The City of Liberty
City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Tuesday, September 2, 2008 | **6:00 PM** | **City Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on September 2, 2008 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty,TX at 6:00 PM by.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Pledge.

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 regarding non-agenda items.

Mr. Kenny Weaver, Commander, Chambers-Liberty Narcotics Task Force addressed the Council, stating that the State will be disbanding the Task Force December 31st after twenty years of service to this community. Mr. Weaver reported Sheriff Greg Arthur is organizing a task force which will be comprised of three individuals from the Sheriff's Department and one individual from the City of Dayton. Mr. Weaver asked that the Council consider placing someone to serve on the new "special crimes unit".

Mayor Pickett thanked Fire Chief Fred Collins and Police Chief Mike Cummings for their work during the impending hurricane and expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of all the entities in working together.

V. Presentations/Reports

1. Information Item 2008-43

Texas Water Development Board Project Update

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Steve Jordan, Project Manager, Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. was present to update the Council on the progress of the $8.1 Million Dollar Water Development Board Project.

Mr. Jordan reported on the 2-part project; the collection system and the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Jordan stated the WWTP portion has been approved and is currently in the design phase. The field work on the collection system is complete, and further discussed flow monitoring and a hydraulic analysis of the system. The goal is to get the sewer system up to par and satisfy the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Mr. Jordan reported that

this project is in a state of planning and design and that there has only been approximately $200,000 expended at this time. Mr. Jordan will return to a future meeting, as the project progresses, with a detailed list of expenditures.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2008-46

Consider Approval of an Agreement Between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the City of Liberty Regarding the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative to Rehabilitate the Wastewater Collection System.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This agreement is in regard to the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative, a program of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in which the City has addressed to TCEQ the deficiencies in its system and the City's plan to resolve these deficiencies over the next ten years.

This agreement lists the deficiencies as reviewed by TCEQ and the action or technical requirements necessary to correct these deficiencies.

A motion was made to approve the execution of this document.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment #1 - TCEQ Agreement SSOI(PDF)
- Attachment #2 - TCEQ Ltr Agreement SSOI (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Al Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz
ABSENT:	Frank Jordan

2. Resolution 2008-20

Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application and Authorizing the Mayor to Act as the City's Representative in All Matters Pertaining to the City's Participation in the Community Development Program.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM."

Mr. J. Rice, Public Management, Inc., was present to address Council regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Community Block Grant Program, for a grant in the amount of #350,000.00. Mr. Rice explained that these

grant funds, if awarded, would be used for improvements at the Washington Street Lift Station, and will be used in conjunction with the loan from the Texas Water Development Board. The City's matching portion will come from the TWDB bond proceeds. Total cost of the project is approximately $852,000.00.

A motion was made to approve submission of the application to the Texas Community Block Grant Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment #3 - Schaumburg & Polk Ltr Lift Station Project (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz
ABSENT:	Frank Jordan

3. Work Session 2008-5

Budget Work Session.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A work session was held regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Management reviewed with Council the various funds in this document and discussed new line items, the proposed tax rate, raising various utility rates, and other related topics.

4. Information Item 2008-44

Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At7:46 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. This was the second of two required hearings, the first being held on August 26, 2008.

City Manager Ron Wood stated the proposed rate of $0.5900 per $100 valuation includes a rate of $0.3345 for maintenance and operations and $0.2555 for debt service. After brief discussion, Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

VII. COUNCIL MEAL

Council shared an evening meal.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz
ABSENT:	Frank Jordan

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary