

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.
ROSEWOOD CENTER
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Deese called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: CM Dwight Yates, CM Josh Harrison, CM Brian Petersen CM Walt McJunkin, and CM Rick Clark

Absent: CM Michael Sheriff

INVOCATION

CM McJunkin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

CM Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes dated April 12, 2010

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve the 04/12/10 City Council minutes
- CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of Council Work Retreat Minutes dated May 3rd, 2010

- CM Josh Harrison made motion to approve the 03/06/10 City Council Work Retreat minutes
- CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Joe Morris gave a presentation from his company Zero Waste.

Phillip Smith spoke on his neighborhood again and how he alone removed the Chambers family from his neighborhood. He spoke on other problems he has with Liberty such as our website and how his website attracts much more attention than the city's does.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2nd Reading of Ordinance No: 10-0401, An Ordinance Providing for the Transfer of Authority for Conducting Municipal Elections to the Registration and Elections Commission for Pickens County, Qualification of Officers, Section (b) Adjusting the time for officers to take office.

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CM Walt McJunkin made motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 10-0401.

- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Discussion: After seconding the motion CM Clark suggested a change to the following sentence in the above ordinance which reads “The City shall continue in a normal manner. No money shall be expended by the Mayor or Council, nor any employees hired nor any committees appointed during this interim period”.
- CM Clark made motion for a language change to Ordinance 10-0401 to read; The newly elected officers shall take office on December 1st following certification of election. The city shall continue in a normal manner. No *unbudgeted* money shall be expended by the Mayor or Council, nor any employees hired nor any committees appointed during this interim period.
- CM Harrison seconded the motion
- Vote: 5 in favor
- Opposed: CM Dwight Yates
- Vote for Ordinance 10-0401 with language change: 5 in favor
- Opposed: CM Dwight Yates

The agenda was amended to add discussion of the brush truck in the fire department as follows:

- CM Rick Clark made motion to amend the agenda for a discussion on the fire department brush truck
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

- CM Rick Clark made motion to discuss replacement of the fire department’s brush truck
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Discussion: CM Rick Clark stated we have a 25% match for our fire department addition. He stated it looks like now the match will only be 10%. CM Clark went on to explain the brush truck we have now is unsafe and it is time for them to update the vehicle. He would like to take the unused matching funds from the fire department addition and transfer that over to purchase a new brush truck. Chief Sargent spoke on the matter. After comments from council a vote on the matter was taken.
- Mayor Deese asked for a motion that the excess monies from our matching funds from the fire department expansion be used as a line item for capitol purchase of the brush truck before the end of the fiscal year. He stated proceeds from the sale of the fire truck and red car are to be placed in that capitol fund.

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- CM Brian Petersen made motion to establish a new line item in the fire department 2009/2010 budget. This motion will not impact the 2010/2011 budget and that purchase would be made from the funds from the savings incurred throughout the fire department construction project and the sale of Squad 6 and the current fire sedan which is the Crown Vic and that we apply those funds to the purchase a new chassis and flat bed cab and related equipment required by the chief to bring it up to speed so that we can remove the safety issue that we have now with our brush truck.
- CM Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department:

Chief Miller reported the following:

Monthly Totals

April 2010

Warnings Issued- 118

Citations Issued- 155

Juveniles Housed- 16

Total amount of fine money collected- \$9,698.27

Total Arrested- 16

Three for Disorderly Conduct

One for two counts of Petit Larceny

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Two for Simple Possession Marijuana and Open Container

One for Simple Possession Marijuana and Disorderly Conduct

Two for Assault and Battery

One for Simple Possession Marijuana; Driving Under Suspension and Fail to Stop

One on Bench Warrant for Malicious Damage

One on Bench Warrant for Petit Larceny

One on Bench Warrant for Disorderly Conduct

Calls for Service — 185

Patrol Activities- 138

Public Service- 35

Traffic Accidents- 8

Detention Officer Rachael Hood is in her 5th week of Basic Law Enforcement at the SC Criminal Justice Academy. Det. Gilstrap will be finishing his Active Shooter Instructor course at the SC Criminal Justice Academy. Chief Miller completed a class in Basic Analytical Techniques Training also at the SC Criminal Justice Academy. All Officers have completed their yearly CDV and Legal updates as required.

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Liberty High School
Assist. Principal 4
Counsel Parents 9
Counsel Students 12
Investigations 11
Arrests 2
1- Malicious Damage to Property,
1- Negligent Deriving fighting.

Liberty Middle School
Assist. Principal 12 •
Counsel Parents 10 '
Counsel Students 25 •
Investigations 8 •
Arrests 6 •
• 6 -Disturbing School four of which were

Fire Department

Total calls for April 2009: 22

Total calls for April 2010: 34

City: 8

Rural District: 25

Mutual Aid: 1 (Pickens Fire Dept. – Mill Fire)

Training: On April 6 we retrained everyone on safely operating the trucks. We also timed each firefighter putting on his turn out gear along with donning and doffing SCBAs. This had to be accomplished in under 2 minutes.

On April 20, we had everyone to practice operating the Jaws and other rescue equipment.

Jimmy Powell and Corey Lewis planted 25 azaleas in front of City Hall.

We have almost finished the business fire inspections.

Ladder 1 was tested on April 7 for its yearly certification and failed one test. The holding block that keeps the ladder extended was slipping. The block was rebuilt, installed and the truck has passed inspection. The results of the repair and test have been faxed to the testing company.

I have been extending the lights down on the front of the fire station to accommodate for the new siding being installed. These lights help us at night to get the trucks back in service after a fire. I have also wired for two additional lights over the new bays.

Water and Sewer Department

Olin Hamlin reported on the water side they have had 5 new taps, 3 were irrigation taps for the rec to water the trees with, 1 new house tap and 1 residential irrigation tap. We replaced 36 slow or stopped water meters and 20 repairs on small leaks. We fixed 1 hydrant and replaced 1 hydrant and 60 ft of main at the fire department. We had 33 sewer calls. We have pretty much completed Pedestrian Park.

Public Works Department:

Barry Chappell reported the trash truck runs have been normal with no problems. We have C-Funds Phase 1 on the sidewalks have replaced the sidewalks behind Yanks the trash truck had broken. We put a pad in the back of Yanks for the trash and cardboard containers. Sidewalk has been replaced on Peachtree Street, some on Highway 93 from Red Devil Drive back and from Peachtree down to Hillcrest. We will be taking bids on Mills Avenue this week. Mr. Chappell reported he turned in Sitton Street, North Azalea, Pendleton Court, Bracken Court, Gilstrap Drive and Circle A. We removed a tree at the Rosewood Street intersection and the county should start on that Wednesday to make that a wider turn. Mr. Chappell stated he checks with

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Sue Woods, City Clerk, each week concerning the business license and we watch around town for contractors and workers to check for license. I turned in 5 dogs this week to animal control. I assist the Police Department and Fire Department with wrecks. We are continuously working on limbs and leaves. We have started cleaning out the yard at the shed. We are cutting grass at the park and the graveyard is next. We cleaned Rosewood this week. We also assisted with putting the trees at Islin and Morris Field. We had asphalt put down in front of the concession stand. The new block wall, fence and new lights came due to the city working closely with the county. He stated we have been working on our recycling and had an overflow of cardboard so he asked for a new container which should be here this week. Mayor Deese stated that three or four months ago our recycling effort was less than 7% and the latest figures we have are at 21.3% so we have made a massive increase. Mayor Deese stated we have had post cards printed informing people of the recycling site and as soon as Sue gets back we will get those out.

Recreation Department:

Mayor Deese reported the rec department has a lot of activity going on. He stated this past Saturday was Super Saturday and it was an overall success. He stated Tony is doing a great job.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff had no report

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin had no report.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen had no report.

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark asked about our destruction of buildings ordinance which the city's attorney commented on. CM Clark stated the first house after this ordinance passes is the one across from Stop-A-Minit. CM discussed a grant for the fire department for new breathing apparatus, approximately \$36,000 with a 10% match.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates had no report.

CM Harrison

CM Harrison presented council with his ideas for twitter. Mayor Deese stated this will be on the next work session agenda. Council agreed to allow CM Harrison to pursue the name for the twitter and facebook page.

ADJOURN

CM Rick Clark made the motion to adjourn.

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CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion.

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Mayor Deese stated Liberty Idol is progressing well and he thanked the Police Department for their great work in controlling the crowds. He suggested everyone come out and enjoy themselves. Mayor Deese informed everyone of the pre-bid meeting for the side of Pedestrian Park landscaping tomorrow morning at the Rosewood Center at 10:00 am. Mayor Deese stated Olen Hamlin is getting bids together for the handicap sidewalk.

Council decided that a Special Called Meeting for the budget review will be held May 25th, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Rosewood Center.

Mayor Deese reminded council that May 24, 2010 is the Pickens County Municipal Association picnic at Freedom Park.

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor