



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

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Tuesday, September 1, 2009

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on September 1, 2009 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 6:01 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 from the audience.

Mayor Pickett thanked Interim City Manager Larry Shaw for his impromptu speech at the Rotary Luncheon on this same day.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Public Hearing 2009-3

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:03 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. There were no comments from the audience, however, Mayor Pickett, on behalf of the Council, expressed appreciation for the diligent work of the city employees.

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing.

2. Public Hearing 2009-4

Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. There were no comments from the audience.

At 6:06 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing.

B. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session 2009-10

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. Interim City Manager Larry Shaw summarized, for Council, the conclusions of all the previous budget work sessions. Mr. Shaw also discussed debt service and future issuance of certificates of obligation for numerous items to include the city's portion of the Library/Theater expansion, a sidewalk program, construction of a new police department, new bell tower, city garage, and an addition of a possible new electric sub-station for Boomerang, Tube LLC.

Discussion also centered on ways in which revenues could be increased by raising various fees, and by implementing alarm permits and false alarm fees, as previously authorized by the Council, and reviewing the EMS collection process.

Additional discussion included insurance funds, sales tax numbers, electric transfer numbers, competitive rates for electric, water and sewer, and miscellaneous related subjects.

C. Executive Session

Personnel Matters. Gov. Code §551.074.

1. Discussion of candidates for the position of City Manager.

At 6:36 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

D. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 7:19 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2009-72

Consider Action, If Any, on Candidates for the Position of City Manager.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty

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 7:20 p.m.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary