

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
SEPTEMBER 10th, 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 Lewis Wilson, CM Michael Sheriff and Mayor Brian Deese

Absent: CM Rick Clark, CM Dwight Yates

Invocation

CM Walt McJunkin

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Approval of August 13th, 2007 City Council Minutes

- CM Walt McJunkin made motion to approve 08/13/07 City Council minutes
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of September 5th, 2007 Work Session minutes

- CM Lewis Wilson made motion to approve 09/05/07 WS minutes
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

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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| Warnings Issued: | 97 |
| Citations Issued: | 58 |

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| Calls for Service: | 18 |
| Auto Accidents: | 16 |
| Juveniles Housed: | 26 |
| Arrests | 15 |
| Code Enforcement | 11 |
| Patrol Activities | 137 |
| Total Fines Collected | \$7,342.42 |

Chief Miller explained some of the items on the above listed report with council. He stated when Officer McCarty left, he promoted SRO Officer, Kevin Eldrige, to Sargent. Chief Miller moved Officer Ticknor to SRO Officer. Both are going through their training now and are excited and doing well. Mayor Deese asked the difference between grand larceny and simple larceny. Chief Miller explained it is a monetary amount of \$1000. He reported they parked 235 cars at Freedom Park for the ball games. We had very few complaints and everyone seemed to understand our dilemma. Mayor Deese stated we are looking into making one of the streets there one-way to better accommodate parking. Mayor Deese stated he received a call from one of the engineers with the DOT and we should have a confirmation and possibly a traffic light at Peachtree and Main within 60 to 90 days. We forwarded a copy of our letter to Senator Martin and the engineer stated he did call Senator Martin.

Fire Department

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| AUGUST | |
| City: | |
| County: | |

Assistant Chief Rowland reported had a total of 38 fire calls for the month of August: 13 fire calls, 13 rescue calls, 5 service calls, 4 false alarms, 3 good intent calls.

Public Works Department

Director, Ray Clark reported the City had 2 new taps, changed out 7 meters, 60 cut-offs, 25 new accounts. Mayor Deese stated we did get the 6 inch water line run from Hillcrest up to Edgemont on Peachtree and the fire hydrant put in. They are conducting a final test this week. CM Sheriff asked how we stood on the fire hydrant replacement. Mayor Deese stated we have replaced all but the one in front of O'Reilly's. There was some discussion on the grant for the new water lines and when we would be able to start accepting bids. CM McJunkin asked if we

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were going to try to notify the people on Norris Avenue that we were going to be working on the lines. Mayor Deese stated we would try to notify them.

Recreation Department

Mayor Deese stated Tony's reported at the last staff meeting that everything was going well with the recreation department, very busy as usual. He stated they are getting ready to start soccer and needed soccer coaches. If anyone was interested in coaching, please contact Tony. The recreation department continues to grow and we could use more space.

City Council Reports

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin asked what the expenditure on the current budget from 8/1 to 8/31, of \$11,162.45 for the Rosewood Center was for. Mayor Deese stated that was for the two new air conditioning units.

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff stated he would like to remind everyone that the City of Liberty was selected by the Mayor's Institute of Community Development to be one of their programs. Mayor Deese and I attended this meeting last month. We have a meeting with the design team in Liberty on September 19th, to kick off the program. What this means to the City are they will help us map out a plan for the future development of downtown with streetscapes and the architectural standards for our historic areas. The Mayor and I are looking forward to being a part of this team. Mayor Deese added that this was a great opportunity and a privilege to be selected to participate in this program.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen did not have a report at this time.

CM Dwight Yates

Absent

CM Rick Clark

Absent.

CM Lewis Wilson

CM Wilson stated he wanted to say, particularly for the press to make note, that renovations are underway on the Rosewood Center now. The City owns this building and we are using TIF money, Hospitality Tax money and private donations to renovate this building. As far as I know, when this is finished, we will be the only City with a fully functioning City Auditorium/Theatre. I think Clemson has one that belongs to the University and Easley has West End Hall. If you will look at this room and the room across the hall at the Chamber Office, there will be a full catering kitchen. This building, The Rosewood Community Center, will become invaluable to

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the citizens of Liberty for numerous events and for people to rent. This would be a great human interest story, especially to talk about the history of this building and what it means to our community. This building is on the historic register, and we are looking forward to this project that CM Sheriff has been working so hard on. Mayor Deese added we are trying to find pictures and documents to place in the corridors. If anyone knows of any or has any, we would be happy to make a copy of them to have in the Rosewood Center.

Mayor Deese requested that the Agenda be amended to include a vote on the money to match grant funds for the Greenville City Inter Operability Grant which will provide new and updated radios to the Police Department. City Attorney, Jim Alexander, stated if everyone is in unanimous agreement for the amendment to the agenda, then no motion is necessary.

- CM Walt McJunkin made motion to have the agenda amended to include the vote for matching grants funds for the Greenville City Inter Operability Grant.
- CM Lewis Wilson seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor.

Mayor Deese asked for a motion to approve the matching funds to the Greenville City Inter Operability Grant of approximately \$25000 for new and updated radios for the Police Department.

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve the matching funds of approximately \$25000 for the Greenville City Inter Operability Grant.
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion.
- Discussion: Chief Miller explained this was a 4 million dollar grant the City of Greenville received to buy 800 mega hurt radios for 17 different police stations in the State. The goal of the State and Federal Government is to get all police departments on the 800 mega hurts radios system in case of a multi-jurisdictional disaster, we could all (EMS, Fire Department, etc.) go to the same radio frequency. They will operate under the same principal as a Nextel telephone. This equipment is very expensive and this gives us an opportunity to get these purchased now. Mayor Deese stated the total costs for Liberty was approximately \$98,000 and our match would be around \$25,000. We have looked at the budget and Josie stated she could get the money out of the budget.
- All voted in favor.

Mayor Deese stated he has a GPAT meeting this Friday morning and on that Agenda is the top projects that we are voting on. On the list is our intersection at 178 and 93. We hope that this stays as one of the top projects and that it gets voted in.

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Adjourn

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

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor