

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 29th, 2009 5:45 P.M.
MINUTES**

This special called meeting and Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Deese. Present were Council Members: Michael Sheriff, Walt McJunkin Brian Petersen, Dwight Yates, Josh Harrison, Rick Clark and Mayor Deese.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Deese opened the public hearing at 5:45 pm. He asked for comments from the public. There were no comments. At 6:00 pm Mayor Deese asked for a motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting.

- *CM Sheriff made a motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting*
- *CM Clark seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Deese called to order the Special Called Council Meeting for June 29th, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

INVOCATION

CM Walt McJunkin led the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *CM Petersen made motion to approve the City Council minutes dated June 8, 2009.*
- *CM McJunkin seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ORDINANCE NO. 09-0601

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 09-0601, An Ordinance to Repeal and Establish Sewer User Rates

- *CM Clark made motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-0601*
- *CM Harrison seconded the motion*

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DISCUSSION

CM Clark stated this is an increase coming to us from the county that is passed directly on to us because they process our sewer. It is .43 cents, an average of \$1.30 per month for someone using 3000 gallons. This is our first increase in four years. Mayor Deese stated we are passing this increase on. It would come in and go right back out to the county. If we do not pass this on, then the city would have to bear the burden of these costs. There was some discussion on this matter and questions from council were answered.

- *Vote: All in favor*

ORDINANCE NO. 09-0501

An Amendment to add the new Sewer User Rates to Ordinance No. 09-0501, An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a Budget for the City of Liberty, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010.

- *CM Sheriff made motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-0501*
- *CM McJunkin seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Deese stated he would like to amend the agenda to add the Water Authority Maintenance Contract Meeting.

- *CM Sheriff made motion to amend the agenda to include the Water Authority Maintenance Contract*
- *CM Clark seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*
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DISCUSSION WATER AUTHORITY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MEETING

Mayor Deese reported last week he and CM Sheriff met with the Pickens County Water Authority at Liberty City Hall. Our Water Authority Maintenance contract ends July 30 of this year. It was a 10 year contract. The original contract was \$11,000 for the first year with a 4% rate increase each year after that. They would like us to reconsider the operations maintenance contract, because of their expenses and instead of raising water rates. After reviewing the contract and crunching some numbers with Olen, it actually costs us about \$11,300 to make this contract work. We talked with Steve Jewsberry today and asked if they would go along with a \$13,000 first year operation, but at 2% over the years. They want a 10 year contract. After consulting with CM Sheriff I think that we prefer a 5 year contract with the option to review. Mayor Deese asked for a motion to renew the Water Authority Maintenance Contract with language that council would be satisfied with.

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- *CM Sheriff made motion to renew the Water Authority Maintenance Contract with language council approves of*
- *CM Clark seconded the motion*

DISCUSSION

Mayor Deese stated the contract is pretty much the same contract as before. Mayor Deese went over several aspects of the contract. There was a discussion on the city doing the bush hogging and grass cutting. CM Petersen stated we could lower our annual fee and bill the water authority our direct costs. CM Sheriff stated we would need to bid the job out. After some discussion Mayor Deese asked for a motion to table this matter until suitable language could be added to the contract.

- *CM Sheriff made motion to table the discussion until suitable language could be added to the Water Authority Maintenance Contract*
- *CM Petersen seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*
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Mayor Deese informed council that Kings Asphalt won the bid for the sidewalks and curbing on Front Street and Lakeview Drive. He also stated everyone needed to go by and look at the new gazebos at Freedom Park. Soon we will have the BBQ pits in. CM McJunkin complimented the rest of council and the city for not raising taxes in four years in a row. CM Yates brought up the sign at Bracken Oaks. Mayor Deese stated we were going to have a new wooden sign put up.

Adjourn

- CM Clark made motion to adjourn.
- CM Yates seconded the motion.
- Vote: All in favor.

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor

Sue Woods, City Clerk