

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
JUNE 9, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Deese called the public hearing to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: CM Walt McJunkin, CM Brian Petersen, CM Josh Harrison, CM Rick Clark, and CM Michael Sheriff.

Absent: CM Dwight Yates

Mayor Deese opened the public hearing at 5:45 pm. He stated he would take any comments from the public regarding the 2008/2009 budget. No one from the public was present for this meeting so Mayor Deese asked for a motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting at 6:00 pm.

- *CM Rick Clark made motion to close the public hearing*
- *CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

INVOCATION

Fire Chief Sargent gave the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

Mayor Deese led the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of May 12th, 2008 City Council Minutes

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve 05/12/08 City Council minutes
- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of June 2nd, 2008 Work Session Minutes

- CM Josh Harrison made motion to approve 06/02/08 City Council minutes
- CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

OLD BUSINESS:

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 08-0501, An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting A Budget For The City Of Liberty, South Carolina, For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

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- *CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve Ordinance No. 08-0501*
- *CM Rick Clark seconded the motion*

Discussion:

CM McJunkin requested that the funds for the senior citizens be taken out as a separate line item so they won't feel so pressured to spend the funds immediately. Mayor Deese and council agreed to set aside as a line item for senior citizens \$1500. If these funds are not used by year end they will be used in the general fund.

Vote: All in favor

*2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 08-0504, An Annexation Ordinance 100 Percent Petition
Method: Annexation of 0.07 acres, Parcel A; Tax Map No. 4097-11-76-2534*

- *CM Walt McJunkin made motion to approve Ordinance No. 08-0504*
- *CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

Mayor Deese stated this next issue was tabled at the last meeting and will need to be brought off the table.

- *CM Michael Sheriff made motion to bring Ordinance No. 08-0502 and Ordinance No. 08-0503 back off the table*
- *CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

1st Reading of Ordinance No. 08-0502, An Ordinance rezoning property from Low Density Residential to General Commercial: 102 Golden Springs Lane; Tax Map No. 4098-05-18-2683

- *CM Rick Clark made motion to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission's Recommendation to not approve the rezoning application*
- *CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion*
- *Vote: 4 in favor*
- *Opposed: CM Sheriff; CM Petersen*

1st Reading of Ordinance No. 08-0503, An Ordinance rezoning property from Low Density Residential to General Commercial: 105 Golden Springs Lane; Tax Map No. 4098-05-18-2902

- *CM Michael Sheriff made motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to not approve rezoning this property*
- *CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

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NEW BUSINESS:

2008 Committee Assignments

Mayor Deese explained that this was a normal recycling of committees although it was six months overdue. We are recommending three new members who applied to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Dawn Seaborn, Roger Duncan and Jeromy Arnett. Two of the Planning and Zoning Commission members will renew their three year commitment, Wallace Gilstrap and John Bagwell.

- *CM Rick Clark made motion to accept the new recommendations for the Planning and Zoning Commission*
- *CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

CM Petersen wanted to make sure that all members are brought up to speed on the mandatory training. The City Clerk stated Richard Davidson, Zoning Administrator, has formulated a memo informing each member of the training.

Environmental Fee:

Mayor Deese stated this subject was discussed during council's work session. Mayor Deese stated one solution was for the ones with dumpsters \$35, and schools will go to \$150 due to being picked up every day. We will also utilize collection of cardboard and the recycling of paper products toward this fee. This is the best solution we can come up with to be fair to everyone. Small commercial business without a dumpster will still pay \$10.00.

- *CM Michael Sheriff made motion to accept the new Environmental Fee*
- *CM Rick Clark seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

No Report

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department:

Detective Adam Gilstrap reported the following:

MAY	
Warnings Issued:	27
Citations Issued:	101
Patrol Activities	163
Auto Accidents:	5
Juveniles Housed:	13
Arrests	18
Code Enforcement	27
Public Service Calls	50
Total Fines Collected	\$6,713.46

Fire Department

MAY	
City:	9
County:	15

Chief Sargent stated the following:

We don't have a job vacancy as stated last month. Jimmy Powell decided to stay with the fire department rather than going to Duke Energy Security. We completed the pump test on all the pumpers and the ladder truck on May 1st and 2nd; all trucks passed. The ladder truck was taken to Spartanburg last week for the water way repairs. We have received all the grant equipment and we have also received payment. I filed the final report with both agencies. We had 5 firefighters to take the Emergency Vehicle Driving Training Class. We also had a paid firefighter obtain his CDL's. Chris Rowland and I inspected the new fuel storage facility at Vulcan Materials in May. I have been told the County Council is to have ground breaking soon

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for the County Training Center. It will adjoin the county landfill in the Liberty Fire District. We will be receiving three 800 MHz walkie-talkies that Rick Clark applied for through an Anderson County grant. These radios have a value to \$10,329. We stood by at Champion Aerospace on May 15th during their air show; unfortunately it was soon rained out.

Public Works Department

Director, Ray Clark reported there were 65 disconnects, 12 new accounts, 19 finalized, 1 tap and 9 changed meters.

Recreation Department

Mayor Deese reported that all summer sports are in full swing at the recreation department and Tony is staying busy with tournaments almost every weekend. The Recreation Department took in about \$1200 in concessions this weekend.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin – no report.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen stated he did not have a report but just we need to stay on top of the grass situation.

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff asked Barry about a vehicle sitting at Golden Springs. Barry stated he would take care of that this week.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates – absent

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark stated he sent the paper work in on the SCDOT grant and we should hear something soon. Mayor Deese stated this would be monies to repair the sidewalks on Front Street all the way down in front of Walker's Hot Diggity Dogs. The total amount of the grant is around \$44,000. CM Petersen asked about Pedestrian Park and Mayor Deese stated that would come from C-Funds.

CM Josh Harrison

CM Harrison – no report.

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Mayor Deese stated that things are always a struggle around budget time, but he wanted to thank everyone for their input. He thanks CM Walt McJunkin for all his work on the budget. Mayor Deese stated he is proud to say we were able to balance the budget again this year without tax increases. He stated he knew that was going to get tougher and tougher. He stated since we normally do not meet in July, he wanted to let everyone know the Liberty Idol was doing extremely well. New CMA award star Ansel Brown will be performing on the 28th of June. Ronald McDonald will also be making an appearance on July 5th. Mayor Deese apologized for the rough streets and stated hopefully the paving will be finished soon.

Adjourn

- *CM Rick Clark made motion to adjourn.*
- *CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion.*
- *All voted in favor.*

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor