



The City of Liberty
City Council
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Tuesday, December 12, 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	Absent	
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 Pastor Clint Sylvester, Grace Church, Liberty.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge to the American and Texas flags was led by Emily Connelley, Liberty High School, Junior Class.

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.

After approval of the minutes, Mayor Pickett reopened the Public Comment Section of the agenda. Mr. John Morrison addressed the Council regarding the condition of several homes in his neighborhood on Cypress Street.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 3987)

Project Updates - City Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reviewed numerous City projects and the status of each.

B. Information Item (ID # 3988)

Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett reported on the following:

- SRMPA Minutes
- Board Member vacancy and replacement
- Ongoing discussion regarding the Cambridge Project and the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

C. Information Item (ID # 3989)

Mayor, Council and Staff Comments

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Police Chief Tom Claunch reported on meetings with local churches regarding active shooter preparedness.

Fire Chief Brian Hurst reported on a mutual aid call for a fire in Raywood, Texas on December 8th.

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, Glazener
ABSENT:	David Arnold

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, November 14, 2017
2. Thursday, November 16, 2017

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Ordinance 2017-23

Consider adoption of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ENTERGY SERVICE AREA CITIES IN MATTERS CONCERNING ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS IN 2018; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LAWYERS AND RATE EXPERTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS; 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.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that this ordinance authorizes the City's participation in regulatory rate proceedings involving Entergy Texas (ETI) before the Public Utility Commission; resulting in successful regulation of ETI and maintaining reasonable rates for customers. A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Entergy Ord Information (PDF)

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

2. Ordinance 2017-24

Consider adoption of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE 4.09.066(C), REGARDING TRANSPORTER WASTE MANIFEST REQUIREMENTS; 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.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Works Director Tom Warner reviewed an Ordinance amending the City's current regulations regarding transporter waste manifest requirements. The manifest is a three-part document with one part given to the generator of the grease waste, the second to the transporter and the third to the city disposal site receiving facility. This ordinance changes the third part from the City's disposal site to the Water/Wastewater Manager or his designee. This clarifies, specifically, who will receive the third part of the manifest. A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agenda Form- FOG Ord Amendment (DOCX)

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

3. Resolution 2017-14

Consider a Resolution casting the City's voting entitlement for a position(s) on the Liberty County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and the nominees for positions on this Board. After brief discussion, a motion was made to cast the City's entire voting entitlement of 167 votes for John Hebert, Jr.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAD Information (PDF)

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

4. Council Action 2017-123

Consider approval of an Ambulance Transportation Provider Agreement with Liberty HealthCare.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz and Fire Chief Brian Hurst reported on a proposed provider agreement with Liberty Health Care. This agreement stipulates the terms and conditions under which the City of Liberty Fire/EMS will provide personnel and equipment for transportation of emergency and non-emergency patients to and from Liberty Health Care. After brief discussion of the agreement and its terms, a motion was made to approve the agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Nursing Home Agreement (DOCX)

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

5. Council Action 2017-124

Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority for electrical transformers, control and substation facilities.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on a proposed cooperative agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for repair, maintenance and technical services (testing, inspection, and personnel training) for electric, transmission, control, distribution and substation facilities. This would avoid redundant expenditures, reduce costs to rate-payers, improve responsiveness to outages and emergencies, and enhance reliability of the electric systems and facilities. A motion was made to approve the agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

- LCRA Agreement (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Paul Glazener, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Potetz, Simonson, Glazener
ABSENT:	David Arnold

6. Council Action 2017-125

Consider award of bid for two (2) new vehicles for the Liberty Police Department.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion was held regarding proposals received for two (2) new vehicles for the Liberty Police Department.. After review of the proposals and related costs, a motion was made to purchase two Dodge Chargers from Liberty Dayton Chrysler at a cost of \$22,875.00 each, for a total cost of \$45,750.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PD Vehicle Info (PDF)

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

7. Council Action 2017-126

Consider approval of Home Rule Charter proposed language and submission of proposed amendments to the voters.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Attorney Brandon Davis reviewed the proposed changes to the City's Home Rule Charter and related proposition language. A motion was made to approve the language as discussed and move forward with the election process.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Charter Amendments (DOCX)

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary