

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
OCTOBER 13, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: CM Walt McJunkin, CM Brian Petersen, CM Josh Harrison, CM Rick Clark,
CM Dwight Yates and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Sheriff

Absent: Mayor Deese

INVOCATION

CM Dwight Yates gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of September 8th, 2008 City Council Minutes

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 09/08/08 City Council minutes
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of October 6th, 2008 Work Session Minutes

- CM Josh Harrison made motion to approve 10/06/08 City Council minutes
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Fleet Gas & Diesel Program

CM Petersen stated at the last work session council discussed participating in the Fleet Gas & Diesel program. CM Petersen stated he would like to put that to motion and participate in this program as soon as the application process could be completed. After some discussion a vote was called for.

Approval of Changing from Ingles Gas Cards to the Fleet Gas & Diesel Program

- CM Brian Petersen made motion to approve changing from Ingles Gas Program to the Fleet Gas & Diesel Program
- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

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OLD BUSINESS: Pedestrian Park/Rosewood Center Landscaping Plans

Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff gave a brief presentation on the Pedestrian Park and the Rosewood Center Landscaping plans. He explained that these have been long in the making. Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff stated that it is the intent of the city not to use any monies from the general fund on either of these projects. We are funding these projects through Hospitality Tax, TIF and C-Funds. He made both sets of plans available to everyone and stated that for anyone with questions he would be available after the meeting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber member Dean Thomas reminded everyone that he annual Downtown Trick or Trick will be held October 31 from 4 to 6 pm. He stated the City and the Chamber were co-sponsoring this event. Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff stated we appreciate all the work the Chamber is doing on this project.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department:

Chief Miller reported the following and gave a report on the School Resource Officers. Chief Miller reported that Detective Adam Gilstrap in the past two weeks has made two arrests for shoplifting, two warrants for simple assault, three warrants for petty larcenies, two warrants for burglaries 3rd degree, two warrants for concealing stolen goods over \$5,000, 4 warrants for grand larcenies, and two juvenile arrests for grand larceny. He has three warrants for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, three citations for open containers, three citations for minors possessing beer and one citation for selling alcohol to minors. Chief Miller stated Detective Gilstrap was doing a great job.

SEPTEMBER	
Warnings Issued:	69
Citations Issued:	172
Patrol Activities	160
Auto Accidents:	6
Juveniles Housed:	17
Arrests	7
Code Enforcement	28
Public Service Calls	41
Total Fines Collected	\$12,410.69

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Fire Department

SEPTEMBER	
City:	15
County:	18

Chief Sargent reported they have two volunteers in the OSHA level firefighting class of 80 hours. They will go through the burn building this Saturday in Columbia to graduate. They also had 7 firefighters take the 40 hour Pump Operations I class in September. On September 16th they had 9 firefighters travel to the Greenville train depot to participate in the TRANSCAR Whistle-Stop Tour put on by Norfolk Southern Railroad. This was a 7 hour class on railroad cars. They were briefed on awareness, safety issues and emergency response. They were briefed on fighting fires on tanker cars, box cars and locomotives. They were shown how to identify and operate the shutoff valves on tankers. The department had 5 paid firefighters finish the 16 hour Pump Operations II class on October 11th. They will have 6 paid firefighters take the 24 hour Pumper Testing class next week in Easley. The department put on a puppet show for the fire prevention program at the elementary school last week. Chief Sargent stated they are continuing to gather information on area businesses for their preplans. This is required by ISO and it also helps them to know what is in each business, the layout and where the utility cut-offs are located. It also allows them to calculate the water flow (gpm) needed in case of a fire.

Public Works Department

Director, Ray Clark reported there were 24 disconnects, 18 new accounts, 20 finalized, 2 taps and 5 meter change outs. Mr. Clark stated this was up from what it has been in the last few months.

Recreation Department

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Sheriff read the following report from Recreation Director, Tony Boiter:

1. Fall baseball, soccer, and football season have one more week of the regular season left. We will start the Palmetto Tri-County Playoffs on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The fall league baseball playoffs will start Monday, Oct. 20 and continue through the end of October.
2. Liberty has been selected to host the 2008 Palmetto State Championships. These games will be played on Saturday, November 1st. The 8u division will be played at 10:00 am, 10u division at 12:00 noon, and the 12u division will be played at 2:00 pm. This should be a good event to generate some good revenue for the recreation dept.
3. We have just finished some cosmetic repairs at the City Gym.
4. Landscape work has begun at the City Gym. This should enhance the looks of the facility greatly.

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5. Homecoming Super Saturday and the penny a vote campaign generated **\$5634.45** in revenue for the recreation dept. Homecoming Super Saturday continues to be our biggest revenue generating events each year.
6. We have been approved for the State Grant for some remodeling of the dugouts and restrooms at Woodside Park. This project is in the infant stages and we are currently looking into bids for the job.
7. The air conditioning project at the City Gym is complete. The system works great and the duct work looks neat.
8. There has been no activity with the new ball field at the Iselin & Morris location.
9. First round of the Palmetto playoffs starts tomorrow night at 6:00 & 7:30.
10. We have four fall baseball games tonight and one soccer game

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin stated we have discussed this problem last month regarding the pot hole on Lakeview Drive and it still has not been fixed. CM McJunkin gave an update on the sidewalks for Lakeview Road. Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff asked Ray Clark if he was familiar with the pot hole CM McJunkin was talking about. Ray stated he would take care of it.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen stated we needed to make sure the town is cleaned up and looking good for Downtown Trick or Trick since this draws a lot of people to our downtown area.

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates – no report

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark stated the Department of Commerce will be on site Monday for our Fire Department grant. This will be an on site visit.

CM Josh Harrison

CM Harrison – no report.

Adjourn

- *CM Rick Clark made motion to adjourn.*
- *CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion.*
- *All voted in favor.*

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V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor