



The City of Liberty
City Council
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Dianne Tidwell
City Secretary
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Tuesday, April 12, 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	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 Attorney	Present	

II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Rev. Bell, Lily of the Valley Missionary Baptist Church.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge to the American and Texas flags was led by Liberty Police Department Officer Ronnie Garcia.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

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 stated there would be a Special Called Meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

Mayor Pickett reported on the Liberty ISD Education Foundation Freedom Ride held April 9, 2016. This bicycle ride featured four ride distances and was a huge success. All proceeds

of this bicycle ride benefit the grant program for the Foundation.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 3474)

Project Updates - City Mgr. - G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on current, and recently completed City projects to include electric upgrades, opening date for the Splash Pad, installation of a temporary pump at the North Well, Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency Buy-down receipt of \$1.4 million, Texas Water Development Board Loans for clean water and wastewater projects recently closed, and review of other City related projects.

B. Information Item (ID # 3475)

Recycling Report - Councilperson Huddleston

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Huddleston reported that the next Shred Event will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016, from 9 am - Noon.

C. Information Item (ID # 3476)

Planning & Zoning Commission Appointments - City Sec. D. Tidwell

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell reported on upcoming appointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ms. Tidwell stated that this Board is comprised of five members who serve three-year terms, reporting that those members whose terms expire are Larry Wagnon and Alternate Mike Page. There is also a second alternate position that is currently vacant. Appointments will be made at the May 10th Council Meeting.

D. Information Item (ID # 3477)

Liberty Community Development Corporation Appointments - City Sec. D. Tidwell

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell reported on upcoming appointments to the Liberty Community Development Corporation. Ms. Tidwell stated that the Corporation is managed by a Board of seven members who serve two-year terms, reporting that those members whose terms expire are Dennis Beasley, Louie Potetz, Barbara Norwood and Mike McCarty. Appointments will be made at the May 10th Council Meeting.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, March 08, 2016
2. Tuesday, March 22, 2016

VII. REGULAR AGENDA**A. Executive Session**

Government Code §551.071

Private Consultation with Attorney on all subjects or matters authorized by law:

1. Consultation with Attorney - Hardin Sewer

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

B. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 6:32 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2016-25

Consider and take action, if any, on the items as discussed in the Executive Session.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to authorize the City Manager to move forward with the City of Hardin, as discussed in the Executive Session.

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

C. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2016-23

Consider purchase of transformers for the Electric Department.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reviewed a list of current and needed padmount transformers, of various voltages, for the Electric Department. Discussion was held regarding building inventory, storage, transformer locations, and the three bids received for the purchase of five rebuilt transformers. Low bid was from T&R Electric Supply in the total amount of \$45,291.00.

A motion was made to accept the bid from T&R Electric Supply for the transformers, in the amount of \$45,291.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Transformer Purchase Info April 2016 (PDF)

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

2. Council Action 2016-24

Consider a bid for Tax Resale Property described as 000073 James Martin, Tract 325 and 000073 James Martin, Tract 16 216 (Minglewood).

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Attorney Brandon Davis reported that an offer of \$16,000.00 was made for tax resale property located in the Minglewood Subdivision. The CAD value is \$26,360.00, and of the offered amount, \$5927.48 will be distributed to the City. Mr. Davis stated that this property consists of 5.5 acres, two accounts, however, only one piece of property. The property sale was previously approved by the school district and the County. A motion was made to accept the bid of \$16,000.00 for the tax resale property described as 000073 James Martin, Tract 325 and 000073 James Martin, Tract 16 216.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Tax Sale Property-Minglewood 2016 (PDF)

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

3. Council Action 2016-26

Discussion with a representative from Olson & Olson LLP regarding proposed annexation, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This agenda item was passed on.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary