



The City of Liberty City Council

Regular Meeting

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1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
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April Gilliland
City Secretary
936-336-3684

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Diane Driggers	Mayor ProTem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Council Member	Remote	
Libby Simonson	Council Member	Present	
David Arnold	Council Member	Absent	
Chipper Smith	Council Member	Present	
Neal Thornton	Council Member	Present	
Naomi Herrington	Assistant City Manager / CFO	Present	
Chris Jarmon	Assistant City Manager	Present	
Damon Jones	Public Works Director	Present	
Brandon Davis	City Attorney	Present	
April Gilliland	City Secretary	Present	

II. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Clint Sylvester, Grace Church, Liberty, Texas.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge to the American Flag was led by Assistant City Manager Chris Jarmon and the pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Public Works Director Damon Jones.

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.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 5171)

City Manager's Report - City Manager Tom Warner - Topics include Certified Tax Roll/Tax Rate, CenterPoint Energy, Unified Development Ordinance, and Entergy

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Assistant City Manager Naomi Herrington reported on the following updates in the report provided by City Manager Tom Warner:

- Certified Tax Roll & Tax Rate
- CenterPoint Energy Refund
- Electrical Projects
- Unified Development Ordinance Schedule
- Entergy's Orange County Power Station

ATTACHMENTS:

- City Manager's Report August 10 2021 (DOCX)

B. Information Item (ID # 5172)

Finance Report - Assistant City Manager / CFO - Naomi Herrington

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Assistant City Manager / CFO Naomi Herrington reported on the City's financials as of June 30, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Financial Report - Council June 21 (PDF)
- Balance Sheet-Council June 21 (PDF)

C. Information Item (ID # 5173)

Department Reports

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Monthly reports submitted by the various departments are attached to the agenda for Council's review and staff would answer questions if needed. No questions were asked on the attached reports. Assistant City Manager presented a video regarding the Liberty Municipal Golf Course renovations.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Code Enforcement July 2021 Monthly Report (PDF)
- Fire July 2021 Monthly Report (PDF)
- Inspections July 2021 Monthly Report (PDF)
- Library July 2021 Monthly Report (PDF)
- Police July 2021 Monthly Report (PDF)
- Public Works July 2021 Monthly Report (DOCX)
- City of Liberty Construction July 2021 Monthly Report (DOCX)

D. Information Item (ID # 5174)

Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett, President of the Sam Rayburn Municipal power Agency, stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17th. City of Jasper appointed Randy Sayers to fill their vacancy on the SRMPA Board. Mayor Pickett also mentioned that SRMPA is being sued by Vinton Public Power Authority.

E. Information Item (ID # 5175)

Mayor, Council and Staff Comments

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read an email from Citizen Mike Spears complementing the Water Department on a water leak repair and yard (resod) repair after they had repaired the water leak. Council member Smith commented that the contract mowers seem to be doing a better job now that they understand what is to be expected.

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:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Driggers, Beasley, Simonson, Smith, Thornton
ABSENT:	David Arnold

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, July 13, 2021
2. Wednesday, July 14, 2021
3. Tuesday, July 27, 2021

VII. REGULAR AGENDA**A. Regular Session****1. Resolution 2021-49**

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER SELECTION FOR CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND PROGRAMS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to approve the resolution to select Public Management as the Administrative Professional for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Programs through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Driggers, Mayor ProTem
AYES:	Pickett, Driggers, Beasley, Simonson, Smith, Thornton
ABSENT:	David Arnold

2. Resolution 2021-50

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER SELECTION FOR CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND PROGRAMS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to approve the resolution to select Strand Associates as the Engineering Professional for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Programs through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Driggers, Beasley, Simonson, Smith, Thornton
ABSENT:	David Arnold

B. Executive Session

Tx. Gov. Code §551.071 - Private Consultation with Attorney.

- To seek advice regarding contemplated / pending litigation.

At 6:49 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2021-18

Consider and take action on contemplated/pending litigation discussed in executive session.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made that the City of Liberty join with the Cities of Livingston and Jasper to hire an attorney to represent the cities in litigation as discussed in executive session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neal Thornton, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Driggers, Beasley, Simonson, Smith, Thornton
ABSENT:	David Arnold

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

With no further business to discuss Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

April Gilliland, City Secretary