

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING  
ROSEWOOD CENTER  
MARCH 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 Josh Harrison, CM Dwight Yates,  
CM Michael Sheriff and CM Rick Clark

**INVOCATION**

CM McJunkin gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Approval of February 9, 2009, City Council Minutes*

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 02/09/09 City Council minutes
- CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

*Approval of March 2, 2009, Work Session Minutes*

- CM Joshua Harrison made motion to approve 03/02/09 Work Session minutes
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

**TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no topics from the public.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Duke Energy Municipal Agreement is up for renewal June 30, 2009. The city is currently receiving 4% of all monies collected by Duke Energy within our city limits. The new agreement will be for 10 years with two 5 year renewals after that. The Mayor recommended going to 6%. CM Clark made the motion to increase the percentage 6% and CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion. There was some discussion concerning the effect the increase would have on consumers and renewal date options. All voted in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*2<sup>n</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 09-0301, An Annexation Ordinance,  
100 Per Cent Method for 243 Blackbottom Road, 248 Blackbottom  
Road and 322 Blackbottom Road.*

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*CM Michael Sheriff made the motion to accept Ordinance  
No. 09-0301.  
CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.  
All voted in favor.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 09-0302, An Ordinance for Annexation of  
91.2 Acres, E/Side Ruhamah Road, Plat Book 57, Page 83, 100% Petition  
Method.*

*CM Rick Clark made the motion to accept Ordinance No. 09-0302.  
CM Joshua Harrison seconded the motion.  
All voted in favor.*

*Resolution: A Resolution that all Loan, Lease or Grant Applications or  
Proposals be Presented to Council for Approval.*

*CM Brian Petersen made to motion to accept the Resolution.  
Walt McJunkin seconded the motion.  
Five voted in favor, two opposed.*

**E-CIVIS GRANT LOCATOR SOFTWARE:**

CM Brian Petersen made the motion to accept the proposal to enter into an agreement with E-CIVIS for a one year contract fee of \$750 and a \$250 training fee. This software would enable the city to better search out grants for the various departments. CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

There was no report from the Chamber.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Police Department:**

Chief Miller reported the following:

Warnings Issued	99
Citations Issued	162
Juveniles Housed	19
Total Fine Money	\$13,916.95

Total Arrested	8
Total Calls for Service	171
Patrol Activities	119
Public Service	30
Code Enforcement	14
Traffic Accidents	8

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Liberty High School

Assisted Principal	7
Counseled Students	9
Counseled Parents	1
Investigations	11
Arrests	2 (1 Petit Larceny, 1 Possession of Tobacco)

Assisted with drug dog, performed the annual lockdown drill, talked with Cub Scouts on safety issues, gave a class on the Youth Court.

Liberty Middle School

Assisted Principal	15
Assisted Asst. Principal	28
Counseled Students	20
Counseled Parents	10
Investigations	8
Arrests	4 (2 Disturbing School, 2 Simple Assault & Battery)

Chief Miller reported that he had gone to Beaufort to pick up the new police cars.

**Fire Department:**

According to Chief Sargent, during the prior month the total fire calls were 33. For the same time period for last year, the calls were 43. They were broken down as follows:

City	7
Rural	25
Mutual Aid	1

Pierce Womack and Corey Lewis have completed the Fire Instructor class taught by the Fire Academy.

James Jackson did a presentation for Career Day and the school on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Fire Department conducted a fire safety class at Pickens County Board of Disabilities.

On training night, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Fire Department toured St. Judy Medical. There were 28 firefighters present.

On training night, February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department tested hose at the Industrial Park.

They are still working on fire pre-plans of buildings in the area.

Some of the equipment has been replaced on the ladder truck.

One volunteer resigned so two volunteers were voted onto the staff, Derek Sargent and Jonathan Byers.

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**Water Department:**

Olen Hamlin reported the following:

New Accounts	33
Cut-Offs	10
Finalizations	23
Meter Change Outs	7

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**CM Rick Clark**

CM Clark reported that the Aid to Sub-divisions would be cut to approximately \$80,000, a reduction of around \$18,000.

**CM Brian Peterson**

No Report

**CM Walt McJunkin**

CM McJunkin reported a problem on Crestwood Avenue and on the lot across the street.

**CM Dwight Yates**

CM Yates wanted to reiterate how proud he is to be on council and even prouder to be a citizen of Liberty. He said that Liberty's greatest assets and resources are its people. He reminded council that it's the time of year when one starts to clean up around town.

**CM Michael Sheriff**

CM Sheriff agreed with CM Yates and wanted to inform Council that the new pavilion is almost completed and ready for the Liberty Idol.

**CM Harrison**

No report.

Mayor Deese commended council for a taking their Saturday to attend the retreat and thanked them for all their hard work.

**ADJOURN**

CM Rick Clark made the motion to adjourn.

CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion.

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V. Sue Woods, Clerk

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