



MINUTES
LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 9th, 2023, at 6:30 PM
Rosewood Center
419 E Main St. Liberty, SC 29657

Welcome and Call to Order Mayor Erica Romo Woods at 6:31 p.m.

Invocation giving by Councilmember Graybeal

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamation:

Homecoming Week October 9th-13th
Disability Employment Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Public Session (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)-

Approval of Minutes –

September 11th 2023- Regular Session

*Motion: Councilmember Graybeal 2nd: Councilmember Arms; Councilmember Whitaker corrected the missing sign as east of 78, not west.
Vote: 7-0*

Unfinished/ Old Business: (2nd Readings)-

New Business: (1st Readings & Resolutions)-

- Amending Business License Ordinance for 2023-2024- Ordinance 2023-11 (Standardization Act requires that by December thirty-first of every odd year, each municipality levying a business license tax must adopt, by ordinance, the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule as recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (the “Association”) and adopted by the Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office; Specifically this year there amending there NAICS Codes and adding in codes for Telephone companies.)
Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben; 2nd: Councilmember Whitaker; Councilmember Arms asked if Pool Tables was in the approval. Mayor Woods stated yes, this is to include adding a NAICS code for pool tables. Vote: 7-0
- Adopting 2023-2024 Strategic Plan- Resolution 2023-08
Motion: Councilmember Padgett; 2nd: Councilmember Massie; Councilmember Arms asked if this was just one resolution. Mayor Woods stated yes, that for a resolution, there is only one reading. Councilmember Arms if approved tonight can we change the events section later? Mayor Woods replied yes. Vote: 7-0
- Ordinance 2023-16 100% Annexation (Currently in the County is going to 500 Low-Density Residential)
Motion: Councilmember Graybeal; 2nd: Councilmember Shoenleben; Discussion: Councilmember Arms asked if they were responsible for the Green forest apartments. And asked if there would be a new subdivision coming in. He was then informed it was just going to be a single-family home zone and that it is just lots that will be annexed in Vote: 7-0
- Ordinance 2023-17 100% Annexation (Currently in the County is going to 500 Low-Density Residential)
Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben; 2nd: Councilmember Arms; No Discussion; Vote: 7-0
- Ordinance 2023-18 100% Annexation (Currently in the County is going to 500 Low-Density Residential)
Motion: Councilmember Whitaker; 2nd: Councilmember Graybeal; No Discussion; Vote: 7-0
- Ordinance 2023-19 100% Annexation (Currently in the County is going to 500 Low-Density Residential)
Motion: Councilmember Graybeal; 2nd: Councilmember Shoenleben; 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

Quarterly Financial Report- *Due to our recent software change this will be provided at a later date, by email or possibly at the next Regular Session.*

City Council Reports/Discussion-

Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1)- *No Report*
Lavant Padgett (Ward 2)- *Encourages all to drive down to Mills Gym and check out the new courts and gym floors.*
Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3)- *Excited to see full rec parking lots. Thank you to all who came today; he personally has chicken and asked the citizens to stay engaged with what's going on.*
Jeff Massie (Ward 4)- *Fall Festival October 21st. Will be a great day for family and friends. Encourages everyone to make an appearance.*
Rhonda Whitaker (At- Large)- *Excited to see where the rec is going; thank you to our new director, Joshua Black, for doing an excellent job.*
Zachary Arms (At-Large)- *Happy Homecoming week! Thursday is the homecoming parade and will be the same route as the Christmas parade. The Homecoming game is on Friday at 7:30 against 96. Will hand out awards for the best float there as well as crown the homecoming queen. If you bought a homecoming shirt you can pick it up at the front office of the high school starting Wednesday. Encourages our town owners to get involved. Would like to recognize the metal of honor resupinate Private First-Class William Alexander McWhorter, He is buried in Liberty and the Liberty Masonic Lodge number 235. Took it upon themselves to clean and revamp his grave. They made a commitment they are going to keep doing that. Thank you, local Masons.*

Adjournment

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal; 2nd: Councilmember Arms; No Discussion; Vote: 7-0

Approved: 11/13/23



City of Liberty Mayor, Erica Romo Woods



Clerk of Council, Bailee Locke