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that the City let bids for Electric Distribution Overhead System Maintenance and contacted thirteen prospective bidders. Only one bid was received, from Bright Star Solutions, Inc., Sour Lake, Texas. After brief discussion, a motion was made to approve the billing rates from Bright Star for the Electric Distribution Overhead System Maintenance Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Elec Dist OH Maintenance (PDF)

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

3. Council Action 2016-11

Consider award of contract to DigTech for the Electric Distribution Underground System Maintenance Project.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that the City let bids for Electric Distribution Underground System Maintenance and contacted thirteen prospective bidders. Only one bid was received, from Dig Tech Inc., Bastrop, Texas. The underground project locations are the Regency Place and Travis Park Subdivisions. After brief discussion, a motion was made to approve the billing rates from Dig Tech for the Electric Distribution Underground System Maintenance Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Elec Dist UG Maintenance (PDF)

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

4. Council Action 2016-12

Consider approval of the Electric Distribution Overhead and Underground System Maintenance Projects.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the electric distribution overhead and underground system maintenance projects. The various project areas and costs were reviewed, for a total cost of \$2.8 million dollars. After further discussion, a motion was made to approve the maintenance projects as presented.

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

5. Council Action 2016-13

Discussion on placing "In God We Trust" on public safety vehicles, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion was held regarding the advantages and disadvantages for placing "In God We Trust" on City of Liberty public safety vehicles. After brief dialogue, motion was made to approve placement of "In God We Trust" on the above-mentioned vehicles.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold
NAYS:	Carl Pickett
ABSENT:	Diane Huddleston

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary