



LIBERTY HILL

FREEDOM TO GROW

**LIBERTY HILL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY – AUGUST 26, 2019 - 6:30 PM
AGENDA**

Location: 2801 Ranch Road 1869 – Liberty Hill

Rick Hall – Mayor	Liz Rundzieher – Mayor Pro Tem
Kathy Canady – Councilmember	Steve McIntosh – Councilmember
Tony DeYoung – Councilmember	Gram Lankford – Councilmember

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Liberty Hill will be held MONDAY – AUGUST 26, 2019 - 6:30 PM at 2801 Ranch Road 1869 (Council Chambers) to consider items as follows. All items are subject to action.

1) CALL TO ORDER

- a) Call to Order
- b) Establish Quorum
- c) Invocation
- d) Pledge of Allegiance
"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."
- e) Texas Pledge
"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

2) PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED
PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR
City of Liberty Hill**

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.490187 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.500000 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.459065 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.490187 per \$100

A tax rate of \$0.490187 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Liberty Hill. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of the City of Liberty Hill proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of increased maintenance and operational expenditures, equipment, facilities, staff compensation and benefit increases, and additional personnel to enhance city services.

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Liberty Hill from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year. The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the City of Liberty Hill may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (Rate) x (Taxable value of your property) / 100
For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, contact:

Larry Gaddes, PCAC, CTA
Williamson County Tax Assessor-Collector
904 S. Main Street
512-943-1601
proptax@wilco.org
www.wilco.org

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

1ST Public Hearing: 08/19/2019 - 6:30 PM - 2801 RR 1869
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

2nd Public Hearing: 08/26/2019 - 6:30 PM - 2801 RR 1869
Liberty Hill, TX 8642

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Special Presentation for City Council conducted by Matt Powell of "Powell Municipal", Texas-Based Consultants dedicated to supporting City Management, Staff and Elected Officials for cities of all sizes in the State of Texas. Consulting services for municipalities includes; strategic planning, reuse and redevelopment, land use planning, recruiting, public relations, communications and other related services.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Liberty Hill City Council accepts public comments regarding the Agenda of Regular Council meetings and Public Hearings. Individuals wishing to speak may sign in by completing a Public Comment Form and presenting the form to the City Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Each citizen is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Public Comment period will last no longer than a total of fifteen (15) minutes.

a) Public Comments

5) CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of those items unless requested by Council, in which event the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Regular Agenda items:

- a) **Discuss and Take Action on approving minutes of City Council Budget and Tax Rate Workshop held Monday – August 19, 2019.**
- b) **Discuss and Take Action on approving minutes of City Council Special Meeting held Monday – August 19, 2019.**

6) REGULAR AGENDA

- a) **Introduction of Patrol Officer Joseph R. Chapa, new hire for the Liberty Hill Police Department, who will be working in the Larkspur Subdivision. By: Rick Hall – Mayor & Chief Maverick Campbell**
- b) **Special Presentation from the City of Liberty Hill and Public Works Department with Proclamation by Mayor Rick Hall; recognition of outstanding act of kindness. By: Rick Hall – Mayor & Others**
- c) **Discuss and Consider an agreement between the City of Liberty Hill and Matt Powell of “Powell Municipal” for consulting services for the City regarding strategic planning, reuse and redevelopment, land use planning, city recruiting, public relations and communications. By: Rick Hall – Mayor**
- d) **Discuss and Consider the proposed Twenty-Year Anniversary Celebration for the City of Liberty Hill; providing for planning and / or assignment of tasks to implement an Anniversary Celebration. By: Kathy Canady – Council Member**
- e) **Discuss and Consider the City’s current two-year terms of Office for the Elected Official positions of Mayor and Council Members to be extended to three-year terms for both Council Members and Mayor. By: Kathy Canady – Council Member**
- f) **Discuss and Consider a Resolution of the City Council of Liberty Hill regarding a Financial Agreement between the City of Liberty Hill and Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring a Water Meter Project; providing for a qualified tax-exempt obligation of the City for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1966, as amended; for purchase of water meters in an amount not to exceed \$661,995. By: Wayne Bonnet – Director of Public Works & Becky Wilkins – Finance Director**
- g) **Discuss and Consider the City of Liberty Hill Quarterly Investment Report for 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019. By: Becky Wilkins – Finance Director**
- h) **Discuss and Consider a recommendation to City Council from the Parks & Recreation Board of Directors to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500 for the *Lions Club 2019 Rip Roarin’ Ride*, which is being held in conjunction with the *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation* in October. By: Rick Hall – Mayor**
- i) **Discuss and Consider a recommendation to City Council from the Parks & Recreation Board of Directors to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 for the *2019 Sculpture Festival* in October. By: Rick Hall – Mayor**

- j) **Discuss and Consider amending the City of Liberty Hill Employee Handbook which restricts out-of-state travel for training and education of City Staff. By: Rick Hall – Mayor**

7) CONVENE - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Hall will convene City Council to Executive Session for Consultation with Legal Counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 – Consultation with Legal Counsel; Texas Government Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters and Texas Government Code §551.072 – Real Property. City Council will entertain discussion related to the matter shown below. No action will be taken in Executive Session.

- a) **Consultation and follow-up with Legal Counsel concerning MUD No. 13 related to the City's utility rate study. (Legal Advice pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sec. §551.071).**
- b) **Consultation with Legal Counsel concerning negotiation of the City's electric franchise agreement. (Legal Advice pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sec. §551.071).**
- c) **Consultation with Legal Counsel concerning litigation by Burkett Media regarding sign permit. (Legal Advice pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sec. §551.071).**
- d) **Consultation regarding real property owned by the City of Liberty Hill and possible acquisitions. (Real Property pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072).**
- e) **Consultation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Police Chief. (Personnel Matters pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sec. §551.074).**

8) RECONVENE - REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Hall will reconvene City Council to Regular Session following Consultation with Legal Counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 – Consultation with Legal Counsel; Texas Government Code §551.074 – Personnel Matters and Texas Government Code §551.072 – Real Property. Council will entertain discussion related to the matters shown below.

- a) **Follow-up with Legal Counsel concerning MUD No. 13 regarding the City's utility rate study. (Legal Advice pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sec. §551.071).**
- b) **Consider real property owned by the City of Liberty Hill and possible acquisitions. (Real Property pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072).**
- c) **Consider proposal by Burkett Media regarding sign permit (Legal Advice pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sec. §551.071).**
- d) **Consider real property owned by the City of Liberty Hill and possible acquisitions. (Real Property pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072).**
- e) **Consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Police Chief. (Personnel Matters pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code Sec. §551.074).**

9) ITEMS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

10) ADJOURNMENT

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any item listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and §551.087 (Development).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Liberty Hill will provide reasonable accommodation for persons attending City Council meetings. To better serve you, requests need to be received 48 hours prior to the meeting. Contact the City Secretary at 512-778-5449 – Extension 112.

POSTING CERTIFICATION: I, BARBARA ZWERNEMANN – CITY SECRETARY – CITY OF LIBERTY HILL certify that the attached notice of meeting for the CITY COUNCIL – CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS was duly posted on the bulletin board at Council Chambers located at 2801 Ranch Road 1869 in Liberty Hill, Texas and on the City website (www.libertyhilltx.gov) on the 21st day of August, 2019 at 5 PM. Barbara Zwernemann – City Secretary

REMOVAL CERTIFICATION: I, BARBARA ZWERNEMANN – CITY SECRETARY – CITY OF LIBERTY HILL certify that the attached notice of meeting was removed from the bulletin board at Municipal Court / Council Chambers located at 2801 Ranch Road 1869 in Liberty Hill, Texas on the _____ day of _____, 2019 at _____. INITIALS _____