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

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Tuesday, March 24, 2009 | **6:00 PM** | **City Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on March 24, 2009 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty,TX at 6:00 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 to those individuals wishing to address the Council. There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Pickett reported on the following items:

- Chamber of Commerce Business Expo - April 9th
- Tire Recycling Day - April 4th - 9a.m. - 1p.m.
- Comcast Cable closing the Liberty Service Center
- TML Region XVI Meeting - April 2nd - Port Arthur
- Liberty Jubilee - March 27th & 28th
- Liberty Bell taken down and placed at Milentz Storage
- Council Members invited to ride in the Jubilee Parade

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2009-22

Consider Approval of an Option for Financing the Cultural Center Expansion Project and Construction of an Electric Substation.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Jim Gilley, Coastal Securities was present to discuss with Council, options for financing the City's portion of the Humphreys Cultural Center Expansion Project and the proposed electric sub-station to serve Boomerang Tube, LLC. Discussion centered on financing these two projects into one issue or financing each separately. Further dialogue included utilizing First Liberty National Bank as a lender for Tax Anticipation Notes. Other details were discussed, such as interest rates being based on market conditions, timing of financing needs, flexibility in setting terms of bonds, pre-payment options, and related issues.

A motion was made that the two projects be financed separately.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment #1 - Fulbright Financing Option CC & Substa (PDF)

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Al Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan
ABSTAIN:	Diane Huddleston

2. Council Action 2009-23

Consider Approval of a Proposal for City of Liberty Web Site Design.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussion was held regarding web site design and hosting, assistance with content placed on the web site, updates and maintenance, web site design experience, fees, and other related issues.

A motion was made to accept the proposal from A-1 Tel-Com for design of the City's web site and to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract and related documents.

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

3. Work Session 2009-4

Discussion Regarding Police Department Facilities.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Council held a lengthy discussion regarding the Police Department facility, located at 323 San Jacinto Street, which incurred serious damage due to Hurricane Ike. City Manager Ron Wood stated there were several options, for consideration in regard to this structure. One option is to design and construct a new police station, and if so, what to do with the current building. The other option is to repair the existing facility for use. Topics discussed were selling the property and relocating the police department next to the new Fire Station, thereby removing the hazard of being close to the railroad tracks. Further discussion was held regarding insurance and FEMA reimbursements, and proceeds from the sale of the property could be used in funding construction of a new building.

Council directed the City Manager to obtain an appraisal on the existing structure, as is. Mr. Wood was directed to place an item on the April 14th Council agenda authorizing management to seek Requests for Qualifications for architectural and design services for a new police department.

B. Executive Session

Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiation. Gov. Code §551.087.
Consultation With Attorney. Gov. Code §551.071.
Meeting Concerning Municipally Owned Utility. Gov. Code §551.086.

1. Update on status of Boomerang Tube, LLC.

At 7:17 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

1. Consider action, if any, on the items as discussed in the Executive Session.

At 8:15 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

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 8:15 p.m.

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

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary