



**The City of Liberty
City Council
Special Called Meeting**

~ Minutes ~

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Tuesday, September 30, 2008

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting will be called to order on September 30, 2008 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. There was no public comment.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Information Item 2008-48

Temporary Housing Issues Resulting from Hurricane Ike- Liberty County Official

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Executive Director of the Liberty County Housing Authority, Willie Carter and County Judge Phil Fitzgerald were present to discuss the need for temporary housing, as a result of Hurricane Ike. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding Section 8 and displaced families, vouchers, locations for temporary housing, FEMA restrictions, costs associated with setting up temporary housing, sanitation issues, a variance from the manufactured home ordinance, and other related topics.

Mr. Carter and Judge Fitzgerald will get with the city staff to work out details so that temporary housing can be set up for families and individuals in need.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment #1 - County Housing Request FEMA Trailers (PDF)

2. Information Item 2008-49

Department Updates - Hurricane Ike

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Department Heads were present to report on the damage to their respective departments as a result of Hurricane Ike. Each reported on damages assessed, the clean-up process and efforts to bring their department back to normal operating procedures.

Mayor Pickett thanked the employees, contract workers, volunteers, and numerous others for their hard work and dedication during the restoration process. Each of the Council Members also expressed their appreciation for a job well done.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Resolution 2008-23

Consider Approval of a Resolution Permitting T.F.R. Enterprises to Conduct Debris Management in the City of Liberty.

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 PERMITTING T.F.R. ENTERPRISES, INC. TO CONDUCT DEBRIS MANAGEMENT, COLLECTION, AND REDUCTION WITHIN THE CITY OF LIBERTY AND TO PERMIT THE USE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY COMPOST FACILITY FOR THE STORAGE AND REDUCTION OF SAID DEBRIS."

This resolution formally gives T.F.R. Enterprises permission to conduct debris management within the City of Liberty due to the devastation of Hurricane Ike. A motion was made to approve the Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Al Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan

B. Executive Session

Deliberation Regarding Real Property. Consider lease of real property, located at 402 Hwy. 90, as a temporary facility for the Liberty Police Department. Gov. Code §551.072.

Councilperson Jordan announced that he had a substantial interest in the building under consideration and that he would not deliberate or vote on this item.

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized by Gov. Code §551.072.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 8:33 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2008-54

Consider Approval of a Lease Agreement for Property Located at 402 Hwy. 90 to Serve as a Temporary Facility for the Liberty Police Department.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

In regard to the property located at 402 Hwy. 90 to serve as a proposed temporary facility for the Liberty Police Department, Mayor Pickett announced that Council gave City Attorney Randy Gunter some preferences in terms of

the Council, and that Mr. Gunter is to confer with Council Member Jordan on this particular issue. There was no action taken on this item.

VI. COUNCIL MEAL

Council shared an evening meal.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary