

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
MAY 11, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.
AMENDED 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

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of April 13, 2009 City Council Minutes

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve 04/13/09 City Council minutes
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of May 4, 2009, Work Session Minutes

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 05/04/09 Work Session minutes
- CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no topics from the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

1st Reading of 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 Michael Sheriff made the motion to accept Ordinance No. 09-0501.*
- *CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.*

Discussion:

CM McJunkin had several questions on the budget regarding the Duke Energy Franchise Fee and the \$8000 for a new vehicle for the recreation department. CM McJunkin had questions regarding salaries, the fire department budget, garbage pickup fees, and workers compensation fees. CM McJunkin stated he did not want to see the senior citizen donations cut. He stated they needed the money and we should keep it at \$1500. CM Yates stated

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he would like to see the \$1500 kept in the budget. Mayor Deese stated he had no problem keeping the donation at \$1500. CM Clark asked if we have upgraded the server at City Hall. He stated it was over 5 years old and we need to make sure it is upgraded before something happens to it. After more discussion regarding the budget, Mayor Deese stated if anyone had any more questions of concerns about the budget, to come talk with him and Josie. He would be happy to revise it before we come back to council for our 2nd vote. He encouraged council to come to him before that meeting, so everything could be worked out before the next council meeting.

- *CM Sheriff made a motion to amend the budget to increase the senior citizens contribution to \$1500;*
- *CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor of the motion to amend the budget with the increase for the senior citizens*
- *Mayor Deese stated there is a motion on the floor to accept Ordinance No. 09-0501 as amended*
- *Vote: 5 in favor*
- *Opposed: CM Walt McJunkin*
- *Absent for vote: CM Josh Harrison.*

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 09-0401, An Ordinance Modifying the Business License Ordinance for the City of Liberty to Include E-Commerce Business and Establish a Rate Class for Same

- *CM Brian Petersen made the motion to accept Ordinance No. 09-0401*
- *CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion.*
- *All voted in favor.*

Resolution: *A Resolution Adopting the Regulations and Specific Requirements of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code*

- *CM Rick Clark made motion to accept the Resolution.*
- *CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion.*
- *Vote: All in favor*

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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Police Department:

Officer Kevin Elder reported the following:

Warnings Issued	136
Citations Issued	99
Juveniles Housed	23
Total Fine Money	\$11,831.08

Total Arrested	8
Total Calls for Service	182
Patrol Activities	147
Public Service	16
Code Enforcement	13
Traffic Accidents	6

Dare Adventure Camp is July 27 – 31. Tuition is \$30.00 per child.

Fire Department:

City	4
Rural	18
Mutual Aid	0

Chief Sargent reported the following:

On training night April 21, we tested 3000 feet of 5” LDH from Engines 3, 5 and Ladder 1 at the Industrial Park. We have now tested all hose with the exception of the hose stored at the shed.

We worked on fire pre-plans of area businesses.

We conducted some yearly business inspections. Community Church (Old East Side) (pre-inspection); Clip –N- Snips Beauty Salon (pre-inspection); K. Leigh Beauty Salon (pre-inspection); Woodside park Restrooms (pre-inspection). New business inspections were Dan Scott’s Big League Barbeque.

Public Works Department:

No report

Recreation Department:

Mayor Deese reported on how busy director, Tony Boiter is and what a good job he is doing. Mayor Deese reported that Public Works has been helping in keeping up Freedom Park and we are become a lot more proactive in that area. He reported Pickens County was at the park today clearing brush.

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CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff stated we have talked about the possibility of building two more gazebos. He presented council with a drawing of the park with the new gazebos. He told council the placement of the gazebos is not set in stone. CM Sheriff stated his suggestion is that we build two more gazebos and have, depending on how much money we have left after building the gazebos, around 2 or 3 picnic tables put out with

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barbeque pits. CM Sheriff stated he has run the numbers on this project and would ask council for \$35000 to accomplish this which would be paid out of Hospitality Tax. CM Sheriff showed council where in the plans he has a connector trail from the walking trail to the playground area. CM Sheriff suggested that council get together at the park to decide on the best locations. CM Petersen asked what the projected costs were on the picnic tables and the grills. CM Sheriff stated between \$200 and \$250. CM Petersen stated he would suggest that we started with 5 or 6 picnic tables even though it would increase CM Sheriff's proposal. CM Sheriff stated if he came within his budget after the gazebos the budget would allow for 3 picnic tables with barbeque pits. If he increases the budget by a couple of thousand more, we could get 6 tables and barbeque grills. CM Petersen asked if that included leveling out an area for the tables and grills. CM Sheriff stated it did. CM Clark stated we need to build our sign there before we proceed with this project. CM Sheriff agreed and stated we have a design ready for the memorial area. CM Sheriff stated we can accomplish both projects and still have funds left in the Hospitality Tax. Mayor Deese asked for a motion to approve the gazebo project in the amount of \$35000 to start. CM Clark added with a stipulation that the signage be accomplished first. CM Sheriff stated he would start the gazebos and present the plan for the signage at the next meeting.

- *CM Sheriff made a motion to approve the project for two new gazebos, picnic tables and grills*
- *CM Petersen seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin reported a grass problem off Summit Drive on North McAlister Road and asphalt problem on Lakeview Drive.

CM Brian Peterson

CM Petersen stated he had no report but being this time of year to pay attention to the grass.

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark stated he was trying to wrap up the grant for the fire department so they could get that started.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates had no report.

CM Harrison

Absent

Mayor Deese informed council he spoke with Ed Martin with C-Funds today and asked him where we are with the Lakeview Drive project. Mayor Deese stated Mr. Martin stated "that, as well as the sidewalk at Pedestrian Park has been approved to spend up to \$40,000 on. However, now that we have the procurement code, we need to follow those instructions on how to bid. Mayor Deese stated hopefully within the month we will have the Lakeview project started. Mayor Deese announced that Senator Lindsey Graham will open his regional office in Pendleton on Friday at 10:00 am. He announced our Pickens County Municipal picnic is May 29 from 5:00 pm until around 7:30 pm at Freedom Park #4 Gazebo in Liberty. Everyone and their family are welcome. Mayor Deese informed council the lady that

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drove her car into the hole on Summit has retained an attorney and the matter has been turned over to the City's insurance company.

ADJOURN

CM Rick Clark made the motion to adjourn.

CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor