

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
AUGUST 11, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Deese called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

INVOCATION

CM Josh Harrison gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

CM Rick Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of June 9th, 2008 City Council Minutes

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve 06/09/08 City Council minutes
- CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of August 4th, 2008 Work Session Minutes

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

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC: Presentation from Chip Boyles of the South Carolina Municipal Association to Mayor and council for winning the 2008 South Carolina Municipal Association's Achievement Award for the Liberty Idol.

Tony Boiter, Recreation Director, presented the 10-12 year old boys baseball champions which placed 3rd place in the State play-offs. They were congratulated by the Mayor and council and had their picture made with them.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to amend the agenda to include work that needs to be done to complete the ADA standards on our previous CDBG grant.
- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

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CM Sheriff stated according to the ADA Standards, we have to put hand rails on our handicap ramps coming into City Hall at the Police Department entrance and at Rosewood Center. CM Sheriff explained the quotes the City has gotten for this job and what the ADA standards were in relation to this job. The vote was unanimous to accept the lesser quote so work could be finished before the August 19th inspection.

RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCAL MATCH FOR THE CDBG COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT APPLICATION

CM Clark explained that this resolution was required by the grant commission in order to show that the City would provide the local match of \$43,750 toward a grant for \$175,000. CM Clark stated this grant would be used to upgrade the fire station. CM Petersen stated the way he read the grant, the City was obligating itself to pay the \$43,750 if they sign this resolution. He stated this was the first he had heard about the resolution. He stated he would like to see some figures and some drawings before he signed a resolution. CM Harrison agreed with CM Clark in stating that we, by signing the resolution, were obligating ourselves to pay the \$43,750. CM Harrison stated he would like to review the matter before signing a resolution. CM Clark stated this was a requirement when you apply for the grant. He stated we do have to sign this resolution stating we will honor the match, but we do not even have to accept the grant should we get it. Also, if we do not get the grant no match money would be necessary. Chip Boyles with the SC Municipal Association explained some of the requirements for applying for this grant to the satisfaction of everyone. CM Petersen stated he was very much in favor of applying for the grants, but it was difficult to respond favorably to a surprise attack, so to speak. He proposed since Chip has told us this information is readily available, that from now on each quarter, we as a council address any grants available and we determine what grants we are going to pursue and that we have a committee appointed for that purpose.

- CM Rick Clark made motion to accept the Resolution Supporting the Local Match for the CDBG Community Enrichment Grant.
- CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL FLAG FOR THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

CM Sheriff explained that the City needed a flag that more reflects Liberty. He read the resolution and gave a little history of why we designed the flag after the Fort Moultrie Flag.

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to accept the Resolution to Adopt an Official Flag for the City of Liberty, South Carolina.
- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Mayor Deese stated we also will have t-shirts that will also display the flag that we will sell to the community.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

President of the Liberty Chamber of Commerce, Rhonda Sauro commented she was looking forward to working with council and the citizens of Liberty in the future.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department:

JUNE	
Warnings Issued:	57
Citations Issued:	80
Patrol Activities	151
Auto Accidents:	3
Juveniles Housed:	14
Arrests	12
Code Enforcement	14
Public Service Calls	40
Total Calls for Service	205
Total Fines Collected	\$5012.62

JULY	
Warnings Issued:	92
Citations Issued:	175
Patrol Activities	144
Auto Accidents:	4
Juveniles Housed:	19
Arrests	20

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Code Enforcement	7
Public Service Calls	39
Total Calls for Service	194
Total Fines Collected	\$9,074.41

Chief Miller explained the above arrests and statistics. Resource School Officer Mike Constance gave a report on this year's Summer Adventure Camp. Officer Constance stated that they received about \$3595 in donations from businesses and other various sources. We spent about \$3,454, so we came out about even. He stated this year's camp was probably one of the best we've had. He proceeded to go through their agenda for the week. He also told some personal aspects of the camp. Chief Miller stated we are also going to implement a "no bullying" policy at school to try and teach the kids what bullying really is. Officer Kevin Elder gave a report on the Drug/DUI Interdiction Team that Liberty, Central and Pickens are partners in. He explained how many tickets were written and why. He explained an arrest for over a pound of marijuana in close proximity of a school in Pickens. From DUI's, marijuana, and prescription drugs, the team is really being kept busy. They also arrested someone for firing shots inside an apartment complex in Central. Officer Elder stated because of being a part of this team, they now qualify for over \$900 worth of safety gear. We are still in the running for one of the cars that are being given away. Chief Miller reported that so far they have incurred no overtime with this program.

Fire Department

JUNE & JULY	
City:	26
County:	39

Chief Sargent stated the following:

The ladder truck was taken to Spartanburg in late June and the repairs have been made on the waterway. We are now waiting on American Test Center to come and test the ladder. The county engineer is presently working on the plans for the new county training center. It will be adjoining the county landfill in the Liberty Fire District. I will have a police driving course, pistol, shotgun and rifle range. We will have a burn building, pump testing area, a 400' x 600' driving area and classrooms. We will be receiving (2) 800 MHz walkie-talkies and (2) mobile units thru a Belton Fire Department grant I found out was available thru Chief Sims. These radios have a value of \$15,493. This city's match is \$3,098.70. We received delivery a the new Brush 1 truck ordered by the Rural Area Fire District. This truck replaces the Brush 8 which has been loaned to the water department for pulling the jet machine. Brush 8 is not safe to be running Code 3 to a fire. The skid unit for Brush 1 with a pump, tank and hose reel will be installed when it arrives in August. Brush 7 will be returned to the Forestry Commission due to

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this truck needs a lot of front end repairs to make it safe. It has been out of service since January 2008. Our Ford F-250 has replaced Brush 7. We also received delivery of a new F-150 which will replace this F-250. We have one student in the OSHA level firefighting class of 80 hrs. Pierce Womack passed the State Fire Marshal's test with the highest grade in a class of 35 students. We had two that did not pass and will be able to retake the test within 180 days. We have a lot of training coming up in the next 4 months such as Arson Investigation, Pump Operations 1 & 2, Pumper Testing and Aerial Operations. I will discuss those as they are completed.

Public Works Department

No report.

Recreation Department

Tony Boiter stated he, Jean and George had so much going on it was hard for them to make the council meetings. He gave council a run down on what was going on with all the sport programs. He also reported on the revenue generated by the recreation department.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin – no report.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen - no report

CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff – no report

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates stated he spoke with a couple of engineers from the highway department concerning a warning light or signage around Eastside Baptist Church. CM Yates stated they promised him they would be looking at that area and see what might can be done there. There have been several accidents there at Subway and the daycare.

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark – no report

CM Josh Harrison

CM Harrison – no report.

Mayor Deese reported that he wrote a letter to Norfolk Southern about our crossing and the lack of replacing it the way it was. He stated he got a quick response from them. He is waiting to

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hear back from the local engineer now. CM McJunkin stated while he was here would the Mayor ask him to check the signal light on Highway 93. He thanked everyone for coming.

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