

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.
ROSEWOOD CENTER
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent:

INVOCATION

CM Petersen gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

CM Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CM Sheriff acknowledged that City Clerk, Sue Woods' brother passed away this morning and is the reason she is not here tonight. He extended everyone's sympathy to Sue and her family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of June 29, 2009 Special Called Meeting Minutes

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve the 06/29/09 City Council minutes
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of August 3, 2009, Work Session Minutes

- CM Walt McJunkin made a motion to approve the 08/03/09 Work Session minutes
- CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Recreation Director, Tony Boiter introduced the winning softball teams who made it to state tournaments: 7/8 year old girls, The Dixie Darlings won a sportsmanship award. The coaches pitch boys 7/8 year olds also won the sportsmanship trophy at the state playoffs. Our third team who made it to state were our 14 and under Dixie boys who did a great job. Our 4th team was 18 and under boys who also did a great job. The council applauded each team and congratulated them.

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER LINE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

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- CM Walt McJunkin made a motion to approve the Water Line Operation and Maintenance Contract
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

KINGS NURSERY/WATER PUMP PROPERTY

Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff stated that Kings Nursery has approached the city requesting to lease or purchase the old water pump property on 18 Mile Creek.

- *CM Rick Clark made a motion to work with Kings Nursery on a short term lease (3 years) to the property for a small amount (\$10 a year), with a clause that the city always has access to our two main water lines that are there, 8 and 10, that can be used for water in an emergency or drainage in an emergency*
- *CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

NEW BUSINESS:

CM Clark read the resolution and stated it is based on what they have been talking about for the last month. The guys are looking hard for a truck and we have missed a couple already. This will help when they find something to contact council and then they can put a deposit on it. Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff stated that he has discussed this with the Mayor and he is in agreement with it. He would like for it to say a “pumper” truck instead of fire truck. CM Clark said he would amend the resolution to say pumper fire truck. CM Harrison asked if the Mayor had looked at the budget to make sure the funds for this were in the budget. Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff stated we will lease/purchase the truck for a three year loan. Right now we have \$57,000 in the budget for the fire department. CM Yates asked if the lease/purchase agreement with the bank stated the age of the truck would have an affect on the lease/purchase. Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff stated it would not but it would be a factor on what we could borrow. CM Petersen stated there will have to be a separate resolution for the financing terms which will have to be adopted and approved. CM Petersen stated the truck should be a class A pumper.

Resolution: Fire Department Improvement Resolution

- *CM Rick Clark made a motion to approve the Fire Department*
- *CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

RADIX:

Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff stated what you have in your Tab 4 is a quote to upgrade our hand held water meter readers and system. Look over the proposal; we are talking about \$7,732 to upgrade the software and the hand helds. This is a right step to eventually put electronic meter readers on the meters. CM Petersen stated we would need three bids to comply with the procurement code. After some discussion it was decided CM Clark would withdraw his motion pending getting three bids.

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- *CM Rick Clark made a motion to approve the quote to upgrade the hand helds;*
- *CM Clark withdrew his motion until we have 3 bids next month in this matter.*
- *CM Dwight Yates seconded the withdrawal of the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Continued until next meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department:

Chief Miller reported the following:

	June/July
Warnings Issued	120/66
Citations Issued	245/94
Juveniles Housed	11/14
Total Fine Money	\$8,733.32/\$11,394.87
Total Arrested	16/17
Total Calls for Service	203/204
Patrol Activities	151/145
Public Service	32/49
Code Enforcement	10/5
Traffic Accidents	10/5

Fire Department:

	June & July
City	65
Rural	86
Mutual Aid	0

Chief Sargent reported the following:

On training night June 2, we practiced hooking up two different size hoses using a small selection of couplings and a nozzle while being timed. We had to advance 100' of hose and hit a target. On training night June 16, all firefighters present went to the rural station to help cover their lawn sprinkler system. We did not have any training in the month of July.

We started staffing the rural station with one firefighter on July 1. We are still working through a few minor problems as they come up. They are having the ribbon cutting/opening ceremony at 11:00 am on

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August 13 and open house on August 27 for all firefighters and area businesses from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm with a meal served at 7:00 pm.

New business inspections was the New Christian Church (auditorium only; old Eastside); and Fitness 365

Water and Sewer Department

Olen Hamlin reported they have been busy this month so far and last month. They have replaced 10 ¾ meters. We have started replacing the older large 3 inch diameter meters and the schools are going to notice a considerable difference in their bills this month. Two of them were over 20 years old and 4 were over 35 years old. We needed to do this because we were losing money due to the calibration being off. We had 24 calls for sewer. Last week lightning hit the old Norris pump station and burned out the control panel. That station is going to have to be rebuilt. It is in pretty bad shape. On the Public Work side we have been cutting grass and getting everything pretty well caught up. The clutch is out on the large side arm tractor.

Public Works Department:

No report

Recreation Department:

Tony Boiter reported that he does have the PARD sign up at the park. We are excited about demo work starting for the restrooms at the gym. That is a county supported project. Tony reported he sent the bid out today for the renovation work. Football is getting ready to kick off and they are starting the season over a week earlier. Our 1st game is the 25th. Tony gave an update on the rest of the teams.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin reported there still is a problem with coming into on Highway 93 and turning onto Highway 178. CM McJunkin stated we need to bring that to their attention again. He also stated he may need to talk with Senator Martin about it.

CM Brian Peterson

CM Petersen had no report

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark had no report

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates had no report.

CM Harrison

CM Harrison had no report

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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 Josh Harrison seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor