

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
NOVEMBER 10, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Present: CM Walt McJunkin, CM Brian Petersen, CM Josh Harrison, CM Dwight Yates and CM Michael Sheriff

Absent: CM Rick Clark

INVOCATION

Chief Sargent gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of October 13th, 2008 City Council Minutes

- CM Brian Petersen made motion to approve 10/13/08 City Council minutes
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor
- Abstain: Mayor Deese abstained from voting on the minutes due to his absence from that meeting.

Approval of November 3rd, 2008 Work Session Minutes

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 11/03/08 City Council minutes
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Deese recognized and welcomed Daniel Casteel(?), a student at Liberty High School, who was taking notes for his Government class.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Deese announced there has been a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board since the resignation of Roger Duncan. The term would be until 6/30/09. Mayor Deese spoke with Doug Rinehart who indicated an interest in filling the position. Mayor Deese went over the position with Mr. Rinehart who stated he would be willing to serve in that position. Mayor Deese stated he is bringing this nomination to council for their approval.

Approval of Doug Rinehart's nomination for the Planning and Commission

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve the nomination of Doug Rinehart for a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission
- CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion
- Discussion: CM McJunkin stated he felt that the Commission members should make the recommendation for a new member to council. He stated

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they would know more about who would fit in with the committee. He stated he did not have anything against Mr. Rinehart but did not know him and would like to have a chance to get to know him a little better first. Mayor Deese stated he has asked in the past for a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as council and I very seldom ever get any recommendations. Therefore, we have gone out in the neighborhood and inquired with different people. Barry Chappell has been gracious enough to find a couple of people who expressed an interest in serving on the Commission. Mayor Deese stated he appreciated CM McJunkin's comments and they did try to get the word out to everyone they can. CM Yates asked if there were any other requirements and Mayor Deese replied, they do not even have to live inside the city limits. CM Petersen stated they do have to attend the mandatory training. Mayor Deese stated the training is now on CD's.

- *Vote: All in favor*
- *Abstain: CM Josh Harrison*

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber President Rhonda Sauros stated the Chamber is gearing up for the Christmas parade which is Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 6:00 pm. She also stated the Chamber will be selling Christmas ornaments for \$6.00 which can be engraved for family, in memory of or dedication. These ornaments can be placed on the lighted tree outside of City Hall. She also stated Roy Costner would have local celebrity Bob Hooper judging the parade this year.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department:

Detective Adam Gilstrap reported the following:

OCTOBER	
Warnings Issued:	66
Citations Issued:	166
Patrol Activities	157
Auto Accidents:	14
Juveniles Housed:	24
Arrests	18

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Code Enforcement	28
Public Service Calls	33
Total Fines Collected	\$10,085.03

Sargeant Elder introduced the new police officers, Robert Griffin, Thad Shockley, Jay Lee and Caleb Carroll to council. Sargent Ronk introduced new police dispatchers, Roxy Thompson, Katie Sprenne and Rachael Hood.

Fire Department

OCTOBER	
City:	14
County:	20

Chief Sargent reported the following:

Training: One volunteer was in OSHA level firefighting class and went through the burn building in Columbia. He is now Interior Certified. Five paid men completed the 24 hr. pumper testing class for the yearly pump test. The department is continuing to gather information on area businesses for the fire preplans. Chief Sargent stated he is working with the County Building Codes Office in the planning of the Methanol mixing and storage facility at the landfill.

Public Service: Three fire prevention shows were put on at Liberty Elementary and one at Ambler Elementary for fire prevention week. Chief Sargent stated they are trying to get a county wide fire prevention team made up of several fire departments to put on these shows throughout the county. Chief Sargent reported they taught some fire extinguisher classes at PC Board of Disabilities and went back for their fall festival.

Equipment: Our station generator is now Out of Service. It will not stay on-line. We need to get this moved up on the priority list before the winter months arrive. One problem on the ladder truck was corrected last week. The truck is now in Spartanburg where they will be looking at two hydraulic leaks. After it returns it will be certified once I sign off on the repairs and fax the information for the certificate.

Jimmy Powell was voted on the by the department as the Paid Firefighter of the Year.

The Mayor, Councilmen and Sue are invited to the fire department's Christmas dinner on December 6th at 6:00 pm at Eastside Baptist Gym. Chief Sargent stated he would need to know how many would be attending this week.

Public Works Department

Director, Ray Clark reported there were 50 disconnects, 20 new accounts, 14 finalized, 2 taps and 3 meter change outs. CM Sheriff asked Mr. Clark if he knew when they were going to connect the lines along Norris Avenue and what was holding that up. Mr. Clark stated he did not have any idea. Mayor Deese stated he thought those lines were already connected. He stated he

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would check on that. Mr. Clark stated he thought they were doing some testing on the water. Mayor Deese instructed the Clerk to remind him of this situation because he wanted to know if the water was running or what the hold up was.

Recreation Department

Mayor Deese stated Tony had some baseball tournaments over the weekend. He stated the Rec is getting ready to start with basketball. The competition cheerleaders are practicing for this year's to try and win another trophy this year. Our 8 and under football team went undefeated this year. The floors have been refinished at the gym and they did a really nice job.

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CM Walt McJunkin

No report

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen reported they are waiting for the gas cards to come in. Everything is in place and those should be in any time.

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff complemented the Chamber on their e-newsletter and stated it was a great idea. He also stated that the Pedestrian Park is in progress. He stated they have met with an irrigation contractor who is working on designing the fountain. We should be getting some information back from them real soon.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates commented that the landscaping and the improvements at the gym look really good. He stated although Duncan Donuts is not in the city limits, they consider themselves part of Liberty. The management and staff are putting together a gift kit which would be good gifts for small appreciation awards, job well done awards and things like that. It consists of a coffee mug with a couple of packs of ground coffee. They wanted CM Yates to relay to the city employees and citizens of Liberty these will be available after tomorrow. If you are in uniform you will get a discount. Mayor Deese stated we would appreciate your support of one of our hometown businesses.

CM Rick Clark

Absent

CM Josh Harrison

No report.

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Mayor Deese reminded council that Monday night, November 24th is the annual Pickens County Municipal Association's banquet. It will be at 7:00 pm at the Ramada Inn in Clemson. He also reminded council of the Christmas parade on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 6:00 pm.

Adjourn

- *CM Michael Sheriff made motion to adjourn.*
- *CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion.*
- *All voted in favor.*

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor