

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.  
PUBLIC HEARING – 5:45 PM  
ROSEWOOD CENTER  
MINUTES**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Deese called the public hearing to order at 5:45 pm. He stated this was a public hearing for the second reading of the budget for the City of Liberty for fiscal year 2009-2010. He asked for comments from the public and from council. There were no comments made. Mayor Deese closed the public hearing at 6:00 pm and opened the City Council meeting for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**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 Josh Harrison and CM Rick Clark

Absent: CM Michael Sheriff

**INVOCATION**

CM Harrison gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Approval of May 11, 2009 City Council Minutes*

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 05/11/09 City Council minutes
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

*Approval of June 1, 2009, Work Session Minutes*

- CM Rick Clark made a motion to amend the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Work Session minutes from “Fire Truck Time Frame which was discussed in Executive Session to “Fire Contract”.
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor
- Mayor Deese instructed that the June 1<sup>st</sup> Work Session minutes be amended to Fire Contract instead of Fire Truck Time Frame.

**TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no topics from the public.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Brian Petersen made the motion to accept Ordinance No. 09-0501.*
- *CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion.*

**Discussion:**

*Mayor Deese explained that this budget did not have the sewer rate increase. Council would have the first reading of that increase at tonight's meeting. After the second reading, the budget would be amended to add the increase.*

- *Vote: All in favor*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 09-0601, An Ordinance to Repeal and Establish Sewer User Rates*

- *CM Rick Clark made the motion to accept Ordinance No. 09-0601*
- *CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion.*
- **Discussion:**  
*Mayor Deese explained the County increased sewer rates to the City. He stated the City could not absorb the amount of the rate increase therefore it has to be passed on to the users. He stated the sewer rates have not been increased since 2005 and this is something we all hate but unfortunately have to deal with.*
- *Vote: 5 in favor.*
- *Opposed: CM Dwight Yates*

**Certification of Authorization:**

*CM Clark explained this was a statement that Mayor Brian Deese has the authority to enter into a project agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation. He stated this was just another request you have to submit when you apply for a grant and that we would probably have to have this also when we apply for C-Funds.*

- *CM Rick Clark made motion to accept the Certification of Authorization.*
- *CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.*
- *Vote: All in favor*

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**Fire District Contract:**

Mayor Deese stated they had met previously and discussed the new Fire District Contract. There was a little discussion on the contract before the vote.

- *CM Rick Clark made motion to accept the new Fire District Contract*
- *CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.*
- *Vote: All in favor*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:**

Rhonda Sauro, President of Liberty Chamber of Commerce, stated she had previously given council a copy of the Chamber minutes. She asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. There were no questions. Mayor Deese informed everyone that Ms. Sauro would be moving out of state at the end of the month. He thanked her for her good job as president of the Chamber and stated her work was appreciated and she would be missed.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT**

No report.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Police Department:**

Chief Miller reported the following:

Warnings Issued	91
Citations Issued	167
Juveniles Housed	19
Total Fine Money	\$8,447.09

Total Arrested	16
Total Calls for Service	191
Patrol Activities	153
Public Service	27
Code Enforcement	5
Traffic Accidents	6

**Fire Department:**

City	17
Rural	27
Mutual Aid	0

Firefighter Pierce Womack reported the following:

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On training night May 5, Central Fire Department Assistant Chief Red Reynolds spoke to us about the Clemson Forestry land that is in our fire district in the area of Green Tree Drive and Ruhamah Road. He gave us contact numbers for Clemson Forestry along with two (2) keys to their gates. On training night of May 19, all firefighters present drove our trucks through a DOT approved driving course. This is required yearly.

We are continually being called to Liberty Denim for fires they cannot handle. On Sunday morning at 1:27 am, May 10, we had a structure fire in the slasher room that spread to the outside roof. Due to the fact that most firefighters do not know the location of each department by name nor what is produced in each, we asked for a detailed tour of their plant for all the paid firefighters. On the May 10 tour, they explained our location inside the plant with relation to landmarks outside and to other departments. They also pointed out where fires are likely to develop. We advised them to contact us to place us on "Standby" on any large fire they are attempting to extinguish themselves. We will respond a truck with a few personnel and stage outside the plant before the fire spreads. When they need assistance, the tones will then be activated. This procedure will gain us about 5 minutes.

We are still working on fire pre-plans of area businesses. We are about to complete the yearly business inspections. The new business inspections are Community Church, Final (auditorium only); Clip-n-Snips Beauty Salon, final; K-Leigh Beauty Salon, final; Woodside Park Restroonms, final; Hot Stuff, final; and Pickens County Airport Conference Room (42 Occupancy Limit).

**Water and Sewer Department**

Mayor Deese reported we are getting all the places in line that need asphalt and we will be ordering the asphalt.

**Public Works Department:**

Barry Chappell reported that he is still learning this new position but everything is going well.

**Recreation Department:**

Mayor Deese reported on how busy director, Tony Boiter is and what a good job he is doing.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**CM Michael Sheriff**

Absent

**CM Walt McJunkin**

CM McJunkin reported there still is an asphalt problem on Lakeview Drive.

**CM Brian Peterson**

CM Petersen stated he had no report since Mayor Deese already addressed the asphalt problem.

**CM Rick Clark**

CM Clark had no report

**CM Dwight Yates**

CM Yates had no report.

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**CM Harrison**

CM Harrison asked if we were still working on getting a McDonalds in Liberty. CM Clark stated the person we were working with has left and we are trying to speak with the person who took her place. Mayor Deese stated he is speaking with owners of McDonalds.

Mayor Deese informed everyone the new gazebos should be going up in about two weeks.

**ADJOURN**

CM Rick Clark made the motion to adjourn.

CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

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V. Sue Woods, Clerk

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Approval Date

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Verification/Mayor