The City of Liberty

City Council

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, June 14, 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	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Present	
Paul Glazener	Councilperson	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Brandon Davis	City Attorney	Present	

II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Lions Club Member, Greg Turner.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge to the American and Texas flags was led by Lions Club Member, Joe Oldham.

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 that the recent Texas Municipal League Region 16 Meeting, held in the

Liberty Center, was a huge success and attended by numerous cities from southeast Texas. Mayor Pickett further reported that the annual evaluations for the City Manager are on the Council dais, to be completed and returned in July.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 3535)

Project Updates - City Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on current City projects and activities to include: 1) Fire Dept. BBQ Fundraiser 2) electric upgrades moving along well, with poles being replaced in Travis Park 3) new playground equipment will be installed the end of this week at the park 4) Highway 90 paving project continues, with traffic control confusing, 5) Boomerang Tube still in operation with reduced workforce 6) discussion of the City of Ames and Hardin each hiring HR Green to smoke test lines 7) and other City issues.

B. Information Item (ID # 3536)

Recycling Report - Councilperson Huddleston

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Huddleston reported on the upcoming Shred-It Event to be held on Saturday, June 18th. Ms. Huddleston stated that this event will include the shredding of sensitive documents, recycling of paper, plastic and aluminim and E-Cycling to include computers, keyboards, cell phones and small electronics. Shred-It will take place from 9:00 a.m. until Noon in the west parking lot of the City Hall Administration Building.

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.

A motion was made to approve the minutes, subject to correction of the Financial Report in the May 24, 2016 minutes. Correction was to change the amount of funds received by the City, from the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency Cambridge Project from $10.5 million to $12 million.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold, Glazener

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, May 10, 2016

2. Tuesday, May 24, 2016

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2016-53

Presentation and discussion of expenditures for sinkholes and flood issues, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A Powerpoint presentation was shown by City Manager Gary Broz regarding numerous sinkholes in the City, as a result of recent heavy rainfall, saturated ground and aging infrastructure. Mr. Broz reported on the following sinkhole locations:

1) Bowie Street, South of Hwy. 90, near AutoZone

2) Hwy. 90 - John Deere Dealership

3) Bowie Street - Main B to Edgewood Street

4) Alabama Street - South of Hwy. 90 and Washington Street

Mr. Broz and Public Works Director Tom Warner reviewed the issues affecting each location including discussion of manhole replacement, open-cut vs. pipe bursting, pipe dimensions, quotes for repair and other related issues. Management recommended repairs to be completed on Bowie Street, south of Hwy. 90 by 5-T Utilities, with the recommendation that PM Construction repair the remaining sinkholes.

A motion was made to approve the expenditure of funds in the amount of $1,050,000.00 for emergency repairs, as presented.

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

2. Council Action 2016-54

Consider award of bid for employee uniforms for various City Departments.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Works Director Tom Warner reported that the City received three (3) bids for Uniform Rental & Laundry Service. Bids were submitted from Ace Image Wear, Cintas and Uni First. Low bidder was Cintas, including low bid for preparation charges. Mr. Warner stated that the City has used Cintas for quite some time and there are no complaints or concerns with their work.

A motion was made to award the bid and annual contract to Cintas.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agenda Item Uniforms May 2016 (DOCX)
- Uniform Bid Tab (PDF)

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

3. Ordinance 2016-9

Consider adoption of an Ordinance approving the rates proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Texas and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas Company's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Ordinance into the record as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS APPROVING THE RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS ("CENTERPOINT' OR " COMPANY") COMPANY'S GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ("GRIP") FILING MADE WITH THE CITY ON MARCH 31, 2016; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT, AND DECLARING 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."

City Manager Gary Broz stated that this Ordinance is in regard to a requested rate increase by Centerpoint, which was challenged by numerous cities in the CenterPoint Beaumont/East Texas Division. Mr. Broz further reported that the rates have been reviewed by the Lawton Law Firm (representing participating cities) and the rate filing complies with the CenterPoint "GRIP". The City Manager stated that the rates have increased but not to the full extent as requested.

A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CenterPoint Letter (PDF)

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Diane Huddleston, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold, Glazener

B. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session (ID # 3538)

Review and update the City's goals, objectives and action plans for 2016 - 2017.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reviewed the City's 2015 Goals, Objectives and Action Plans, and each category: 1) Infrastructure 2) Public Safety 3) Personnel Investment 4) Community Enhancement and 5) Community Relations. Various comments were made regarding infrastructure improvements and current water and wastewater issues, continuation of economic development efforts, code enforcement and employee salaries.

Mr. Broz stated the City's 2016 Goals, Objectives and Action Plans will remain the same as the previous year, to be continually improved upon.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Goals Objectives and Action Plan 2015 (DOCX)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary