

**CITY OF LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING
ROSEWOOD CENTER
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 and CM Michael Sheriff.

Absent: CM Dwight Yates

INVOCATION

CM Walt McJunkin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

CM Brian Petersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of August 11th, 2008 City Council Minutes

- CM Brian Petersen made motion to approve 08/11/08 City Council minutes
- CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of September 2nd, 2008 Work Session Minutes

- CM Rick Clark made motion to approve 09/02/08 City Council minutes
- CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

There was a correction made to the work session minutes for September 2, 2008. The correction was in the adjournment. The minutes were changed to reflect CM Michael Sheriff making the motion to adjourn and CM Brian Petersen making the second to that motion.

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Fair Housing Resolution

Mayor Deese explained this Resolution came from Dan Wagner with ACOG. He stated this resolution goes along with the CDBG grant. We were supposed to have passed this resolution when the grant was approved, but ACOG failed to get this to us. They have asked that we approve this resolution now. Mayor Deese read the resolution and asked if there were any questions on it. There were no questions. Mayor Deese passed the resolution to council for their signature.

Approval of the Fair Housing Resolution

CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve the Fair Housing Resolution

CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion

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Vote: All in favor

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber President Rhonda Sauro asked if there were any questions regarding the Chamber minutes dated August 20, 2008. There were no questions.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department:

Detective Adam Gilstrap reported the following:

AUGUST	
Warnings Issued:	77
Citations Issued:	139
Patrol Activities	161
Auto Accidents:	6
Juveniles Housed:	12
Arrests	18
Code Enforcement	31
Public Service Calls	44
Total Fines Collected	\$9,791.41

Fire Department

AUGUST	
City:	15
County:	18

Lead Firefighter James Jackson reported the following:

We are waiting on American Test Center to work us into their schedule to come and test the ladder truck. We have ordered, and paid the match, for two (2) 800 Mhz walkie-talkies and two (2) mobile units through a Belton Fire Department grant. These radios have a value of \$15,493. The city's match was \$3,098.70. We received delivery of the new skid unit for Brush 1 which was ordered by the Rural Area Fire District. We will design storage boxes and get quotes for these to be constructed. As stated last month, Brush 7 will be returned to the Forestry

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Commission. The City of Norris Fire Department has agreed to accept this truck from Forestry and make the needed repairs. Rather than us stripping this truck of items we don't need and would have to store them, we are going to sell these items with the truck for \$500. The items are the light bar, siren and speaker, and the winch on the front bumper. We are offering these at a discounted rate on the same type deal we were offered by Easley Fire Department in that they will respond with this truck anytime we need it in our district. Mike Sargent and Pierce Womack inspected and passed the new facility for St. Jude Medical on August 29th. Mike Sargent, Chris Rowland and Pierce Womack completed a 40 hour Arson Investigation class in August. We still have one volunteer in the 80 hour OSHA level firefighting class. We are hosting a 40 hour Pump Operations I class that started on September 2nd. We will be hosting a 16 hour Pump Operations II class on October 7th. We will be starting a 24 hour Pumper Testing class at Easley Fire Department on October 21st.

Public Works Department

Director, Ray Clark reported there were 30 disconnects, 8 new accounts, 19 finalized, and 4 taps.

Recreation Department

Mayor Deese reported that Tony was going full blast with all the fall sports activity. Mayor Deese reported that the air conditioning is running at the gym and we are very grateful for that. From the jamboree several weeks ago, over \$4,000 was brought in just from concessions. We want to thank Palmetto BBQ for contributing BBQ for that event.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

CM Walt McJunkin

CM McJunkin stated Anita Gillespie has called the Easley/Central water company regarding the hole in the road on Lakeview Drive and they have continued to ignore this for about 4 to 6 weeks. He asked that we follow up on this situation. Mayor Deese instructed the Clerk to remind him to call about this situation in the morning. CM McJunkin stated he made a tour of the town today and had some complaints made to him. One complaint was concerning the last building on the right on Front Street. He stated the building was empty and everything looks decayed inside. He stated you can see the holes in the ceiling where the pigeons come in to roost inside the building. He stated it was a mess inside the building with the pigeon droppings. He stated he thought this was a health situation and we need to get this taken care of. Mayor Deese stated he would send the owners a letter and see if they could get it taken care of. CM McJunkin stated there were signs left up from the Liberty Idol which were left up too long and should have been taken down after the Liberty Idol was over. CM McJunkin stated there were other issues in town also that needed to be taken care of.

CM Brian Petersen

CM Petersen stated we needed to pay more attention to the grass cutting between the sidewalk and the curb.

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CM Michael Sheriff

CM Sheriff – no report.

CM Dwight Yates

CM Yates – absent

CM Rick Clark

CM Clark stated Palmetto BBQ on Commerce Street is expanding to accommodate seating. He asked that we support him since we have had a couple of restaurants to close in the downtown area.

CM Josh Harrison

CM Harrison – no report.

Mayor Deese stated Skeets Cooper, Director of Pickens County Airport, came and talked with him regarding the contractor's permit fees for the remodeling construction project at the airport. He asked that we consider reducing or waving these fees since the county was paying for it. The fees, business license and permits, amount to approximately \$4,685.00. Mayor Deese stated he discussed this with our Building Official, Richard Davidson, whose conclusion was the contractor has already bid on this contract and the permit fees are built into the bid. Mayor Deese stated he did not see any reason to lower these fees because the contractor builds these into his bid. Council agreed that the fees should not be lowered or waived.

Adjourn

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

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor