

City Council Members

Marie Middleton
Philip Loving
Arthur Fuhrmann
Gregory Norman
Johnnie Tauber

The City of Liverpool
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
8901 CR 171, Liverpool, TX
August 5, 2025, AT 6:30 PM
Mayor, Lowell Matheny

Hours of Operation
Mon-Thurs 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday 8:00am – Noon
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CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Lowell Matheny called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

- Invocation was rendered by Council Member Johnnie Tauber
- Pledge of Allegiance and the Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Johnnie Tauber

ROLL CALL- Catherine Long called attendance.

- All Council Members were present
- Council Member Philip Loving was present via phone

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE -

City Secretary, Catherine Long; Police Chief, Christopher Enloe; City Clerk, Kim Calhoun, City Attorney, Christopher Duncan; Emergency Manager Brandon Middleton

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS & COMMENTS -

Mayor Matheny stated that he wanted to thank Brazoria County Road and Bridge for doing a good job on CR 171 and encouraged everyone to thank them if they see them. He also thanked Council Member Johnnie Tauber for donating the Texas flag to the city. City Secretary Catherine Long stated that the City is starting a free exercise group that is free and open to anyone that would like to attend, it will be on Thursday evenings at 6:30PM.

CLOSED MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Liverpool, Texas, reserves the right to meet in a closed council session on any of the below items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

-No executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion and Possible Action may be taken on the following:

- a. Surisadai and Marlene Cedillo – Request to add an RV or Manufactured home park at 7105 CR 171

Mr. and Mrs. Cedillo was not present.

-No action was taken.

- b. Dave Madsen – Building permit for home located at 9309 Avenue C.

Mr. Madsen stated that the home will be the exact same home as the one he built on Avenue H, the only difference is that the garage is on the other side of the house. He presented Council with the plans, along with the survey showing all the lots and how it was divided.

- Motion was made by Council Member Marie Middleton to approve the building permit contingent on the Inspectors approval.
- 2nd by Council Member Gregory Norman.
- All Approved.

- c. Tomas Reyes – dedicated roadway to property located on Pearl Street off of CR 171.

Mr. Reyes presented Council with a survey of the property. City Secretary Catherine Long explained that Mr. Reyes had been to a previous Council meeting and it was discussed that the City would clear the roadway and that Mr. Reyes would put in the roadway. Mr. Reyes stated that he is building a home on the property. Council spoke with City Attorney Chris Duncan, and came to the conclusion that Mr. Duncan will have to draw up the paperwork for the use of the city dedicated roadway use. Brandon Middleton stated that Mr. Reyes needed to get with Brazoria County Drainage #5 before proceeding.

-Motion was made by Council Member Marie Middleton to proceed with the paperwork from the Attorney.
-2nd by Council Member Johnnie Tauber
-All Approved

- d. Industrial Agreement Contract, ordinance number 2025-F for Hugh Landrum and Associates, Inc.

City Secretary Catherine Long explained that the City has used Hugh Landrum and Associates for many years, and they are the ones that negotiate the amount of money that the plants pay to the City. And that they just negotiated the new contract to raise the amount of money from \$550,000 to \$650,000 and over the next 10 years the amount will go up to \$1,000,000.00. And that it keeps the plants locked into the ETJ for 10 years. And that she didn't think that anyone in the City could do their job as well as them. City Attorney Chris Duncan stated that everyone in the area uses Hugh Landrum. Mayor Matheny stated that he felt that the City is looking into adding to the industrial agreement and that it was important to have a company that knows the business to represent the City.

-Motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Tauber to approve the agreement between the City of Liverpool and Hugh Landrum and Associates, Inc.
-2nd by Council Member Greg Norman
-All Approved

- e. Possible approval to purchase an ATV.

Mayor Matheny stated that all the Council Members should have gotten the quotes and the pictures of the 2 ATVS that he was looking at. He stated that one is new and one is used. The new ATV is \$20,720.96 and the used is a 2023 for \$15991.04. Council Member Johnnie Tauber stated that he thought the new one would be a better fit, because it comes with a 2 year warranty and a 2 year extended warranty for a total of 4 year warranty. Council Member Marie Middleton stated that she agreed, because that way the City is not buying someone else's problem.

-Motion was made by Council Member Marie Middleton to purchase the Kubota RTV-X1140WL-H from Alvin Equipment Company in the amount of \$20,720.96.
-2nd by Council Member Johnnie Tauber
-All Approved

OLD BUSINESS –Discussion and possible action may be taken on the following items:

- a. Tim Dunbar – Request for clearing dedicated roadway to property that is landlocked off St. Anne Street.

Mr. Dunbar stated that he is waiting for City Attorney Chris Duncan to get the paperwork. Mr. Duncan stated that Requesting that the city help clean out dedicated roadway on either St. Anne or Broad Street to give access to property. Currently land locked with no address, located at dedicated roadways St. Phillip and partly at Broad Street.

- Motion was made by Council Member Marie Middleton approve the license agreement between the City and Mr. Dunbar
- 2nd by Council Member Johnnie Tauber
- All Approved

b. FY 2025/2026 Budget

Mayor Matheny stated that we were not adopting the budget at this meeting, but that it is open for discussion. Council did not have any changes to the budget.

- No action was taken

c. FY 2025-2026 Tax Rate

Mayor Matheny stated that we were not adopting the tax rate at this meeting, but was setting the proposed rate of 0.120395

- Council Member Marie Middleton Stated, "I move to propose a tax rate for 2025 if .120395 (twelve point 0395 cents) for maintenance taxes to be placed on an agenda for adoption at a future meeting. Taxes would increase 7.07% above the no-ne-revenue tax rate based on a tax rate of .120395, which is the voter-approval tax rate.

The meeting to adopt the 2025 tax rate will be held Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at the Liverpool City Hall at 6:30 PM at 8901 CR 171, Liverpool, Texas.

- This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 7.07 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$1000,000 home by approximately \$7.948."
- 2nd by Arthur Fuhrmann
- All Approved

STAFF/COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a. Police Department – Chief Christopher Enloe reported that they worked 578 hours, they had 68 violation, and 28 warnings, 3 criminal offense, 0 ordinance offense, 36 dispatched calls, 3 miscellaneous offenses, 5 report taken, 2 departmental arrest was made, and 10 assist other agency arrest.
- b. Finance – City Secretary, Catherine Long reported the Auditors are working on the audit and that hopefully it will be completed and presented at September's meeting.


- c. Fire Department/ESD – Noone was present.
- d. Town Hall Committee – President Catherine Long reported that the next event is a Halloween Party and that Town Hall needs volunteers to help run the party. The Halloween Party will be October 25, 2025 at 6 PM.
- e. City Council – None
- f. Water Department – Water Plant Operator, Evan Kirpatrick was not present. However, City Clerk, Kim Calhoun stated that the valves at the arsenic plant are now working, there is a check valve leaking and should be fixed Wednesday, and 2 fire hydrants are scheduled to be fixed.
- g. Emergency Management Coordinator – Emergency Manager, Brandon Middleton stated that he is watching the activity in the oceans. He also stated that Brazoria County Drainage #5 will start working on a drainage canal off of St. Anne street to help with the drainage issues on Avenue H. Mayor Matheny asked if he could contact centerpoint regarding a tree that is going to fall on CR 192, that City Secretary Catherine Long has reached out to centerpoint as well. Brandon stated that he would look into it.
- e. Court Clerk – Court Clerk Kim Calhoun reported the amount of money taken in by the City was \$6906.99, total for the State was \$6334.03, total for the other was \$253.07 for a Total collection of \$13494.09.

ADJOURNMENT-

- Motion by Council Member Arthur Furhmann to adjourn the meeting @ 7:15 PM.
- 2nd by Council Member Marie Middleton
- All approved


CERTIFICATION

I, Lowell Matheny, Mayor, certify that these minutes are a true and correct record of the above-mentioned council meeting.



Lowell Matheny
Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Long
City Secretary