



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

1829 Sam Houston
Liberty, TX 77575
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Tuesday, October 21, 2008

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on October 21, 2008 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 7:00 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for Public Comment.

Sgt. Mark Davison, Liberty Police Department, addressed Council expressing his support of Police Chief Mike Cummings in regard to the Chief's resignation.

Mr. Bill Buchanan, KSHN Radio, addressed Council requesting the items to be discussed in closed session be heard in open meeting. City Attorney Randy Gunter explained that Chief Cummings was not present, and for those items to be discussed in open meeting had to be at the request of Chief Cummings.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Resolution 2008-24

Consider Approval of a Resolution Regarding a Moratorium on Mobile Home And/Or Manufactured Home Permitting, Placement or Relocation Within Specified Flood Zone Areas.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the following Resolution into the record as follows: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, ORDERING A 120 DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR MOBILE OR MANUFACTURED HOMES IN CERTAIN AREAS AT SUBSTANTIAL RISK FOR FLOODING."

This resolution will allow time for the manufactured home ordinance to be amended to include additional flood hazard areas in which manufactured homes will be prohibited.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution.

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

B. Executive Session

Consultation With Attorney. Gov. Code §551.071
Personnel Matters. Gov. Code §551.074

1. Discussion of personnel issues in regard to the Chief of Police and other officers.

At 7:11 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2008-55

Consider Possible Action Regarding Personnel and Employment Status of the Chief of Police And/Or Other Officers.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made to regretfully accept the resignation of Police Chief Mike Cummings, based on Chief Cummings wishes. The Council expressed their appreciation for his service to the City of Liberty.

City Manager Ron Wood announced that Lt. Ricky Skarpa would serve as Interim Police Chief.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Al Simonson, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz
NAYS:	Frank Jordan
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

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 9:15 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, McCarty, Potetz, Jordan
NAYS:	Al Simonson
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary