

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
JUNE 11, 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 Brian Petersen, CM Michael Sheriff and Mayor Brian Deese

Invocation

Police Chief Miller gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Approval of May 14th, 2007 City Council Minutes

- CM Lewis Wilson made motion to approve 05/14/07 City Council minutes
- CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of June 4th, 2007 Work Session minutes

- CM Brian Petersen made motion to approve 06/04/07 WS minutes
- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Topics from the Public:

None.

Old Business

*2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 07-0501, an Ordinance Adopting and Enacting
A Budget for the City of Liberty, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30,
2008*

- CM Rick Clark made motion to approve
- CM Lewis Wilson seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

DISCUSSION: CM Petersen stated he would like to make council aware that should the City receive the grant the fire department has applied for, we would be able to have a hearing to amend the budget to included a 3.3 millage rate increase and dedicate those funds specifically to pay off the remaining debt for the new fire station. The question was put to City Attorney, Jim Alexander to explain that this could be done in a proper manner. He explained that according to the SC Code of Laws, we could amend the budget, but because it involved a millage rate

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increase, it would have to be a public hearing with the standard 15 day notice being posted. Mayor Deese also explained there was one change to the budget. Other aspects of the budget were discussed.

New Business

1st Reading of Ordinance No. 07-0601, A Ordinance to Amend Title 3 Article A of the Liberty Code of Laws (Section 3-A-206) Time Allowed For Parking In Business Section

Mayor Deese explained that basically this ordinance was changed to allow the Chief of Police the discretionary power to tow repeat violators vehicles. The parking hours were change from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- CM Lewis Wilson made motion to approve
- CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

1st Reading of Ordinance No. 07-0602, An Ordinance to Adopt the Official Storm water Management Ordinance for the City of Liberty, South Carolina

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

DISCUSSION: Olen Hamlin explained the SC DHEC and the EPA has placed us in the MS4 category for storm water permits. He stated when someone came in for a building permit, we would need to evaluate the construction site and have an engineer to approve the specs for the storm water run off. He went on to explain other aspects of the MS4 category and the City's responsibilities due to being placed in this category and the importance of staying in compliance. Mr. Hamlin stated he would be putting together a book for the Mayor and each councilman

Department Head Reports

Police Department

Police Chief Miller reported the following:

May	
Warnings Issued:	65
Citations Issued:	117

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Calls for Service:	42
Auto Accidents:	21
Juveniles Housed:	30
Arrests	8
Code Enforcement	19
Patrol Activities	125
Total Fines Collected	\$7,443.26

Chief Miller gave a breakdown of the May's monthly totals, including a breakdown of all arrests made.

Dare camp will be July 23rd through the 27th and Chief Miller stated approximately 60 children would be attending. He ran through an agenda of what the children would be doing this year. All food, snacks, transportation is included and he encouraged children not to bring their own money to camp. Mayor Deese asked about the SLED investigation. Chief Miller responded that he had spoken with the officer again who was supposed to be here last week, but did not show up. He stated he did not know what the hold up was.

Fire Department

May	
City:	15
County:	29

Chief Sargent went through the calls the fire department had for the month of May to council. Chief Sargent stated Jody Vaughn resigned May 31st, and the department would be taking applications through June to replace him. He gave council an update on the training the department was attending. CM McJunkin asked if, they could, warn people when they are going to turn the water off to work on a hydrant. There was some discussion on this matter.

Public Works Department

Director, Ray Clark reported the City had 1 new tap, finalized 21, had 23 new accounts and 46 cut offs.

Recreation Department

Due to Recreation Director, Tony Boiter being at a game, Mayor Deese updated council to the Recreation Department's activities.

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City Council Reports

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin wanted to note that he had been able to see some results since Barry Chappell has been full-time Code Enforcement Officer. He commented on other sites around the City that need attention.

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff stated he has been working with Brian Phillips regarding the work on the stage at Rosewood Center and would be updating council soon as to that project and also the pedestrian park.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen did not have a report at this time.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates did not have a report at this time.

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark stated we should know soon if we get the CDBG grant.

CM Lewis Wilson

CM Wilson thanked Chief Miller for working on the new parking ordinance and stated it is something the City has needed to do for a long time.

Mayor Deese stated normally council does not meet in July, but due to some grant applications that are in place, we may need to meet in July so that we can get everything in place by September. He stated Liberty Idol was going gangbusters with great entertainment and good crowds. The Liberty Idol will be held on Friday night, June 22, due to Charter coming out to film live. The county voted to give Liberty a \$5000 grant toward Liberty Idol and we want to thank Neil Smith for helping with that.

Adjourn

- CM Rick Clark made motion to adjourn.
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor.

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V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor