



MINUTES
LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
September 11th, 2023, at 6:30 PM
Rosewood Center
419 E Main St. Liberty, SC 29657

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

Invocation given by Councilmember Zachary Arms

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor's Announcements

Proclamation:

Constitution Week September 17-23rd, 2023- Daughters of the American Revolution.

Public Session (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)-

None

Approval of Minutes –

August 14th, 2023- Regular Session

Motion: Councilmember Arms, second: Councilmember Whitaker, No Discussion, Vote 7-0

Unfinished/ Old Business: (2nd Readings)-

2023-09 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023-2024 GENERAL BUDGET

Motion: Councilmember Padgett, second: Councilmember Shoenleben, No Discussion, Vote 6-1, Councilmember Arms abstained.

New Business: (1st Readings & Resolutions)-

2023-09 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN LOAN ASSISTANCE MONIES FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LOAN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LIBERTY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben, second: Councilmember Whitaker, No Discussion, Vote 7-0

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

City Council Reports/Discussion-

Robbie Shoenleben	(Ward 1) <i>Thank you to Chief and Michael for replacing the speed limit sign near his house.</i>
Lavant Padgett	(Ward 2) <i>Thank you, Public Works, for cleaning out Lakeside.</i>
Daniel Graybeal	(Ward 3) <i>Good increase at the Rec that is Encouraging to see. Thank you, Coach Black.</i>
Jeff Massie	(Ward 4) <i>Nothing to Report</i>
Rhonda Whitaker	(At- Large) <i>Asked when the Liberty sign at the airport will be replaced. Michael said that soon, the person who hit it will be responsible for the cost of replacing it.</i>
Zachary Arms	(At- Large) <i>Homecoming parade will be on Thursday, October 12th at 7 p.m., on the same route as the Christmas Parade. The Homecoming game will be on Friday, October 12th against ninety-six. Would like to recognize Mayarie for going above and beyond and pressure-washing the tennis court bleachers all by herself.</i>

Adjournment

Motion: Councilmember Whitaker, second: Councilmember Arms, No Discussion, Vote 7-0

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Monthly Totals September 2023

Warnings Issued- 258

Citations Issued- 184

Total Arrested- 14

One for Embezzlement

One for DUS, Simple Poss. Marijuana, No Proof Insurance, Fail to Maintain Lane and Drug Paraphernalia

One for Public Disorderly Conduct, Reckless Driving and No Registration

One for Disorderly Conduct and Parking Violation

One for Public Disorderly Conduct and Simple Possession Marijuana

One for Defective Tag Light, Obstructed Tag, No Proof Insurance and PWID Marijuana

One for Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

One for Simple Possession Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia

One for Driving Under Suspension

One for Drug Paraphernalia and PWID Fentanyl

Two for Simple Larceny

One for Speeding and No SCDL

One for Speeding, No SCDL and No Proof Insurance

Citations

See attached.

TRAFFIC TICKET TOTALS
All Tickets (Including DUI)

From Date of Arrest 09/01/2023 To 09/30/2023
10/04/2023

All Records

Page: 1

Total for Offense : 50

01 SEATBELT VIOLATION

Total for Offense 01: 28

17 OPERATING UNINSURED VEHICLE

Total for Offense 17: 7

20 TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS

Total for Offense 20: 2

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

Total for Offense 21: 3

22 SHIFTING LANES IMPROPERLY

Total for Offense 22: 1

23 PARKING IMPROPERLY

Total for Offense 23: 1

26 LIGHTS IMPROPER

Total for Offense 26: 2

42 DISREGARD SIGN SIG

Total for Offense 42: 1

44 NO RIGHT OF WAY

Total for Offense 44: 1

46 PASSING UNLAWFULLY

Total for Offense 46: 1

4X SPEEDING MORE THAN 10--

TRAFFIC TICKET TOTALS
All Tickets (Including DUI)

From Date of Arrest 09/01/2023 To 09/30/2023
10/04/2023

All Records

Page: 2

Total for Offense 4X: 1

4Y SPEEDING MORE THAN 15--

Total for Offense 4Y: 49

61 RECKLESS DRIVING

Total for Offense 61: 2

64 SPEEDING OR TOO FAST FOR COND (>= 25 MPH)

Total for Offense 64: 8

82 OTHER MOVING VIOLATION

Total for Offense 82: 1

87 DRIVER LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 87: 5

88 TRASH, ETC. ON HWY

Total for Offense 88: 1

89 VEHICLE LICENSE VIOLATION

Total for Offense 89: 7

90 VEHICLE LICENSE IMPROPER

Total for Offense 90: 3

92 FAULTY EQUIPMENT

Total for Offense 92: 1

94 OTHER VIOLATIONS

Total for Offense 94: 1

96 DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION

Total for Offense 96: 5

NT NON-TRAFFIC OFFENSES

TRAFFIC TICKET TOTALS
All Tickets (Including DUI)

From Date of Arrest 09/01/2023 To 09/30/2023
10/04/2023

All Records

Page: 3

Total for Offense NT: 3

Total for Report: 184

Sept 2023

PWD/Utility report for the month of

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

3

loads

30

tons

2.5

43

4

4



Liberty Parks & Recreation

City Council Report

- 1) Sport Court of the Carolina's has been begun working on basketball court and pickleball/tennis courts as well, possible completion date 10/15/2023 depending on weather.
- 2) A/C repair at Mills Ave Gym, (approved)
- 3) lighting at Mills Ave. Will begin in the next few months.
- 4) New Sponsorship banner (1)
- 5) Pressure wash Rosewood
- 6) Signed a new contract with Mobile pet doctor.
- 7) Maintain all Parks and Recreation grounds and facilities.
- 8) All fall sports will be ending soon. (Tee Ball, Softball, Baseball and Volleyball
- 9) Rental of city stadium for this month 3
- 10) Purchased pickleball paddles and balls.
- 11) Will host tackle football championship games on 10/23
- 12) Will hold a flag football tournament on 10/14 at Kings field.
- 13) We will have 2 tackle football teams in all stars and 3 volleyball teams.
- 14) Cheer team had a great showcase, next one 10/10
- 15) New batting cages has been ordered and will be placed at Little League Park in December 2023
- 16) Possible in-door, liberty only soccer league



October 9, 2023
Michael Calvert
City Administrator
Liberty, SC

To: Mayor and Council

Administrator's Report

New Financial Software

New financial software has been installed that is more efficient than our previous version. It was being installed and integrated the last two weeks in September and went live on the 25th. As with all software changes of this size, some glitches are to be expected, and this is no exception. One had some individuals receiving bills that had last month and this month's charges included as if being double billed for the month. One other mistakenly charged some with septic tanks a sewer charge. These are unfortunate mistakes, and we sincerely apologize to all those inconvenienced or affected by this. These are being rectified and no one will be paying extra. We also decided to not move forward with turning off water for non-payment in September.

New Hire

I would like to welcome Dana Chastain to the City of Liberty team. She is being trained to replace Gloria as the utility clerk as Gloria will be leaving us soon, after over 20 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Liberty.

Liberty History Museum

I am pleased to announce that, as you can see from the sign out front, the Liberty History Museum will be opening this Saturday. It is located here in Rosewood.

Road Improvements

Maplecroft should begin being paved in the coming months. There was a delay because we had to adjust the roadwork that had to do with the sewer line replacement that included other roads in addition to Maplecroft to only Maplecroft due to cost overruns due to the economy.



and the amount of rock that had to be mitigated. Since we only replaced the sewer line on Maplecroft, we will only be paving Maplecroft with this allocated funding. In order to use due diligence, we need to get the ok from the county to adjust the award letter that included the other roads, to just have Maplecroft as the approved use for the paving funds. As soon as we receive the ok, we will begin the necessary procedures to have it paved.

Coffee w/the Administrator

The next Coffee w/the Administrator will be next Thursday, the 19th, from 6:30-7:30 here in Rosewood. This meeting will be grants updates.