

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
MARCH 12, 2007 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Call to Order

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

Present: CM Walt McJunkin, CM Brian Petersen, CM Dwight Yates, CM Lewis Wilson, CM Michael Sheriff and Mayor Brian Deese

Absent: CM Rick Clark

Invocation

Fire Fighter Jody Vaughn gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Approval of February 12th, 2007 Council Meeting Minutes

- CM Walt McJunkin made motion to approve 01/08/07 minutes.
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of March 5th, 2007 Work Session minutes

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 0205/07 WS minutes
- CM Lewis Wilson seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Mayor Deese welcomed a group of Liberty High School students who had to attend the council meeting as part of a school assignment.

Topics from the Public:

None.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Department Head Reports

Police Department

Police Chief Miller reported the following:

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February	
Warnings Issued:	76
Citations Issued:	67
Calls for Service:	45
Auto Accidents:	11
Juveniles Housed:	27
Arrests	6

Chief Miller gave a breakdown of the January monthly totals. At the high school there were 2 larcenies reported and a lock-down of the school for security purpose practice was done.

At the middle school 3 students skipped school and went to a residence inside the city where an adult allowed them to stay and while there they were given some marijuana to smoke. The adult was arrested and charged with 3 counts for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and 3 counts of enticing a child from school. Chief Miller reported that Sargent Stevie Steward graduated from detective class at the academy. Chief Miller stated to CM McJunkin that the speed limit signs we said were in are not in. He stated he was looking into what the holdup is on these signs. He stated he wanted to discuss a citywide speed limit of 25 mph.

Fire Department

February	
City:	13
County:	26

Fire Fighter Jody Vaughn gave a breakdown of the calls the fire department had received and updated council regarding the department's training. He stated all paid firefighters have completed the NIMS requirements (700, 800, 100, 200, 300, 400). Most of the volunteers have completed their requirements, which is through NIMS 200. As of now, council and Mayor are required only to take the IS700 on line. Later, after the instructor is trained, you will be required to take the IS701 which is a 2 ½ hour class at the EOC. We conducted a fire alarm drill at Master Care on February 21st. We did several inspections involving new business openings. On February 19th all the Fire Chiefs met with Sheriff David Stone about the problems we are having with getting an arson investigator on scene in a timely manner. We discussed several concerns and he was not aware of some of these and said he will look into those matters. He said if the investigator is not available to respond during the night, he will send a road patrol officer to guard the scene until the investigator arrives so we will not have to stay on scene longer than necessary.

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Public Works Department

Mayor Deese stated the department has been working on a few leaks around the City, but nothing major at this time.

Recreation Department

CM Sheriff reported that the electrical contractor was working on the concession stand. They also have people who are going to give us quotes on the sidewalk (pouring the cement). Mayor Deese also reported that Flag football has started. There are 18 baseball teams. Soccer has started also.

City Council Reports

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin stated he wanted us to move forward on contacting the Pickens County highway engineer concerning fixing where we turn off of Hwy. 178 onto Hwy. 93 at the red light.

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff did not have anything to report at this time.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen stated he thought council had a productive work retreat.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates agreed with CM Petersen that the work retreat was productive. He also stated when the Pickens County engineer was contacted that he would like for them to look at the knoll at Eastside Baptist Church and the Subway area for a warning sign or light.

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark was not present.

CM Lewis Wilson

CM Wilson did not have anything to report at this time.

Mayor Deese stated he really enjoyed Saturday at the work retreat. He stated a comment was made to have these work retreats a little more often and he thought that was a good idea. He stated the water line on Front Street was being fixed. The parking lot has been finished by Liberty Tavern and mulch was put out today. Mayor Deese stated he was meeting with Hayne Meyerson today regarding more beautification around the city. CM Yates stated Liberty Idol would be starting soon and it would behoove all citizens to clean up around the city. Mayor Deese stated Liberty Idol begins May 5th and promises to be bigger and better than last year.

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Adjourn

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to adjourn.
- CM Lewis Wilson seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor.

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor