



The City of Liberty
City Council
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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 Fr. Ayo Efodigbue, Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Ames, Texas.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge to the American and Texas flags was led by Firefighters James Clymer and Jacob Cantu, respectively.

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.

Councilperson Huddleston reported there would be a Shred-It Event to be held on Saturday, April 8. This community shred event will also include E-cycling.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 3710)

Fire Dept Presentation - Chief Hurst

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Fire Chief Brian Hurst addressed Council regarding information and statistics on the Liberty Fire Department activities for the previous year. Chief Hurst concluded by showing a Power Point photo presentation from the Fire Department entitled "A Look Back at 2016".

B. Information Item (ID # 3711)

Project Updates - City Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on various City projects and activities which included comments regarding: 1) 1309 N. Main Street property which has been let for bid 2) Wastewater Project is 50% design complete, with bids to be let in June or July 3) plan for building curbside pickup working well 4) sales tax revenues are down 5) Letter writing campaign for Hwy. 146N working well, 6) work continues on the Library bid package 7) planning work continues on the 32nd Annual Liberty Jubilee 8) other City topics.

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:	Paul Glazener, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold, Glazener

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, January 10, 2017
2. Tuesday, January 24, 2017
3. Tuesday, January 31, 2017

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2017-7

Discussion with Mr. Mike Goins, Entergy, regarding Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency electrical matters, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Mike Goins, Entergy representative, was present to address Council regarding a docketed item with the Louisiana Public Service Commission regarding issues relating to the Cambridge Project contracts. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the various layers of contracts with SRMPA, Entergy, Vinton Public Power Authority, contract negotiations, and other related issues.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agenda Item Request (PDF)

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

2. Information Item (ID # 3713)

Presentation by Mr. Bruce Wright regarding the Liberty ISD Education Foundation Liberty Freedom Ride 2017.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Bruce Wright, Liberty ISD Education Foundation, made a presentation regarding their upcoming fundraiser, Liberty Freedom Ride 2017, to be held April 8. Mr. Wright reported that this fundraiser helps to provide classroom grants for teachers, and further reported on the Freedom Ride regarding various routes, support services, expected ridership, etc.

3. Council Action 2017-8

Consider ratifying the Liberty Community Development Corporation's expenditure of \$7500.00 toward sponsorship and funding of the Liberty ISD Education Foundation Liberty Freedom Ride 2017, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made to ratify the Liberty Community Development Corporation's expenditure of \$7500 toward sponsorship and funding of the Liberty ISD Education Foundation Liberty Freedom Ride 2017.

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

4. Ordinance 2017-5

Consider adoption of an Ordinance authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2017.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ENTERGY SERVICE AREA CITIES IN MATTERS CONCERNING ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS AND THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION IN 2017; 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."

A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance as presented.

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

B. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session (ID # 3716)

Discussion of a proposed Ordinance regulating tiny homes.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Attorney Brandon Davis led a discussion on the proposed regulation of tiny homes. Lengthy discussion was held regarding home size, location, wheels/skids vs. concrete slab/blocks, ancillary structure to an existing home, inside vs. outside city limits, possibly using the same locations as used with the "No Manufactured Home Zone", and other related issues. Consensus of the Council was to hold a public meeting in order for the citizens to comment and/or voice their concerns.

2. Work Session (ID # 3717)

Discussion of a proposed Ordinance amending Article 4.09 of the Code of Ordinances regulating mobile food vendors.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Attorney Brandon Davis led a discussion regarding the proposed amendment to the City's mobile food vendor ordinance. There are vendors who claim to be mobile, but continually remain stationary in the same location. Discussed were location restrictions, number of days and hours allowed in the same location, how proposed restrictions would affect some local vendors that are important to the community, and other related issues. This topic will be further researched and brought before Council at a later date.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ORD - Mobile Food Vendor Amendment (DOCX)

3. Work Session (ID # 3718)

Discussion of a proposed Ordinance amending Article 8.05 of the Code of Ordinances regulating junk vehicles.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Attorney Brandon Davis led a discussion on a proposed amendment to the City's junk vehicle ordinance. Discussed were State Law requirements, notice requirements, lengthy process for removal, and how these vehicles are detrimental to the development of the City. This ordinance will be brought before the Council at a later date.

C. Executive Session

Government Code §551.087

Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiation - Prospective Businesses.

At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

D. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 8:36 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2017-9

Consider and take action, if any, on the items 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 8:37 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary