



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

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Tuesday, August 18, 2009

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on August 18, 2009 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 5:50 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Pledge to the American and Texas flags.

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. There were no comments.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Executive Session

Consultation With Attorney. Pending Litigation with Liberty-Dayton Community Hospital. Gov. Code §551.071

1. Consultation with attorney regarding litigation to collect delinquent taxes and utilities from the Liberty-Dayton Community Hospital and/or its owners.

At 5:50 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

At 6:31 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

B. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2009-69

Consider and Possible Action Regarding Litigation with the Liberty-Dayton Community Hospital And/Or Its Owners Regarding Monies Owed to the City of Liberty.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

2. Council Action 2009-68

Consider Site Options and Authorization for Construction of a New Bell Tower.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Architect Richard Edwards was present to address the Council regarding various options for construction of a new bell tower and proposed site options.

Mr. Edwards proposed the following:

Option #1 - Approximate same location as old bell tower; back of the Humphreys Cultural Center. This location could be tied to a walkway leading to the parking spaces on the west side and back entry of the building.

Option #2 - Front northwest corner of the Cultural Center grounds; however there is only limited gathering space causing safety concerns, and would be only limited visibility of the tower itself.

Option #3 - Center of the front entrance; opposite of proposed location in back. Also limited visibility of tower and limited gathering space resulting in safety concerns where crowds are gathered.

Discussion included contacting the Woods Family to amend the original agreement and possibly move the tower to the City Hall grounds. Also reviewed were the elevation plans, up-lighting and ground lighting, different interiors of the tower, construction materials and costs (concrete as opposed to steel), and other related topics.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

VI. WORK SESSION**1. Work Session 2009-8**

Discussion of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A work session was held for discussion of issues relative to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Discussion centered on personnel, increasing fees, continuation of the SNAP Program, increase transfer of LCDC funds for administrative costs, electric department transfers, one-time expenditures, proposed certificates of obligation, and other related topics.

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 10:15 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Al Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan
NAYS:	Carl Pickett

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary