

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.
ROSEWOOD CENTER
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Deese called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

INVOCATION

CM Harrison gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes dated March 8th, 2010

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve the 03/08/10 City Council minutes
- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of Council Work Retreat Minutes dated March 6th, 2010

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve the 03/06/10 City Council Work Retreat minutes
- CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of Council Work Session Minutes dated April 5th, 2010

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve the 04/05/10 City Council Work Retreat minutes
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Phillip Smith discussed a problem he was having with his neighbors. Donna Smith discussed a littering problem and that Liberty needs to be more conscious of its recycling with places such as Liberty Idol and the Recreation Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

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NEW BUSINESS:

1st Reading of Ordinance No: 10-0401, An Ordinance Providing for the Transfer of Authority for Conducting Municipal Elections to the Registration and Elections Commission for Pickens County, Qualification of Officers, Section (b) Adjusting the time for officers to take office.

- CM Brian Petersen made motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 10-0401.
- CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion
- Vote: 5 in favor
- Opposed: CM Dwight Yates

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department:

Chief Miller reported the following:

Monthly Totals – March 2010

Warnings Issued- 103

Citations Issued- 106

Juveniles Housed- 11

Total amount of fine money collected- \$7, 815.96

Total Arrested- 10

Three for Assault and Battery High and Aggravated Nature

One for Breach of Trust over \$5,000.00

One for Use of Vehicle without permission

One on Bench warrants for Tail Lamps Required, Deface of Vehicle License plate with intent to defraud, Driving Under Suspension and Operating with Suspended Drivers License.

One for Simple Assault

One for Driving Under Suspension

One for Petit Larceny

One for Obtaining Goods Under False Pretenses

Calls for Service- 157

Patrol Activities- 96

Public Service- 39

Code Enforcement-12

Traffic Accidents- 10

High School Resource

Assist. School Official 4

Counsel Students 4

Counsel Parents 5

Investigations 10

Arrests 4

Officer Middle School Resource Officer

Assist. School Official 48

Counsel Students 25

Counsel Parents 15

Investigations 12

Arrests 10

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Fire Department

Total calls for March: 27

City: 9

Rural District: 18

Mutual Aid: 0

Training: On March 2, we cancelled the meeting due to the weather.

On March 16, we had everyone to participate in a water shuttle operation utilizing the new tanker and two pumpers. The tanker dumped 3000 gallons into the dump tank, Engine 3 started drafting and pumping to Engine 1 that was pumping at 100 psi. We ran three cycles with the tanker and never ran out of water.

Most of the new equipment on Engine 4 has been installed. We still have a couple of items to determine the best placement before mounting. We are about finished with the cleanup of the truck by removing small areas of oxidation in compartments and around door hinges.

We are also trying to move the Jaws and other rescue equipment from Squad 6 to Engine 4. This will make Engine 4 our first response on most all incidents within the city except for brush fires. We finished mounting equipment on Tanker 1 and it is in service. We have already used in on one rural fire for water supply.

We did a preliminary new business inspection for an Italian restaurant on Commerce Street in the old House of Pizza location.

The on-duty firefighters watered the newly planted trees at the ball fields daily for over a week.

We also made several trips to wet down the crusher-run on Hedgepath Street for the recycle center as it was being packed. We had several calls to assist residents with their smoke detectors.

We gave several tours of the department and trucks to the girl scouts and school classes.

Ladder 1 was tested last Wednesday for its yearly certification and failed one test. The holding block is slipping. This block prevents the extended ladder, elevated to 65 degrees from retracting. I must hold its position within one inch for one hour with the truck shut down. The block had to be rebuilt and will be delivered tomorrow. We will conduct that part of the test ourselves and fax the results to the testing company for final certification.

We are doing business inspections this month, and we will be testing all the pumps on the trucks May 5 and 6 in Pickens at the Ryobi pond.

Water and Sewer Department

Mayor Deese reported Olen Hamlin was not at the meeting but was working at the Pedestrian Park.

Public Works Department:

Barry Chappell reported he has been working on getting bids for the sidewalk and the pad at the rec. He stated they are cleaning sidewalks around town and putting mulch in at Sarlin Park. He stated recycling is going good and the numbers show it. Mr. Chappell reported chipping was a problem and needed to be addressed. He stated people were expecting them to pick up trees that were too big for the chipper.

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Recreation Department:

Mayor Deese reported the rec department has a lot of activity going on with Baseball and Flag Football starting and Volley ball tournaments on the weekends.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff reported the concrete truck would be at Pedestrian Park in the morning at 9:00 am. He reported they will pour the concrete for the new lights and when that is finished we will be ready to put in the handicap sidewalks.

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin stated he would like to go into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen stated for public works to keep up the good work on the grass cutting,

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark stated there were several events going on in Liberty this past weekend which drew a lot of people into Liberty.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates stated he had no report.

CM Harrison

CM Harrison stated he would have a report at the work session concerning face book and twitter.

- *CM Yates made a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session*
- *CM Harrison seconded the motion*
- *Vote: 5 in favor*
- *Opposed: CM Rick Clark*

- *CM McJunkin made a motion to go into Executive Session*
- *CM Petersen seconded the motion*
- *Vote: 5 in favor*
- *Opposed: CM Rick Clark*

- *CM Brian Petersen made a motion to come out of Executive Session*
- *CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

ADJOURN

CM Rick Clark made the motion to adjourn.
CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion.

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All voted in favor.

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor