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 October 7, 2025, AT 5:30 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 Lowel Matheny called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 arrived a few minutes late.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE -

City Secretary, Catherine Long; Police Chief, Christopher Enloe; City Clerk, Kim Calhoun, and City Attorney, Christopher Duncan

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS & COMMENTS -

Sally Branson, Incumbent running for re-election for TML Region 14 Director Election was present to address council and everyone present about re-election. She stated her credentials and thanked Council and Mayor Matheny for allowing her to introduce herself.

Resident Ric Bogue addressed Council and Mayor Matheny regarding the annexation of CR 171. He stated that he felt that Council needed to think about the cost of upkeep on the roads, and how the City already struggles with having money to maintain the roads. He also addressed the request from Johnnie Tauber on the request to move in a 16x24 home on his property. Mr. Bogue stated that when he was Mayor, that he along with Council worked hard on the ordinance, and that the 1000 sq ft. living area should be enforced. That when he was Mayor, Johnnie was allowed to live in an RV, after he was given 6 months to move it, and then extended to a year and a half, with no effort from Mr. Tauber to start building a home, as he had stated he was going to do. And that Council finally grandfathered him in. Mr. Bogue stated that he felt that the ordinance should be enforced to everyone.

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. Cameron Crouch representing Kyle Westbrook requesting subdivide of property located at CR 171 and CR 197A.

Mr. Crouch presented Council with a picture of how the property will be divided, he stated that the tract is 40 acres, and that it would be divide into 1-5-acre tract, 2-10 acres tract and 1-15 acres tract. He stated that the tracts will be sold to the neighbors. Council Member Marie Middleton asked if each tract will have access to a roadway. Mr. Crouch stated that they would. He stated that each one will back up to each other, he pointed to the drawing that he provided stating that each one of their properties will front up to the one that is landlocked, and stated that each one will have access to their property.

- -Motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Tauber to allow Mr. Westbrook to subdivide the 40 acres into 1-5 acres, 2-10 acres, and 1-15 acres tract.
- -2nd by Council Member Greg Norman
- -All Approved
- b. Vote for Brazoria County Appraisal District Appointed Board of Directors.

The nominees are Susan Spoor and Gail Robinson. Council discussed not knowing either nominee. The following is how Council voted:

Greg Norman
Johnnie Tauber
Marie Middleton
Philip Loving
Arthur Furhmann Susan Spoor
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- -Motion was made by Council Member Marie Middleton to vote for Susan Spoor
- -2nd by Council Member Johnnie Tauber.
- -All Approved.
- c. Vote for the Texas Municipal League Region 14 Director election

Mayor Matheny stated that the only one that he knows is Sally Branson, but that there were 2 that sent in a resume, Sally Branson, and Emmanuel Guerrero. Council Member Johnnie Tauber stated that Mr. Guerrero had a really good resume. All Council members voted for Sally Branson

- -Motion was made by Council Member Marie Middleton to vote for Sally Branson
- -2nd by Council Member Greg Norman
- -All Approved
- d. Annexation of CR 171 from Chocolate Bayou Bridge to CR 2917.

City Attorney, Chris Duncan stated that a formal letter was sent to Brazoria County, and that it will be going to Commissioner's Court on the 18th, and that the Council should postpone the vote until after Commissioner's Court decision. Chief Enloe stated that it would make sense to annex the whole road, because right now the city has a small section on the road on that side, and if the City annexes the Venue property, then the City would have 2 small sections that was divided by a section that belongs to Brazoria County.

- -Motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Tauber to table annexation of CR 171 until after it goes to Commissioner's Court.
- -2nd by Council Member Greg Norman
- -All Approved
- e. Johnnie Tauber requests to place a 16x24 home on property located at 9003 Avenue H.

Mayor Matheny stated that Johnnie could not vote due to it being about his property, and that he could stay for the discussion or leave for the discussion. Council discussed that per City Ordinance, all homes must be 1000 sq. ft. living area, and the home that Johnnie is proposing is just over 300 sq ft. Johnnie stated that he was wanting to add on, and that he originally thought it was 800 sq ft in the ordinance but was corrected by Catherine Long. Council asked Johnnie if had plans showing what he was wanting to do, and if

they could get in writing that he was going to make it 1000 sq ft. Johnnie stated that he didn't want to cause problems, or make it seem that he wanted special treatment due to being a council member and asked if it could be tabled for a future council meeting, to give him time to get paperwork and drawings together.

-Motion was made by Council Member Greg Norman to table for a future Council Meeting.

-2nd by Council Member Philip Loving

-All Approved

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

a. Investment Policy review.

Mayor Matheny stated that the Investment Policy needs to be reviewed yearly, and that Council must vote on the Investment Officer, Phyliss Hyrbest, and Assistant Investment Officer, Catherine Long. The following is the vote for council

Arthur Fuhrmann	for
Philip Loving	for
Marie Middleton	for
Johnnie Tauber	for
Greg Norman	for

STAFF/COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a. Police Department Chief Christopher Enloe reported that they worked 445 hours; had a total of 81 traffic stops; they had 95 violations and 36 warnings; No criminal offenses; no ordinance offenses; they had 36 dispatched calls; 2 criminal offenses; No Miscellaneous offenses; 2 reports taken; 1 arrest; 1 suspicious person; 3 suspicious vehicles; 2 animal complaints; no Close patrol; assisted Brazoria County 8 times, Danbury EMS 1 time, Danbury Fire 1 time, and DPS 1 time; Assisted Citizens 1 time; and Assisted Motorists 1 time. They drove 2652.3 miles and used 247.833 miles for a total amount of \$623.37 dollars in fuel
- b. Finance City Secretary, Catherine Long reported the Auditors are working on the audit and that hopefully it will be completed and presented at November's meeting. She stated that she moved \$207,000.00 from Texas Class to the general fund bank account, and that there is \$706,229.92 left in Texas Class. She stated that there is \$33,154.10 in the Water Well Fund, and that the new budget started on October 1, 2025.
- c. Fire Department/ESD Noone was present.
- d. Town Hall Committee President Catherine Long reported the food pantry was doing ok, but that they needed food donations; and that they are averaging 20 to 30 families a month. She stated that the next event is the Halloween Party, and that Town Hall is looking for volunteers, and will have costumes and pumpkin drive for Kids Harbor.
- e. City Council Arthur Furhmann asked if the city could contact the RR company about the tracks being in bad shape. State Rep. Jeff Barry stated that he could assist with that. Philip Loving asked about the striping of CR 171, and Mayor Matheny stated that Catherine Long was getting quotes on that and should have something for November's meeting. Marie, Johnnie and Greg had nothing.
- f. Water Department Water Plant Operator, Evan Kirpatrick was not present. However, City Clerk, Kim Calhoun stated that 2 meters had been capped, and that everything is looking good.
- g. Emergency Management Coordinator Emergency Manager, Brandon Middleton was not present; however, Jeremy Drwyer stated that everything is good, and that Hurricane Season is just about over
- e. Court Clerk Court Clerk Kim Calhoun reported the amount of money taken in by the city was \$6828.28, total for the State was \$6510.53, total for the other was \$154.91 for a Total collection of \$13493.70.

ADJOURNMENT-

- Motion by Council Member Arthur Furhmann to adjourn the meeting @ 6:00 PM. $2^{\rm nd}$ 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:

City Secretary