



City of Liberty- Regular Session

March 9th, 2026 – 6:45 PM

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

- **Call to Order**
 - Mayor Wagner
- **Invocation**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Public Session**
 - (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)
- **Presentation:**
- **Approval of Minutes –**
 - February 9th RS
 - March 3rd WS
- **New Business: (1st Readings/ Resolutions)**
- **Old Business: (2nd Readings)**
 - NAICS Code 6
 - Update to Article II – Offenses Against the Peace, Sec. 35-79 (Amplified Sound Restrictions)
- **City/Financial Report**
- **Department Head Reports**
 - Josh Black- Parks and Recreation Director
 - Adam Manley- Public Works Director
 - Vic Tetters- Police Chief
- **City Council Comments**
 - Mikal Cantley (Ward 1)
 - Gerald Wilson (Ward 2)
 - William “Bo” Cooley (Ward 3)
 - Jeff Massie (Ward 4)
 - Jon Humphrey (At-Large)
 - Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)
- **Mayor’s Announcements**
- **Adjournment**



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 - Eileen Carroll- Accessory sheds grandfathered or not, she wants it to be reconsidered (shed usage).
- **Presentation:**
 - Daniel Chewning (McAdams)
- **Approval of Minutes –**
 - January 12th RS
 - MOTION: Councilmember Cooley
 - 2ND: Councilmember Cantley
 - DISCUSSION:
 - VOTE: 6-0
 - January 28th Special Session
 - MOTION: Councilmember Cooley
 - 2ND: Councilmember Whitaker
 - DISCUSSION:
 - VOTE: 6-0
 - February 3rd Work Session
 - MOTION: Councilmember Cooley
 - 2ND: Councilmember Whitaker
 - DISCUSSION:
 - VOTE: 6-0
- **New Business: (1st Readings/ Resolutions)**
 - Food Truck Ordinance
 - MOTION: Councilmember Wilson
 - 2ND: Councilmember Cantley
 - DISCUSSION: Update to 6am-10pm in community areas
 - VOTE: 6-0
- **Old Business: (2nd Readings)**
 - NAICS Code 6
 - TABLED
 - VOTE: 6-0

- **City/Financial Report**
 - **City Council Comments**
 - Mikal Cantley (Ward 1)
 - Road Repairs, CAT Rescue Garage
 - Gerald Wilson (Ward 2)
 - After Hours Water Emergency Line, Sewer Calls on the website, thanked the businesses on S. Commerce and mentioned about the Valentine's Day Event on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026.
 - William "Bo" Cooley (Ward 3)
 - Shoutout to Davey Hiott and the representatives when Council went to Columbia, Main intersection, traffic study for children walking to school. Talked about the upcoming softball camp and the fundraiser at Arnolds on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026.
 - Jeff Massie (Ward 4)
 - OUT
 - Jon Humphrey (At-Large)
 - S. Norman- Holes at both sides of the railroad and spoke about Chris Carroll
 - Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)
 - Lavant Padgett's Legacy
 - **Mayor's Announcements**
 - Spoke about this last month being about training. Council spent time in Columbia for MASC training. They were able to meet the Governor and spend time with our State Representative, Davey Hiott. This month, Deputy Administrator, Bailee Locke, submitted her resignation. We wish her the best. Following her departure, Mayor Wagner outsourced our HR Department, which is something she felt strongly needed to be done. With Ms. Locke leaving, we lost out Clerk to Council. Council voted to confirm Ciera Wilson for the interim clerk for 6 months. We also encountered 2 major weather events in the past month, and everyone involved from top to bottom pitched in to help. Our new Public Works Director started on Monday, February 9th and his name is Adam Manley. Make sure to get your artwork submitted for the birthday party on Saturday, March 7.
 - **Motion to Enter Executive Session SC Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2)**
 - 8:30PM
 - MOTION: Councilmember Whitaker
 - 2ND: Councilmember Cantley
 - DISCUSSION:
 - VOTE: 6-0
 - 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; review of proposed county dispatch intergovernmental agreement
- (After returning to regular session, Council may or may not vote or take action on the matter discussed in executive session.)*
- **Motion to Exit Executive Session**
 - **8:36 PM**
 - MOTION: Councilmember Humphrey
 - 2ND: Councilmember Whitaker
 - DISCUSSION:
 - VOTE: 6-0
 - **Motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement dispatch of \$48,00 for the next year:**

- MOTION: Councilmember Cantley
- 2ND: Councilmember Whitaker
- DISCUSSION:
- VOTE: 6-0

- **Adjournment**

- **@TIME:8:38 PM**

- MOTION: Councilmember Humphrey
- 2ND: Councilmember Wilson
- DISCUSSION:
- VOTE: 6-0

DATE APPROVED: _____

City of Liberty, Mayor



AGENDA

LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL

Work Session

March 3rd, 2026, at 6:45 pm Rosewood Center

419 E Main St. Liberty, SC 29657

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Welcome & Call to Order - Mayor Andrea Wagner @TIME: 6:49PM
 - Committees and Commissions:
 - Crosswalk- DOT
 - Rec Advisory
 - Citizens Advisory
 - Noise Ordinance Updates- Suggest 9PM
 - Availability Fees
 - County Updates on Performing Arts Center @TIME: 7:55 PM
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- Adjournment

If you **would like to speak** at the next regular session on March 9, 2026, please notify Ciera Wilson (cwilson@libertysc.com) or by phone at **864-843-3177 (option 8)**. Please leave a detailed message including your full name, address, callback number, and topic of discussion. You may also sign up using the sign-up sheet available prior to the meeting.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF PICKENS	ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-____
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, UPDATING AND AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE CLASS 6 IN THE CITY'S SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS CLASSES.

WHEREAS, South Carolina law requires that municipalities amend and update their business license ordinances every other year (S.C. Code Ann. §6-4-400(G)(1)); and,

WHEREAS, the City recently adopted certain updates to the business license ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, having reviewed the most recent NAICS codes and the City class schedule, it appears appropriate and necessary to now include Class 6 in the City class schedule; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by City Council, duly assembled with a quorum present, and after due consideration and discussion, as follows:

1. The clauses above are adopted by reference as if fully recited again herein; and,
2. The City business license ordinance is hereby amended to reflect inclusion of Class 6 in the table of classes of businesses set forth in Appendix A attached hereto by replacing the existing table with that set forth in Appendix A; and,
3. The inclusion of Class 6, as set forth in Appendix A, shall be effective and applicable to business license applications for the 2026-27 business license cycle.

IT IS SO ORDAINED.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED THIS ____ **DAY OF** _____ **2026.**

CITY COUNCIL:

Andrea Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ciera Wilson, Clerk of Council

First reading:

Second reading:

RATE CLASS	INCOME \$0 - \$2000 BASE RATE	INCOME OVER \$2,000 RATE PER THOUSAND OR FRACTION THEREOF
NR - 1	\$36	\$1.10
NR - 2	\$42	\$1.13
NR - 3	\$48	\$1.20
NR - 4	\$53	\$1.30
NR - 5	\$60	\$1.31
NR - 6	\$72	\$1.43
NR - 7	\$80	\$1.52
NR - 8.1	\$48	\$2.40
NR - 8.2	\$ SET BY STATE	-
NR - 8.3	MASC TELECOMMUNICATIONS	-
NR - 8.4	MASC INSURANCE	-
NR - 8.51	\$132	\$1.44
NR - 8.52	\$132	\$2.8
NR - 8.6	\$ SET BY STATE	-

RATE CLASS	INCOME \$0 - \$2000 BASE RATE Out of City Business	INCOME OVER \$2,000 RATE PER THOUSAND OR FRACTION THEREOF
NR - 1	\$72	\$2.2
NR - 2	\$84	\$2.26
NR - 3	\$96	\$2.40
NR - 4	\$106	\$2.60
NR - 5	\$120	\$2.62
NR - 6	\$144	\$2.86
NR - 7	\$160	\$3.04
NR - 8.1	\$96	\$2.40
NR - 8.2	\$ SET BY STATE	-
NR - 8.3	MASC TELECOMMUNICATIONS	-
NR - 8.4	MASC INSURANCE	-
NR - 8.51	\$132	\$1.44
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Attachment A

Sec. 35-78. Excessive noise declared public nuisance and prohibited.

Excessive noise can be a serious hazard to public health, welfare, and safety. It can interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property by others. The effective control of excessive noise is essential to the conduct of normal pursuits of life, including, but not limited to, healthcare, work, education, relaxation, sleep, rest, recreation, and communication. Therefore, this section is enacted to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life within the City of Liberty.

a. Definitions.

Construction means all activities related to the preparation for, construction of, and alteration to buildings, utilities, and structures of any nature. Specifically, "construction" includes, but is not limited to, site preparation, site alteration, assembly, erection, repair, alteration, renovation, additions to, demolition of, and communications related to, buildings, utilities, and structures of any nature.

The term "construction" does not include periodic or routine maintenance work performed by property owner or occupier at his or her primary residence; however, activities that require a building permit, such as structural remodels or roof replacements, are considered to constitute "construction," whether performed by the owner/occupier or other person or entity.

Construction sounds means sounds related to or caused by the preparation for, construction of, and alteration to buildings, utilities, and structures of any nature. These include, but are not limited to, sounds caused by hammers, tools, pneumatic and other power tools, equipment, heavy equipment, vehicles used in construction, backup signals and alarms, impact noises, grinding, sawing, cutting, radio and other communication traffic, and loud voices.

Excessive noise means any noise that violates the prohibitions of the noise ordinance but is not subject to an exception to the ordinance. Excessive noise includes, but is not limited to:

- Any unreasonably loud or raucous noise within the city limits; or
- Any noise which is plainly audible at or beyond the property boundary on which the noise is being produced and which is of such a volume, nature, intensity, duration, location, timing, and/or repetition that a reasonable person of ordinary sensibility would find that it interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life and/or property by another person; or

- Any noise produced at such a time or in such manner as to otherwise violate this section; or
- Any noise measuring 90 decibels or more that can be heard at a distance over 100 feet from the source, lasting more than one minute continuously, or over 5 minutes intermittently.

Excessive noise is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance.

Firework means any device designed to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Legal fireworks are such devices as are permitted by state law.

Plainly audible. A sound that can be detected by a city officer using his or her unaided hearing faculties is plainly audible. For example, if an officer uses his or her normal, unaided hearing and can hear a rhythmic bass or drumbeat, he or she has detected a plainly audible sound. It is not required that an officer be able to identify the sound by specific nature or cause, title, style, words, or artist.

Pyrotechnic display means the detonation, ignition, or deflagration of display fireworks, flames, or flame effects to produce visual and/or audible effects before the public, invitees, or licensees, regardless of whether admission is charged.

b. Prohibitions and rules.

- 1. General prohibition of excessive noise.** No person or entity shall make, allow to be made, or cause to be made excessive noise.
- 2. Specific prohibitions.** The following prohibitions address specific types of noise but are in no way all-inclusive as to the types of excessive noise prohibited by this section.
 - a. Music, however produced, is not allowed between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. if plainly audible at or beyond the boundary of the property where the music is being produced.
 - b. In residential and noise-sensitive areas, the operation of lawn care, tree care, shop, car repair, and other noise-creating equipment, is not allowed from 9 p.m. until 7:00 a.m., if the noise produced is plainly audible at or beyond the property boundary of the property on which the noise is produced.
 - c. The keeping of animals or birds that produce frequent or continued excessive noise beyond the boundaries of the property where such animals or birds are kept is not allowed.

- d. Yelling, shouting, loud conversation, whistling, singing, and all other excessive verbal noise, whether electronically amplified or not, is not allowed between 9 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. in residential and noise-sensitive areas, nor at any other time or location if the noise is excessive and unreasonably disturbs the quiet, comfort, or repose of a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities. This prohibition is not intended to restrict the content of legal speech, but is intended to address public health, welfare, safety, and quality of life.
- e. If conspicuous signs are posted indicating that an area is a school, church/temple/mosque, court, or hospital/healthcare facility (noise-sensitive areas), excessive noise is not allowed on any street adjacent to such locations at any time that such locations are in session or operation, except as may be required for emergency or city-sanctioned activities.
- f. The sounding of any horn or siren, whether vehicular or not, except as a danger or warning signal, is not allowed.
- g. The operation of a vehicle and/or a sound system of a vehicle in such a manner as to cause excessive noise, whether through grating, grinding, pounding, engine revving, jarring, rattling, vibrations, or other excessive noise is not allowed.
- h. Deliveries, loading, and unloading are permitted at any time not otherwise prohibited; however, excessive noise caused by or connected with deliveries, loading, and unloading in any way is not allowed.
- i. The operation of any type of engine, whether combustion, electric, or compressed air, including, but not limited to vehicular and boat engines and compressed air devices, is not allowed unless effectively muffled to reduce noise produced by such device.
- j. The operation of a steam, electronic, or other type of whistle, except to give warning of danger, to cease or start play during a sporting event, or to begin and stop work, is not allowed.

c. *Exceptions.*

1. *Government and emergency services.*

- a. Because of traffic, parking, and congestion issues within the city, the City of Liberty may conduct or arrange for city garbage, street cleaning services, and other safety or health services at any time during which services may be safely and efficiently performed. This includes, but is not limited to, nighttime and early morning hours, if public welfare and convenience renders it impractical to work during the day.
- b. Repairs or excavations of bridges, streets, highways, or utilities at any time during which services may be safely and efficiently performed. This includes, but is not limited to, nighttime and early morning hours, if

public welfare and convenience renders it impractical to work during the day.

- c. Emergency services sirens and public emergency warning announcements may be sounded at any time.
- d. City-sanctioned or sponsored parades, gatherings, sporting events, and other special events are also exempted.

2. Construction.

Construction sounds must comply with all other prohibitions and rules in the noise ordinance, with the following exceptions:

- a. Monday through Saturday, construction sounds are allowed from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.
- b. On Sundays, construction sounds are allowed from noon until sunset.
- c. Construction sounds are allowed at any time for emergency repairs to restore power and/or utility service, to protect life or property from water or other destructive forces, and to remove trees, limbs, debris, or vehicles from buildings, power lines, or roads, and for any other emergency work necessary to protect or preserve life or property.
- d. When exigent circumstances require that construction sounds take place outside of the hours set forth above, the person/entity responsible for construction may request a limited construction sound exception permit from the City of Liberty Police Chief (or his designate). Except in rare cases, this should be done at least seven calendar days in advance of the date or dates on which the permit is needed; however, the police chief may consider more urgent requests for exception permits in extreme circumstances. If an exception permit is issued, the person/entity is responsible for notifying nearby businesses, residents and/or property owners, in the manner and in the time frame as directed by the Police Chief.

3. Fireworks.

- a. The discharge of any type of fireworks on or onto public or private property is prohibited without permission from the property owner.
- b. The city fire marshal or state authorities may also ban the discharge of fireworks during drought conditions, high wind conditions, or other situations where the use of fireworks could pose a danger to life or property.
- c. Generally, the discharge of any type of fireworks is strictly prohibited after 10:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
- d. However, the discharge of legal fireworks is permitted at New Year's from 10:00 a.m. on December 31 until 1:00 a.m. on January 1.

- e. Similarly, the discharge of legal fireworks is permitted on July 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. on July 5.
- f. Upon prior application and approval by the city, the city may grant permission for a pyrotechnic display, a public or commercial fireworks display, or a special event exception for the discharge of legal fireworks.

4. Church/temple/mosque chimes, bells, carillons, and calls to worship.

Church/temple/mosque chimes, bells, carillons, and calls to worship are permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

d. Severability, savings, and effective date.

- 1. *Severability.* A determination of invalidity or unconstitutionality by a court of competent jurisdiction of any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part, of this section shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of the section.
- 2. *Savings.* Any enforcement action which is pending on the effective date of this section and which arose from a violation of an ordinance repealed by this section, or a prosecution which is started within one year after the effective date of this section arising from a violation of an ordinance repealed by this section, shall be tried and determined exactly as if the ordinance had not been repealed.
- 3. *Effective date.* This section is effective immediately upon enactment.

City of Liberty

City Council Monthly Financial Report – January 2026

Fiscal Year 2025–2026 | Unaudited | Modified Accrual Basis

Financial Highlights

- **Total Revenue (January 2026):** \$713,179
- **Total Expenses (January 2026):** \$318,364
- **Net Income (January 2026):** \$394,815

The City reported a **strong operating surplus for January**, driven primarily by General Fund revenues and continued stability in the Utility Fund.

Year-to-Date Financial Performance (Through January 2026)

- **Total Revenue:** \$3,383,593
- **Total Expenses:** \$3,000,318
- **Net Income:** \$383,275

The City is currently operating with a **positive year-to-date financial position**.

Year-to-Date Net Income by Fund

- **General Fund:** \$334,861
 - **Utility Fund:** \$27,530
 - **Hospitality Tax Fund:** \$22,502
 - **Victim Services Fund:** (\$2,768)
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Budget Comparison

At 7 months into the fiscal year, approximately **41.7% of the annual budget should remain** to stay on pace.

Revenue

- **Total Revenue Remaining:** 29.41%
- Revenues are **ahead of the budget pace**.

- General Fund revenue remains strong at **24.02% of budget remaining**.
- Utility Fund revenue is also ahead at **35.61% remaining**.
- Hospitality Tax revenue is **slightly behind pace at 50.06% remaining**.

Expenses

- **Total Expenses Remaining:** 36.35%
- Expenditures are **slightly ahead of the ideal pace**.
- General Fund expenditures have **36.43% remaining**.
- Utility Fund expenditures have **34.26% remaining**.

Overall Budget Status

- Revenues exceed budget pace by **approximately \$587,000**.
 - Expenditures exceed budget pace by **approximately \$251,000**.
 - The City continues to maintain a **healthy operating surplus**.
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Cash Position

- **City Bank Balance (January 2026): \$3,132,105.64**

The City maintains **strong cash reserves and liquidity** to support operations and capital needs.

Financial Outlook

Municipal revenues follow a **cyclical pattern throughout the fiscal year**, with several significant revenue sources expected later in the year. Upcoming inflows include:

- Property tax collections
- Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) tax distributions
- Quarterly franchise fees
- Annual business license revenues

These revenues typically create larger surpluses that offset months with lower revenue activity.

Summary

At the midpoint of FY 2025–2026, the **City of Liberty remains financially stable** with revenues exceeding budget expectations and a **positive year-to-date operating surplus**. Staff will continue monitoring expenditures and revenues to ensure the City remains on track for the remainder of the fiscal year.



Council Report

City of Liberty
January 2026

Basis of Preparation

This report is prepared solely for the confidential use of City of Liberty. In the preparation of this report GREENE FINNEY CAULEY LLP has relied upon the unaudited financial and non-financial information provided to them. The analysis and report must not be recited or referred to in whole or in part in any other document. The analysis and report must not be made available, copied or recited to any other party without our express written permission. GREENE FINNEY CAULEY LLP neither owes nor accepts any duty to any other party and shall not be liable for any loss, damage or expense of whatsoever nature which is caused by their reliance on the report or the analysis contained herein.

Financial Report

Profit & Loss -January 2026

INCOME STATEMENT		Jan 2026
Revenue		
10 - General Fund		\$532,379
20 - Utility Fund		\$169,182
41 - Hospitality Tax		\$11,006
Other		\$612
Total Revenue		\$713,179
Expenses		
10 - General Fund		\$214,273
20 - Utility Fund		\$98,607
41 - Hospitality Tax		\$3,093
42 - Victims Services		\$571
99 - Other		\$1,820
Total Expenses		\$318,364
Operating Profit		\$394,815
Net Income		\$394,815

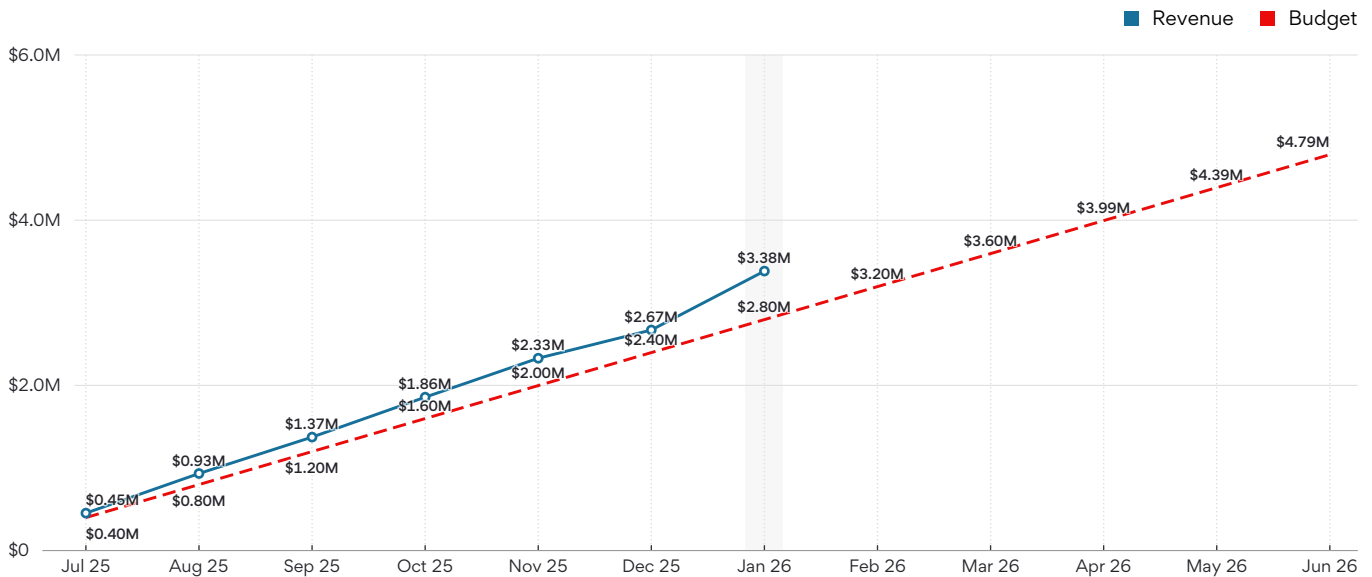
Profit & Loss -2025/2026

INCOME STATEMENT	2025/2026 (YTD)	Budgeted	\$ Left in Budget	% left in Full Budget
Revenue				
10 - General Fund	\$2,086,858	\$2,746,455	(\$659,597)	-24.02%
20 - Utility Fund	\$1,224,056	\$1,900,960	(\$676,904)	-35.61%
41 - Hospitality Tax	\$70,917	\$142,000	(\$71,083)	-50.06%
42 - Victim Services	\$0	\$4,190	(\$4,190)	-100.00%
Other	\$1,762	\$0	\$1,762	-
Total Revenue	\$3,383,593	\$4,793,605	(\$1,410,012)	-29.41%
Expenses				
10 - General Fund	\$1,745,851	\$2,746,454	(\$1,000,604)	-36.43%
20 - Utility Fund	\$1,197,139	\$1,821,075	(\$623,936)	-34.26%
41 - Hospitality Tax	\$48,415	\$142,000	(\$93,585)	-65.90%
42 - Victims Services	\$2,768	\$4,190	(\$1,422)	-33.94%
99 - Other	\$6,146	\$0	\$6,146	-
Total Expenses	\$3,000,318	\$4,713,719	(\$1,713,401)	-36.35%
Operating Profit	\$383,275	\$79,885	\$303,389	379.78%
Net Income	\$383,275	\$79,885	\$303,389	379.78%

Modified Accrual Basis
Substantially All Disclosures Omitted

INCOME STATEMENT	2025/2026	Budget (rest of the year)	Total
Revenue			
10 - General Fund	\$2,086,858	\$1,144,356	\$3,231,214
20 - Utility Fund	\$1,224,056	\$792,067	\$2,016,123
41 - Hospitality Tax	\$70,917	\$59,167	\$130,083
42 - Victim Services	\$0	\$1,746	\$1,746
Other	\$1,762	\$0	\$1,762
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$3,383,593	\$1,997,335	\$5,380,928
Expenses			
10 - General Fund	\$1,745,851	\$1,144,356	\$2,890,207
20 - Utility Fund	\$1,197,139	\$758,781	\$1,955,920
41 - Hospitality Tax	\$48,415	\$59,167	\$107,582
42 - Victims Services	\$2,768	\$1,746	\$4,514
99 - Other	\$6,146	\$0	\$6,146
Total Expenses	\$3,000,318	\$1,964,050	\$4,964,368
Operating Profit	\$383,275	\$33,286	\$416,560
Net Income	\$383,275	\$33,286	\$416,560

Revenue vs Budget



Profit & Loss by Fund - January 2026

General Fund Net Income (Loss) for January 2026 is \$316,286 and Year to date thru January 2026 is \$334,861.

Utility Fund Net Income (Loss) for January 2026 is \$71,188 and Year to date thru January 2026 is \$27,530 .

Hospitality Fund Net Income (Loss) for January 2026 is \$7,913 and Year to date thru January 2026 is \$22,502.

Victim's Services Net Income (Loss) for January 2026 is (\$571) and Year to date thru January 2026 is (\$2,768).

Other Funds Net Income (Loss) showing \$0 for January 2026 and Year to date thru September 2024 is \$1,150.

Bank Balance at January 2026 is \$3,132,105.64.

The City had an overall net gain(loss) of \$394,815 for the month of January 2026.

The city is a 7 months through the 2026 fiscal year - a good basis to guide progress is comparing budget to actual results. 41.7% of budget remaining would be the goal. For budgeted revenue, total budgeted revenue remaining is at 29.41% - ahead of budget. General fund is ahead of budget at 24.02% remaining while Utility fund is also ahead of budget at 35.61%. Hospitality tax revenue is slightly behind budget at 50.06%.

For expenditures, total expenditures are 36.35% of budget remaining, slightly behind the 41.7% goal. General fund is at 36.43% of budget remaining, behind the 41.7% goal. Utility fund is at 34.26% of budget remaining, behind the goal of 41.7%. Overall, revenues are exceeding budget by \$587K while expenditures were exceeded budget by \$251K for FY 2026.

Utility fund had a year-to-date net income of \$27,530.

City of Liberty, like many municipalities, are subject to a cyclical revenue cycle throughout their fiscal year. During the year there are months where revenues are minimal and not able to cover expenses incurred in that particular month. This is often offset by months of windfalls from property tax, annual licenses, and other periodic services that create a large surplus of income to help offset the less active months. We are entering the time of the year where large payments for property taxes are received by the city. Tax Programs from MASC are also typically received in a large lump sum in June. Franchise fees are often received once a quarter.



Liberty Parks & Recreation

City Council Report

March 2026

- 1) Update: Little League Baseball Lightning, Iselin field and water tower lighting completed
- 2) Rosewood center update: Auditorium painting completed
- 3) PARD Grant update: Mrs. Edwards has completed the online section of grant and has reached out to vendor to complete their online section.
- 4) Liberty Dugout of Park Sign: revealed on 2/27/2026
- 5) City football stadium: Maintain track and will paint handrails when weather permits. LES Will host Family night on 3/5/2026. LHS Football will host training every Wednesday night for all Liberty Athletes.
- 6) Mills Gym: Maintain facility, added a toy donation box at the playground area.
- 7) Spring sports: Registration Totals per sports
 - a. Soccer: 24, 6U-14, 8U 10
 - b. T-Ball: 40
 - c. Baseball: 45, 12U-11, 10U-15, 8U-19
 - d. Softball: 19, 12U-9, 8U-10
 - e. Volleyball: 66, 14U-15, 12U-19, 10U-32
 - f. Flag Football: 112, 14U-12, 12U-23, 10U-30, 8U-27, 6U-20
 - g. Grand total: All Sports 306 participants.
- 8) Sarlin Park: Maintain area
- 9) South Carolina USA wrestling event held on 2/7/2026 was successful.
- 10) Liberty Jeep event tentative date June 20th, 2026
- 11) New/Renewed Sponsorship (2) Knights Compaines, Liberty Bell

- 12) Maintain all Parks and Recreation grounds and facilities.
- 13) Rental of city stadium for this month (0) Travel football
- 14) Rosewood: Maintain cleanliness,
- 15) Rental of Rosewood center (3) / parking lot Animal Vet 2 times per month.
- 16) Rental of Mills Ave (5) Travel basketball team and I -fit
- 17) Rental of City Gym (1)
- 18) Rental of Baseball field (2) Top Gun Baseball for march
- 19) Gazebo Rental at freedom park (1) March
- 20) Mile loop and cemetery are being maintained by Beachem Lawn care services.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

- The Utility Department repaired five water leaks and one sewer leak that occurred during the month of February
- The Utility Department cleaned and unstopped 13 sewer blockages and performed any repairs as needed
- The Utility Department completed 58 work orders and 137 locate tickets

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- As of the end of February, all water and sewer right of ways have been cleared and maintained
- The Public Works Department picked up 23 tons of brush and hauled to the Pickens County Landfill
- The Public Works Department picked up 1.5 tons of furniture/brown goods and hauled to the Pickens County Landfill
- We are actively working on a routine schedule for brush and furniture pick-up
- The Public Works Department has begun patching potholes throughout the City and are working on a pothole/patching program

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Warnings Issued – 107

Citations Issued – 96

Total Arrested – 13

One for Assault & Battery 3rd, Degree.
One for Reckless Driving
One for Driving Under Suspension & Speeding.
One for Petit Larceny
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One for Driving Under Suspension, Habitual Traffic Offender, Permitting Unauthorized Person to Drive, & Vehicle Equipment Violation.
One for Public Intoxication.
One for Possession of Marijuana & Speeding.
One for Domestic Violence 1st Degree.
One for Driving without a Valid Driver's License, Unregistered Vehicle & Equipment Violation.
One for Possession of Controlled Substance
One for Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor X 2
One for Operating an Unregistered Vehicle, Equipment Violations, & PWID Methamphetamine.

Winter Storm Gianna

The Police Department maintained continuous communication with the Pickens County Emergency Operations Center and surrounding jurisdictions to ensure a coordinated response to deteriorating weather conditions throughout winter storm Gianna. Officers assisted with debris removal from roadways and assisted motorists. Officers continuously monitored road conditions, conducted citywide patrols, and performed welfare and business checks while continuing to respond to calls.

Training

On February 5th, 2026, Chief Tetter attended the Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs Grant Solicitation Workshop in Columbia. This workshop provided insight into current funding priorities, application & eligibility requirements, and application best practices.

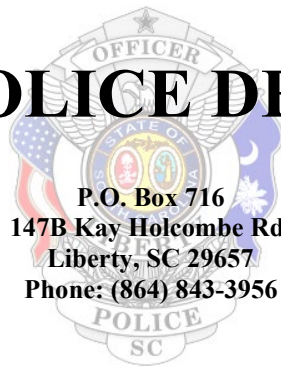
During the week of February 9, 2026, officers participated in training focused on Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO), stop stick deployment, and scenario-based instruction. This training enhances officer safety, improves decision-making under stress, strengthens communication and coordination, and increases overall readiness to manage high-risk situations effectively.

On February 26, 2026, Victim Advocate Sara Howard participated in a quarterly (SART) Sexual Assault Response Team training focused on recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect.

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Vacancy/Hiring

The Police Department is currently accepting applications for a certified or uncertified officer to fill a vacancy created by Officer Shelton's departure, who has accepted a School Resource Officer position with another agency at a higher rate of pay. This vacancy highlights the importance of offering competitive pay and benefits to recruit and retain qualified officers, maintain appropriate staffing levels, and ensure the continued reliable, professional service to the community.

Additionally, Officer Stewart remains on active military leave and is tentatively projected to return in July 2026. In accordance with military leave protections, his position must be maintained during his absence, resulting in a continued staffing vacancy until his return.