

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
APRIL 9, 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 Rick Clark, CM Dwight Yates, CM Lewis Wilson,
CM Michael Sheriff and Mayor Brian Deese

Absent: CM Brian Petersen

Invocation

CM Walt McJunkin gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Approval of March 10th, 2007 Work Retreat Minutes

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 03/10/07 minutes.
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion.
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of March 12th, 2007 City Council Minutes

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve 0205/07 WS minutes
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of April 2nd, 2007 Work Session minutes

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

Topics from the Public:

None.

Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution: A Resolution Supporting the Local Match for the CDBG Community Infrastructure Application

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CM Clark reported to council and the public that there was a TA (Department of Commerce technical advisors) meeting last Wednesday and the City did meet the survey qualifications required by the CDBG Grant Committee. We are now able to submit an application for the one million dollar grant. We will have to match 10% of the grant if we receive it. This resolution is stating that we can support the match. We have been saving over the years for this match and we will be able to meet it. CM Clark explained that the Department of Commerce was a little concerned that Norris Avenue was not serving the whole City. He explained that Norris Avenue would be the City's project but he was told by the Department of Commerce the City can use the 10% match funds for that project.

Approval of Resolution:

A Resolution Supporting the Local Match for the CDBG Community Infrastructure Application

- CM Walt McJunkin made motion to approve the Resolution
- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Department Head Reports

Police Department

Police Chief Miller reported the following:

March	
Warnings Issued:	57
Citations Issued:	143
Calls for Service:	51
Auto Accidents:	11
Juveniles Housed:	25
Arrests	6

Chief Miller gave a breakdown of the March monthly totals.

Dispatch/Detention Officer Carolyn Head is in her last week of Detention Officer School at the SC Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia. She made a 90 on her classes last week. Chief Miller stated we did have a camera in the water department when the money bag went missing. He stated the camera records on a computer hard drive. When he tried to view the camera he

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could not get a picture. The hard drive was sent to Columbia to see if the information on the hard drive could be retrieved. Chief Miller reported he had received news that the hard drive could not be fixed and the information could not be retrieved. Chief Miller reported that all he knew was that sometime between 11:07 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on the 20th of March, the money bag was missing. Since this investigation involves city employees, Chief Miller, along with Councilman Rick Clark, believe that the investigation should be turned over to SLED.

Fire Department

February	
City:	10
County:	12

Chief Sargent stated we now have all firefighters retrained in CPR/AED. One Explorer is now trained. We had 2 firefighters complete Pump Operations, a 40 hour class. Chief Sargent reported he and Rod White attended a class on writing grants through Homeland Security. We have 3 firefighters attend an 8 hour class Responding to Utility Emergencies. We had 3 firefighters attend a 16 hour Confined Space Rescue class. I performed a new business inspection at O'Reilly Auto Parts. Sheriff Stone informed us at the Pickens County Chief's Meeting that he is providing 3 officers and Detective Ket Fowler to help with arson investigation. He will send them to Columbia in August to be trained in "Cause and Origin" investigation. There is also a SLED agent that lives in Pickens that will respond if needed. In the past we had to maintain control of the scene until an arson investigator arrived. This could be hours, if not the next morning's shift. This will release us from the scene quicker than if we had to stay until an investigator arrived.

Public Works Department

Public Works Director Ray Clark reported the Public Works Department had 1 water tap, 38 cutoffs and 17 new accounts in March. Mr. Clark discussed the work being done on the fire hydrants. Mayor Deese reported that at the objective is to have those 5 fire hydrants replaced by the end of May. Mr. Clark discussed the new city speed signs with CM McJunkin. Mayor Deese stated we were looking into outsourcing our signs to be made.

Recreation Department

CM Sheriff reported the progress on the new concession stand. He stated we have had some vandalism at the park and the person who built the gazebos was in the process of fixing that. Mayor Deese reported to council that he had sent a letter and pictures to the owners of the land next to the park which has the creek, asking them to donate the property to the City. They indicated they would discuss this matter at their next board meeting and get back to us. We would like to be able to clean up the area and make it an addition to the park.

City Council Reports

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CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin reported to council on the death of Tony Boiter's brother and when the arrangements were.

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff reported there will be a workday Saturday on the corner he was wanting to landscape.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen was absent.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates did not have a report at this time.

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark did not have a report at this time.

CM Lewis Wilson

CM Wilson did not have a report at this time.

Mayor Deese stated he had spoken with Emily at Duke Power who is on vacation this week, but will be appearing at the next work session. He asked council to prepare any questions or concerns they may have for her. CM Yates expressed his concern to view a layout. Mayor Deese reported that we received a letter stating we did not win the Municipal Achievement Award for the Liberty Idol. He reported the letter stated we were very close and they encouraged us to enter again next year. Mayor Deese reminded everyone that the Liberty Idol begins May 5th. Also, he stated we are in the bidding mode now for the Rosewood Center. Mayor Deese thanked the high school students who attended the meeting.

Adjourn

- CM Rick Clark made motion to adjourn.
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor.

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor