

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
AUGUST 13, 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

Officer Mike Constance

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Approval of July 30th, 2007 City Council Minutes

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to approve 07/30/07 City Council minutes
- CM Lewis Wilson seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of August 6th, 2007 Work Session minutes

- CM Lewis Wilson made motion to approve 08/06/07 WS minutes
- CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Topics from the Public:

Recognition of Liberty Dixie Youth All Stars, Age 10 and under:

Mayor Deese stated it was an honor to recognize and congratulate the Liberty Dixie Youth All Stars who represented Liberty so well this year by winning the nationals. He stated council and the City congratulate each one of you and we were honored to help with your expenses. Coach Johnny Dameron presented Recreation Director Tony Boiter with the trophy and a bat signed by each player. The Mayor thanked Tony for all of his hard work and dedication to the Recreation Department. Pictures were made with the Mayor, council and the team.

Presentation by Maria Gillespie

Maria Gillespie, of Southern Vinyl Window, presented a check to the Liberty Police Department in the amount of \$2000 for police vests in honor of her husband Bill Gillespie. Mayor Deese thanked Maria for what she does for the City and stated he knew the police department really appreciated her donations and her generosity.

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Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 07-0703, an Ordinance to Adopt the Official Storm Water Management Ordinance for the City of Liberty, South Carolina

- CM Walt McJunkin made motion to approve
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

New Business

None.

Department Head Reports

Police Department

Police Chief Miller reported the following:

May	
Warnings Issued:	95
Citations Issued:	72
Calls for Service:	41
Auto Accidents:	10
Juveniles Housed:	23
Arrests	12
Code Enforcement	10
Patrol Activities	143
Total Fines Collected	\$7,857.90

Chief Miller thanked Maria Gillespie for the generous donation to the department for police vests. He stated she and her late husband, Bill, had always been there when the department needed anything and he wanted to publicly thank her for all of her help. He stated we still missed Bill coming to City Hall. Chief Miller gave a break down of all the arrests made. Chief Miller reported Mike McCarty and Adam Gilstrap have been hired as Police Officers and Kim Turner has been hired for Dispatch/Detention. He called Officer Constance to the podium to give a report on Adventure Camp. Officer Constance gave council an overall view of the week's

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activities planned for the children and reported what a great time everyone had. He also gave council a breakdown of the funds spent and what they were spent on. Officer Constance also reported that this was the only summer vacation some of these children have. Mayor Deese thanked Officer Constance and stated no city funds used for Adventure Camp. He thanked all the sponsors for the camp and all the people who give their time voluntarily to see this camp happen every year.

Fire Department

July	
City:	8
County:	17

Chief Sargent reported we now have a new paid firefighter that moved up from volunteer status. He is Corey Lewis and Corey has been a volunteer since 8/25/04. Chief Sargent reported we have had to make several repairs to the rural trucks. We repaired the suction pump on Engine 3, Olen replaced both batteries in Engine 2, and the speed sensor for the speedometer in Engine 1 has arrived and will be replaced tomorrow. Olen tightened the packing on the pump in Engine 1 to stop the pump from leaking. All these repairs will be paid by the rural district. The water department has now replaced all hydrants (except the one at O'Reilly's) that were out of service and we will paint and test these hydrants when the weather gets cooler. Chief Sargent also read a thank you letter from Scott McClain, Assistant Fire Chief, from the Easley Fire Department, showing appreciation for the Liberty Fire Department's help in a structure fire on Calhoun Memorial Highway.

Public Works Department

Director, Ray Clark reported the City had 1 new tap, 42 cut-offs, 33 new accounts and 17 final terminations. Mayor Deese thanked Mr. Clark for coming down on Sunday morning and cleaning up the courtyard after the Liberty Idol.

Recreation Department

Recreation Director, Tony Boiter, stated he was glad to be able to make this council meeting. He began by thanking Maria Gillespie for replacing the window at the gym. He stated it meant a lot to the Recreation Department and was much needed. They really appreciated all she does for them. Tony gave council a breakdown of the summer's sports activities and all the upcoming activities that will be starting in the fall. He stated due to some wrong information, a couple of football games will have to be played at Freedom Park field. He had some concerns about traffic and parking. He stated the restroom and concession facility were open now. Mayor Deese expressed his thanks that the restroom facility was finally opened. CM Sheriff stated we did not need to put locks on the inside of the restroom due to kids locking themselves in. He stated locks were on the individual stalls. Mayor Deese stated the facility needed to be locked at 10:00 p.m. unless some activity was going on there. CM Sheriff stated Tony did not need to explain to council where he was in the evening when not attending the council meetings. He stated they

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knew where he was and thanked him for the work that he was doing. Mayor Deese agreed and also stated how much Tony's work with the Recreation Department was appreciated.

City Council Reports

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin stated he had been contacted regarding several street signs being down. He stated those signs were very expensive for the city to replace. Chief Miller stated the department has a zero tolerance for any defacement or destruction of public property. CM McJunkin asked about the latest information regarding the intersection of Hwy. 93 and Hwy. 178. Mayor Deese stated he met with Bill McCall and his engineer of the DOT last week. He stated he was going to draw something up to send us concerning the intersection. Mayor Deese reported how they would be painting the intersection and they are going to put reflectors there. CM McJunkin voiced his concern that school would be starting in a couple of weeks. Mayor Deese reported that we are on the priority list with GPATS of having that intersection completely redone.

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff reported that Wednesday, August 15th, he and Mayor Deese would be traveling to Pacolet for the first meeting of the South Carolina Mayor's Institute for Community Design. He stated they were selected for this program out of several cities and were excited about this opportunity for Liberty. Liberty will benefit by having them help us with our developmental standards and our streetscape.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen did not have a report at this time.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates thanked Tony Boiter for his work with the Recreation Department and the Police Department for their work with the youth. He stated they may not see the fruits of their labor just now, but they would see it in the future with these children. CM Yates also thanked Maria Gillespie for her generous donation to the Police Department.

CM Rick Clark

Absent.

CM Lewis Wilson

CM Wilson thanked the Fire Department and the Police Department for all their hard work. He stated they were especially appreciated for having to be out in the weather during this heat wave. CM Wilson also thanked Tony Boiter and stated the change in the Recreation Department since he has taken over is remarkable. He stated we appreciate what he does and also remarked he never heard anything negative about the rec department.

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Mayor Deese stated that on September 1st, Liberty will have a summer's end celebration and street dance with returning idol contestants. He invited everyone to come out and enjoy themselves. Also, filing for re-election starts Wednesday, August 15th.

Adjourn

- CM Brian Petersen made motion to adjourn.
- CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor.

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor