

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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: Mayor Deese

INVOCATION

CM Petersen gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

CM Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CM Sheriff acknowledged that Mayor Deese was not present tonight due to having to take his wife to the hospital. He extended his and council's wish for a speedy recovery for Mrs. Deese.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of August 10th, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes

- CM Walt McJunkin made motion to approve the 08/10/09 City Council minutes
- CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of September 1, 2009 Work Session Minutes

- CM Walt McJunkin made a motion to approve the 09/01/09 Work Session minutes
- CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. J.D. Harris with Liberty National Insurance Company addressed council regarding life insurance for city employees. Hayne Meyerson discussed having a sprinkler system and some ways to remedy the high costs of the water.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution: The City of Liberty will comply with all Federal and State regulations concerning Workers' Compensation

- CM Rick Clark made a motion to approve the Resolution
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion

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- *Vote: All in favor*

Resolution: To Authorize Workers' Compensation coverage for prisoners performing work for the City of Liberty

- *CM Rick Clark made a motion to approve the Resolution*
- *CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

FREEDOM PARK SIGNAGE

Mayor Pro Tem Sheriff stated this was discussed by council previously. He passed around the drawings of the sign. He was asking for council's approval of \$700 from Hospitality Tax for this sign which would be placed on a temporary site until moved to another permanent site.

- *CM Dwight Yates made a motion to approve the \$700 from Hospitality Tax for this sign*
- *CM McJunkin seconded the motion*
- *CM Petersen suggested that they also check with Modern Signs to purchase the sign because it is a Liberty based business*
- *Vote: All in favor*

NEW BUSINESS:

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.

- *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.

Mayor Pre Tem Sheriff stated this was not on the agenda, but he wanted to bring it to the attention of council. The Rosewood Rental policy right now is to allow all non-profits to use the center free and it is in use now all of the time. What the Mayor and I have discussed and what we would like council to

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consider is possibly a nominal charge for the use of the building, if not for every non-profit organization, then for the ones outside of the city. We can discuss this further at the next work session

Also, I would like council to start thinking about our Christmas tree. We need to decide if we will be getting an artificial tree or a real tree and be ready to vote on this next month.

Another thing is the lease for Sunset King Nursery. Our attorney has drawn up the lease and the Mayor and council will be reviewing this lease.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department:

Chief Miller reported the following:

	August
Warnings Issued	69
Citations Issued	82
Juveniles Housed	17
Total Fine Money	\$6,293.32
Total Arrested	12
Total Calls for Service	195
Patrol Activities	153
Public Service	33
Code Enforcement	6
Traffic Accidents	3

Fire Department:

City	27
Rural	15
Mutual Aid	0

Chief Sargent reported the following:

On training night, August 4th, we had our monthly business meeting and approved the purchase of our 1% shirts. We cancelled our training on August 18th due to the open house at Rural Station 1 on August 27th.

We are finishing up on our yearly physicals for the paid and volunteer firefighters. This year we are covering anyone over the age of 40 and any new firefighters that have not had a physical. Next year we will get everyone over the age of 30. The third year we will do under 30 years of age and over 40 years.

At our request, we have had several businesses install the Knox box for easier access to their business in case of an emergency. This will eliminate the costly repairs or replacement of an entry door if we have to make entry during a fire. It will also make it easier to check out the building alarms when closed without having the owner to respond. Some of these buildings are all three public schools, BJ Skelton Career Center, St. Jude Medical (both buildings), Pickens County Airport Terminal, Fitness 365 and Tri-Tech

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USA. Fitness 365 and Pickens County Airport T Hangers have had new business inspections. Regarding the used truck status, we opened the bids for the lease-purchase financing. SunTrust was the lowest bid over the three year term. Once we have a quote on the truck we want to purchase, it will be mailed for approval of the loan. The two trucks we looked in Hardeeville are probably not going to be what we want. There is one we are checking out in Pennsylvania. I will keep council updated regarding finding a truck.

Water and Sewer Department

Olen Hamlin reported they have been busy this month so far and last month. They have replaced 10 ³/₄ 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.

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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.

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CM Harrison

CM Harrison had no report

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