



**MINUTES
LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 10th, 2023, at 6:30 PM
Liberty Recreation City Gym
318 W Main St, Liberty, SC 29657**

**Please note the change of venue for the July Regular Session.
Liberty Recreation City Gym 318 W Main St, Liberty, SC 29657**

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Erica Romo Woods, Rhonda Whitaker, Jeff Massie, Daniel Graybeal, Lavant Padgett, Zachary Arms.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: All were present.

Welcome and Call to Order Mayor Woods at 6:30 pm.

Invocation Giving by Chris Powell, Chuck Powell's son.

Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing in-

At-large Council Member Zachary Arms

Presentation:

Terricon- EPA Grant- Not Present

Mayor's Announcements

It was a fantastic Fourth of July event with intense heat and was adventurous. It started good, very humid, and hot, then the clouds came, which we were thankful for because it cooled down but then came the rain. Because of the rain, it ran many people off. We shut down the event on the field, but we returned and did fireworks display around 9:30ish. We had a great time and would like to thank those who helped. We had a handful of volunteers, Brandon Hambrecht, and Zachary Arms. Wonder City staff Public Works had a part in it, the Recreation Department with Coach Black and his team, and everyone else in City Hall all had a part in it. Appreciate those who jump in. We always struggle with volunteers, but those who volunteer step up and do the work to get it done so people can have a good time. We still have our Concerts on Commerce every Friday night downtown on Commerce St. We have live music; there is a different band every week, food trucks, and a kids' area, but although I hate to be the bearer of bad news, the bounce houses will be shut down. So, no more bounce houses; unfortunately, we were not getting cooperation from the parents to watch their kids there. We want to make sure kids are safe. There still will be kids' activities provided by East Side Baptist Church. We have vendors out there; I would like to thank our volunteers for that. We have had Zach Arms, Hallie Walls, and Rachael Jones, who have been wonderful to help with that. The police department is always there, and I would like to thank them.

Public Session (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)-

Approval of Minutes –

June 12th, 2023- Regular Session

MOTION: Councilmember Graybeal, second: Councilmember Padgett, No Discussion, VOTE: 7/7

Unfinished/ Old Business: (2nd Readings)-

None at this time.

New Business: (1st Readings & Resolutions)-

2023-06 AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING AND UPDATING THE REDISTRICTING MAP PREPARED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE TO ACCURATELY REFLECT CHANGES TO CITY BOUNDARIES THAT OCCURRED BETWEEN THE COMPLETION OF THE UNITED STATES 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS AND THE STATE'S PREPARATION OF THE INITIAL REDISTRICTING MAP.

Municipal Clerk Bailee Locke explains. This ordinance is correcting and updating the redistricting map prepared by the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office to accurately reflect changes to city boundaries between the completion of the United States 2020 Census and the States Preparation of the initial Redistricting map.

To simplify it, the state was going off our 2020 Census data maps and needed our most current maps with our most recent changes. So, when the County GIS went to add in the new map, it was not 100% accurate, and so then the County contacted Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and gave them our most recent maps and had them update them and resend them, and they just must be reapproved for them to add the changes back in. The lines are still the same; they just had to add in our annexations from 2020.

MOTION: Councilmember Arms, second: Councilmember Whitaker, No Discussion, VOTE: 7/7

Department Head Reports/Discussion-

Police Department (Adam Gilstrap)
Public Works/Utility Department (Tim Moore)
Recreation Department (Joshua Black)
Community Development (Philip Trotter)

**City Administrator Report-
Administrator's Report**

Councilmember Graybeal asked if the city was putting the .35 cent sewer rate passed with the county on the upcoming water bill. Administrator Calvert stated yes, it would need to be added to the agenda and then voted on to be able to do that.

Mayor Woods then asked for a Motion to add the County sewer rates increasing by 35 cents on this upcoming water bill on the agenda.

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal, 2nd: Councilmember Arms, No Discussion, Vote 7/7

Mayor Woods requested a motion to add the County sewer rate increase of .35 cents to this upcoming water bill and all public communication.

Motion: Councilmember Massie, second: Councilmember Graybeal, Councilmember Arms asked if it would state it was pending City Council vote. Administrator Calvert said yes. Vote: 7/7

City Council Reports/Discussion-

Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1) No Report
Lavant Padgett (Ward 2) No Report
Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3) No Report
Jeff Massie (Ward 4) No Report
Rhonda Whitaker (At- Large) No Report
Zachary Arms (At-Large) Councilmember Arms gave thanks to his family, friends, and students that were present and supported him. Thanks to Kathy Powell, Chuck Powell's beloved wife, the staff and people of Liberty, and his predecessor, Chuck Powell. He cannot always promise to vote as Chuck would, but he will always try.

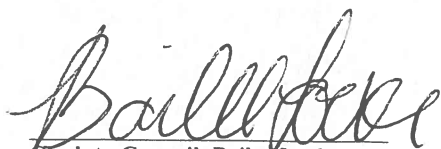
Adjournment

MOTION: Councilmember Whitaker, second: Councilmember Padgett, No discussion, VOTE: 7/7

Date Approved: 8/14/2023.



City of Liberty Mayor, Erica Romo Woods



Clerk to Council, Bailee Locke



July 10, 2023
Michael Calvert
City Administrator
Liberty, SC

To: Mayor and Council

Administrator's Report

Water Meters

All of the meters to be installed by Ferguson are completed. There are a few odd sized meters our team will install. This should save multiple days for our public works team.

SCIIP Grant

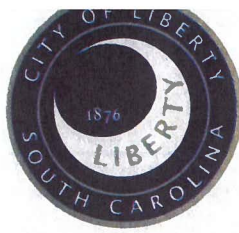
We attended a mandatory meeting at the COG regarding the next steps for our water line projects. The COG is required to be the managers for the grant from the state. Chris Yardley is the project manager for the city.

Rosier

With the previous item, the Rosier Group worked diligently to have the city ready for this project. We are in the front of the of the line and hope to have the bidding process started in a month or so.

Show Business

The City of Liberty was in television. WSPA was here very early in the morning and interviewed several people, groups, and organizations for their 'Zip Trip' program. I would like to thank everyone involved. The SPA staff stated that Liberty had the best hospitality they have enjoyed making these shows.



County rates

Unfortunately, the county has raised the sewer rate 35 cents. Since this was done after Liberty passed her budget, and amendment will be required to reflect this rate raise imposed by the county.

Budget adjustments

We have discovered a few scrivener's errors with the water meter rates. Normally, basic editing is allowed, but since it involves rates, a budget adjustment will be necessary.

Manuals

We are starting to work on updating the City's procurement manual update. We will also be updating the employee handbook. These will be monitored and updated annually, or as needed.

Strategic Plan

It is the time of year to update the Strategic Plan. I hope to schedule a public input work session as well as a council work session to start the process of the update.



July 10, 2023
Michael Calvert
City Administrator
Liberty, SC

To: Mayor and Council

Financial Report

You have a copy of the new 2023-2024 budget. You will be receiving this report, unlike the other long form, every council meeting and at request. Every quarter, starting in the October regular council meeting, you will be receiving a budget presentation. The presentation will go into the detail of each department's expenditures, both for that quarter and cumulatively.

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Monthly Totals

June 2023

Warnings Issued- 128

Citations Issued- 135

Total Arrested- 16

One for Domestic Violence 2nd, Simple Possession Marijuana and Tag Registered to Another Vehicle

One for Burglary 1st, Simple Larceny (Enhancement), Assault and Battery 3rd and False Information

One for PWID Meth 2nd

One for PWID Meth, Unsafe Vehicle and Drug Paraphernalia

One for Interfering with Police

One for Operating Uninsured, Expired Tag, No Registration, Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Meth

One for Trespassing

One for Simple Possession Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia

One for Driving Under the Influence and Simple Possession Marijuana

One for Unlawful Use of Blue Lights, No SCDL 2nd and Unlawful Poss. Fraudulent Driver's License

One for Unlawful Use of Blue Lights, No SCDL 2nd and Failure to Stop for Blue Light

One for PWID Meth 3rd and Defective Headlight

One for Petit Larceny x2

One for Petit Larceny

One for Possession of Meth 2nd

One for Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of More than One Driver's License

Citations

See attached.

TRAFFIC TICKET TOTALS
All Tickets (Including DUI)

m Date of Arrest 06/01/2023 To 06/30/2023

05/2023

All Records

Page: 1

Total for Offense : 14

SEATBELT VIOLATION

Total for Offense 01: 26

POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Total for Offense 02: 4

NOXIOUS WEEDS AND VEGETATION

Total for Offense 04: 1

DOGS MAY NOT RUN LOOSE

Total for Offense 05: 1

OPERATING UNINSURED VEHICLE

Total for Offense 17: 5

TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS

Total for Offense 20: 3

SPEEDING OR TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS (<= 10MPH)

Total for Offense 21: 3

LIGHTS IMPROPER

Total for Offense 26: 2

VEHICLE IN UNSAFE CONDITION

Total for Offense 28: 2

DISREGARD SIGN SIG

Total for Offense 42: 2

WRONG SIDE OF ROAD

Total for Offense 45: 2

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5/2023

All Records

Page: 2

FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY

Total for Offense 4B: 2

SPEEDING MORE THAN 10--

Total for Offense 4X: 1

SPEEDING MORE THAN 15--

Total for Offense 4Y: 39

DRIVER LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 87: 6

VEHICLE LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 89: 7

VEHICLE LICENSE IMPROPER

Total for Offense 90: 1

OTHER VIOLATIONS

Total for Offense 94: 1

DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION

Total for Offense 96: 3

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Total for Offense 99: 1

NON-TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Total for Offense NT: 9

Total for Report: 135

PWD/Utility report for the month of

June 2023

Trash pick up

Cardboard pick up

Brush pick up

Brown Goods pick up

Water

Locates

Main breaks

Meter replacements

New taps

Sewer

Main breaks

New taps

Misc Items

tons

35

tons

6

loads

33

tons

7

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Liberty Parks & Recreation

City Council Report

- 1) Online registration began on 6/13/23-6/14/23 for the following sports:
 - a. 14 U Fall Baseball
 - b. 12 U Fall Baseball
 - c. 12 U Volleyball
 - d. 10 U Fall Baseball
 - e. 9 U Volleyball
 - f. 6 U Tee ball
 - g. Girls Softball

In house registration will be held the week of July 17th – 21st, July 21st will be registration end date.

- 2) Sport Court of the Carolina's has been in contacted, Planning start date 7/10/2023. Project needs to be completed by the end of month.
- 3) Clover handheld card reader accessibility (Will need Wi-Fi at locations)
- 4) LWCF quarterly report due July 15th, 2023
- 5) Awaiting quotes for alarm system for Mills Ave Gym and City Gym.
- 6) Awaiting quotes for A/C repair at Mills Ave Gym.
- 7) Treatment of Rosewood center. (Needs another one)
- 8) Would like to develop a name for the Old Football Stadium.
- 9) Pressure wash Iselin Park and front of City Hall
- 10) Maintain all Parks and Recreation grounds and facilities.