



## MINUTES

### City of Liberty- Regular Session

October 13th, 2025 – 6:30 pm

Rosewood Center- 419 E Main St., Liberty, SC 29657

- **Call to Order Time 6:31pm**
  - Mayor Woods

Present: Mayor Woods, Zachary Arms, Rhonda Whitaker, Lavant Padgett, Robbie Shoenleben

Not Present: Jeff Massie

- **Invocation given by: Bill Smith- Treasurer for Pickens Regional Joint Water System**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Presentations**
  - Pickens Regional Joint Water System – Attorneys and Board Members
  - Greene Finney – Kevin Thomas, City Reserve
- **Public Session**
  - *(Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)*
  - *Jon Humphrey*
- **Proclamation**
  - Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October 2025)
- **Approval of Minutes**
  - September 8, 2025 – Regular Session
    - Motion: Councilmember Padgett
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Arms
    - Discussion: None
    - Vote: 5-0
- **New Business (First Readings / Resolutions)**
  - Appointment of a new member of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)- Elizabeth Yeates
    - Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker
    - Discussion: None
    - Vote: 5-0
- **Old Business (Second Readings)**
  - Ordinance 2025-08: 100% Annexation of Parcel #4088-08-99-1234 (Cornell Dublier)
    - Motion: Councilmember Arms
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker
    - Discussion: None
    - Vote: 5-0
  - Ordinance 2025-05: Amendments to the Business License Ordinance (Special Events and Entertainment Provisions)
    - Councilmember Arms recused himself due to Financial Gain.
    - Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker
    - Discussion: None
    - Vote: 4-0

- Ordinance 2025-09: Renaming the baseball complex at Woodside Circle (beside the Public Works Shed)  
 Motion: Councilmember Arms  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker  
 Discussion: Councilmember Arms asked if the poll was opened again, and Mayor Woods replied that she believed it would not be fair to continue the votes after the community had picked.  
 Vote:5-0
- **City / Financial Report- See attachment**
- **City Council Comments**
  - Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1)- No Comment
  - Lavant Padgett (Ward 2)- Commented on not having a projector, and Ms. Locke pointed out we have a projector; no one uses it, but it is there.
  - Jeff Massie (Ward 4)- Not Present
  - Zachary Arms (At-Large)- No Vacancy, shouted our Bo and Amanda McDonald for the opening of their new business downtown. He would like to see a meeting for reassessment asap.
  - Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)-Would like to thank Brandon Thompson with Clearwater. She had an issue, and he jumped right on it immediately and got it fixed.
- **Mayor's Announcements**
- **Motion to Enter Executive Session**  
 Motion: Councilmember Whitaker  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Padgett  
 Discussion: None  
 Vote:5-0
  - Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2):  
 -Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, discussions of a proposed sale or purchase of property, receipt of legal advice, settlement of legal claims, or discussions regarding the public agency's position in adversary situations.
    - Discussion regarding negotiation for a proposed contractual arrangement.

*(After returning to regular session, Council may or may not vote or take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)*

- **Motion to Exit Executive Session**  
 Motion: Councilmember Whitaker  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Padgett  
 Discussion: None  
 Vote: 5-0

Action item: Lease for the current City Hall. Mayor Woods made a motion to extend the lease for three years. \$100 increase at signing, July 2026, there will be an increase of \$100 and a 4% increase after July 2027 every year.

Seconded by Councilmember er Shoenleben

Discussion: With the lease, the city is asking the county to extend the lease for the police department so the city can look at the plans for a new municipal complex. McMillans came out and stated the Rosewood Center would not hold both the city hall and the police department, that it would not be cost-effective, and we would look at the community space we have now/ Vote:5-0

- **Adjournment at time: 8:55 pm**  
 Motion: Councilmember Arms  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Shoenleben  
 Discussion: None  
 Vote: 5-0


