

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
FEBRUARY 9, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Present: CM Walt McJunkin, CM Brian Petersen, CM Dwight Yates, CM Michael Sheriff and CM Rick Clark

Absent: CM Josh Harrison,

INVOCATION

CM Yates gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

CM Sheriff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMENDMENT TO AGENDA: WOODSIDE PARK

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to amend the Agenda to include under Old Business the Woodside Park project.
- CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of January 12th, 2009 City Council Minutes

- CM Brian Petersen made motion to approve 01/12/09 City Council minutes
- CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of January 19th, 2009 Special Called Minutes

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 01/19/09 Special Called minutes
- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of January 26th, 2009 Special Called Minutes

- CM Brian Petersen made motion to approve 01/26/09 Special Called minutes
- CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of February 2nd, 2009 Work Session Minutes

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 02/02/09 Work Session minutes
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

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TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Auditor Drake Curry of Curry and Associates went over the City's Financial Statements for the year ended June 30th, 2008.

RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION THAT ALL LOAN, LEASE OR GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

CM Brian Petersen read and explained the resolution requiring that all loan, lease or grant applications be approved by full council before submission. He added it was basically the same resolution council had previously approved with some minor changes. CM Petersen read the resolution as written.

Resolution: *A resolution requiring all loan, lease or grant proposals to be presented to full council for discussion and approval before application is made.*

- *CM Michael Sheriff made motion to table the resolution until it could be discussed further at work session.*
- *CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*
- *Discussion: CM Petersen stated he would vote to table but only until the next work session.*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber member Dean Thomas reminded everyone that C&C Exterminating has been chosen by the Chamber as February's Business of the month. He stated there would be a ceremony on Thursday February 12th at 12:00 noon at the C&C business location. He invited everyone to attend.

DISCUSSION: BIDS FOR WOODSIDE PARK BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

CM Dwight Yates read the three bids on the bathroom renovation at Woodside Park. Fowler Construction's bid was \$42,361.95; C&F Builders' bid was \$65,500.00; and, Cisson Construction's bid was \$77,222.00. CM Yates asked for a motion to accept the lowest bid from Fowler Construction.

- *CM Mcjunkin made motion to accept the bid from Fowler Construction for \$42,361.95.*
- *CM Sheriff seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

Council discussed funding the remainder of the Woodside Park project which would cost \$7,500.00.

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- *CM Mcjunkin made motion to accept funding the remainder of the Woodside Park project for \$7,500.00.*
- *CM Sheriff seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Miller reported the following:

January 2009

Warnings Issued- 106

Citations Issued- 155

Juveniles Housed- 32

Total amount of fine money collected- \$12,337.88

Total arrested – 11

One for pointing a Firearm at a person

Two for Simple Assault

One for Trespassing

One for Shoplifting

Two for enticing enrolled child from school and contributing to delinquency of minor

One for disorderly conduct

Two for criminal domestic violence

Two for simple assault

One for driving under influence and following too close

Total calls for service – 166

Patrol Activities- 113

Public Service – 29

Code Enforcement- 16

Traffic Accidents – 8

FIRE DEPARTMENT

JANUARY	
City:	12
County:	25

Council Meeting 2/09/09

Last year the total calls for Jan. 2007: 30

This year the total calls for Jan. 2008: 37

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Assistant Chief Rowland reported the following:

Training: We had five (5) firefighters complete the Flammable Liquids And Gas Class (FLAG) at the Fire Academy. We had six (6) firefighters complete the low angle Rope Rescue class in Liberty taught by the Fire Academy. We had six (6) firefighters complete the Hazardous Materials Operations Class in Liberty taught by the Fire Academy. We conducted a fire safety training class at Cornell on January 13th. James Jackson and Pierce Womack took the Explorers to their competition in Gatlinburg on Jan. 31st. They finished in 9th place out of 52 teams. We are still working on fire pre-plans of buildings in the area.

Equipment: We received the aerial certification for the ladder truck from the American Test Center on January 16th.

We received and issued the reflective Safety Vests for every firefighter. These are required by Federal Law if we are in the highway right of way and they must be worn over our turn-out gear. They don't have to be worn if we are directly fighting a fire or involved in extrication. Nineteen (19) of the thirty-nine (39) vest were purchased by the Rural Fire District.

We want to thank the Mayor and Council Members for approving the two bay extension. This addition is greatly needed. We had to make a \$202 repair to Squad 6 due to the 9 degree temperatures freezing two different parts on the plumbing. This was caused by trapped water freezing.

PUBLIC WORKS

Director, Ray Clark reported there were 22 finalized, 40 cut offs and 10 taps.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

CM Yates reported that Tony is working hard and Liberty is lucky to have him.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin stated he was pleasantly surprised by all the work done on Lakeview Drive. CM McJunkin reported Hillandale still needs attention. He stated Easley/Central covered the hole with gravel but that is all. He stated we need to follow up on that and get that fixed properly.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen stated he had received some comments, specifically regarding Highway 178 North and especially from the park up to the light. There is quiet a bit of refuse on the side of the road including a broken plastic chair which has been there for some time. CM Petersen suggested that if we see that sort of thing we should be willing to stop and pick it up.

- **CM Michael Sheriff CM Mcjunkin made motion to accept the bid from Fowler Construction for \$42,361.95.**
- **CM Sheriff seconded the motion**
- **Vote: All in favor**

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No report.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates reported a lot of trash on the road beside Hospice going down toward the lake.

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark mentioned John Blackston who passed away recently. He stated he had good memories of working at the fire department with Mr. Blackston and he would be missed and remembered. He instructed the city clerk to put shovel ready projects on the next work session agenda.

CM Josh Harrison

Absent

Mayor Deese stated we would be having a work session on March 2nd and our work retreat on March 7th. He instructed council to be thinking about the work retreat and come ready with their thoughts and ideas. He thanked council for working together and sharing the same visions. He stated he wanted to mention Mr. Blackston and would request that we remember his family in our prayers tonight.

ADJOURN

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

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor