

# CITY OF LIBERTY

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## MINUTES LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

February 10, 2020 – 6:00 PM  
Rosewood Center, 419 East Main Street

**Present:** Mayor Brian Petersen  
Council Member Josh Harrison  
Council Member Chuck Powell  
Council Member Erica Woods  
Council Member Chris Carroll  
Council Member Brad Dover  
City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor

**Absent:** Council Member Archie Newberry (sick in hospital)

### **Welcome and Call to Order (Mayor Petersen)**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petersen at 6:00 pm.

### **Invocation**

Council Member Chuck Powell provided the invocation.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Mayor's Announcements**

Gave notice of Council Member Archie Newberry being in the hospital and updated council and public of his status. Requested 30 seconds of silence to reflect on Council Member Archie Newberry's circumstances.

### **Public Session (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)**

No public speakers signed to speak.

### **Approval of Special Called Session Minutes from January 21, 2020.**

**Motion:** Council Member Josh Harrison moved to approve minutes; Council Member Erica Woods seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 5-0 (Council Member Chris Carroll did not vote due to his absence during the January 21, 2020 meeting).

**Discuss Police Dispatching for the Central Police Department**

Police Chief Adam Gilstrap explained they have reviewed the request by the Central Police Department for the City of Liberty to provide dispatching services for the Central Police Department. Chief Gilstrap said they have performed a trial run and he is comfortable it will work fine and not reduce services to Liberty. Chief Gilstrap would like to use the added revenue to upgrade various radio & dispatching equipment. Council will consider the request in March.

**Department Head Reports/Discussion**

Police Department—Chief Adam Gilstrap provided the monthly Police report

Fire Department— Mayor Brian Petersen presented Fire Chief Chris Rowland’s monthly Fire report

Public Works/Utility Department— Tim Moore provided the monthly Public Works and Utility report

Recreation Department— Mayor Brian Petersen presented Recreation Director Tony Boiter’s monthly recreation report and the report on the Pickens County Recreation Grant Application

Building Official—Mayor Brian Petersen presented Scott McDaniel’s monthly Building report

**City Administrator Report (Bruce Evilsizor)**

6 Month Budget Review – Mayor Petersen and Administrator Bruce Evilsizor provided the 6 month budget review.

Administrators Report – Bruce Evilsizor presented the administrator’s report.

**City Council Reports/Discussion**

Chris Carroll - Mentioned the training he received while in Columbia at Hometown Legislative Day. Thanked Tony for his dedicated years and hard work for the City of Liberty. Asked for everyone to lift Council Member Archie Newberry in their prayers.

Brad Dover – Mentioned April 25<sup>th</sup> Love My Liberty Club will have another litter pick up day. He gathered information regarding rates of local neighboring cities and towns regarding utility costs. Asked about update on Rosewood Center renovations, trailer update and asked about the water run off at the Nino’s building (Mayor Brain Petersen has taken provisions regarding this matter already).

Josh Harrison – No Discussion

Archie Newberry – Not Present

Chuck Powell – Asked about when the Budget Preparation would be beginning and if any dates were set yet. Mayor Petersen said dates are coming

Erica Woods – Mentioned citizen Peggy Edwards has gathered information regarding rates of local neighboring cities and towns regarding utility costs. Mentioned the Black History Month at the Library.

**Motion to Enter Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Council Member Chris Carroll moved to enter Executive Session for contractual arrangements; Council Member Chuck Powell seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed 6-0 at 7:39pm

**Motion to Adjourn Executive Session:**

**MOTION:** Council Member Chuck Powell moved to adjourn; Council Member Josh Harrison seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed 6-0 at 7:58 pm

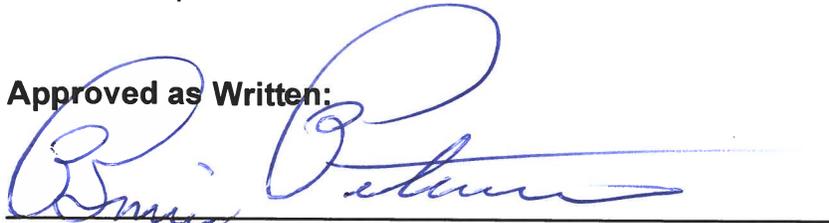
**Motion to Accept Contract:**

**MOTION:** Council Member Josh Harrison moved to award a 1-year contract to Evans Landscaping with option to renew upon approval by Council and a 30-day opt-out clause; Council Member Brad Dover seconded. The motion passed 5-0 with Mayor Petersen abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Woods moved to adjourn; Council Member Brad Dover seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed 6-0 at 8:04 pm.

**Approved as Written:**



Brian Petersen  
Mayor, City of Liberty

**Attested:**



Bruce Evilsizor  
Administrator, City of Liberty

3-9-2020  
Date