



MINUTES

AGENDA

City of Liberty- Regular Session

December 8th, 2025 – 6:45 pm

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

- **Call to Order**
Mayor Andrea Wagner
 - **Time:** 6:45 PM
 - **Roll Call – Present:**
Bo Cooley
Makail Cantley
Jeff Massie
Mayor Andrea Wagner
Jon Humphrey
Rhonda Whitaker
Gerald Wilson
 - **Invocation**
Given by Citizen Peggy Edwards
 - **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - **Public Session**
Speakers were allowed three (3) minutes each
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- **Approval of Minutes**
October 13, 2025 – Regular Session
Motion: Councilmember Massie
Second: Councilmember Cantley
Discussion: None
Vote: 7-0
 - **October 30, 2025 – Special Called Session**
Motion: Councilmember Massie
Second: Councilmember Cantley
Discussion: Councilmember Cooley asked if the minutes were approved as written.
Mayor Wagner confirmed they were.
Vote: 7-0

- **November 10, 2025 – Regular Session**
Motion: Councilmember Wilson
Second: Councilmember Humphrey
Discussion: Councilmember Humphrey asked a clerical question regarding “6–0” versus “6/6.” Clerk Bailee Locke stated both mean the same and are used interchangeably.
Vote: 7–0
- **December 1, 2025 – Work Session**
Motion: Councilmember Cantley
Second: Councilmember Cooley
Discussion: None
Vote: 7–0

New Business (First Readings / Resolutions)

- **Appointment of Planning Commissioner – Will Hyatt**
Motion: Councilmember Massie
Second: Councilmember Humphrey
Discussion: Councilmembers Cooley and Massie stated Mr. Hyatt would be a great fit.
Vote: 7–0
- **Appointment of Zoning Commissioner – William “Ted” Edwards**
Motion: Councilmember Cooley
Second: Councilmember Wilson
Discussion: Councilmember Humphrey verified the appointment was for the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Mayor Wagner confirmed.
Vote: 7–0
- **Appointment of Planning Commissioner – Bo McDonald**
Motion: Councilmember Wilson
Second: Councilmember Massie
Discussion: None
Vote: 7–0
- **Reappointment of Planning Commissioner – Hester Elrod**
Motion: Councilmember Humphrey
Second: Councilmember Whitaker
Discussion: Councilmember Wilson praised Mrs. Elrod’s communication and engagement. Mayor Wagner seconded those comments.
Vote: 7–0
- **Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem**
Mayor Andrea Wagner nominated Jon Humphrey for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Wilson expressed support.
Motion: Councilmember Wilson
Second: Councilmember Cooley
Discussion: None
Vote: 7–0
- **Update to Article II – Council, Sec. 2-42 (Appearance of Citizens)**

Motion: Councilmember Cantley

Second: Councilmember Cooley

Discussion: Council discussed the 29657 area and its implications. Councilmember Humphrey asked whether citizens could sign up prior to the meeting. Mayor Wagner stated yes, and encouraged sign-ups by the Friday before the meeting so questions could be addressed in advance.

Vote: 7-0

- **Update to Article II – Council, Sec. 2-41 (Agenda)**

Motion: Councilmember Cantley

Second: Councilmember Wilson

Discussion: City Attorney Mary McCormac provided a brief overview.

Vote: 7-0

- **Update to Article II – Offenses Against the Peace, Sec. 35-79 (Amplified Sound Restrictions)**

Motion: Councilmember Massie

Second: Councilmember Cooley

Discussion: City Attorney Mary McCormac provided a brief overview. Councilmember Cooley asked about dog-related noise. Clerk Bailee Locke stated there is a separate ordinance section addressing dogs.

Mayor Wagner requested postponement until the next meeting for further review with the Police Chiefs.

Motion to Postpone: Councilmember Humphrey

Second: Councilmember Massie

Vote: 7-0

No vote was taken to proceed with the first reading.

Old Business (Second Readings)

None at this time.

City / Financial Report

- **Deputy Administrator: Bailee Locke**
(See attachment)

City Council Comments

Makail Cantley (Ward 1):

Working with Amber at the Cat Garage on catch, fix, and release efforts. Provided an update on mill work in Ward One.

Gerald Wilson (Ward 2):

Requested an update on Azalea Street (none at this time). Thanked No Vacancy and Pendleton Candy Company for a successful event. Thanked Ward 2 constituents and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bo Cooley (Ward 3):

Enjoyed the Christmas parade. Provided an update on a resolved sewer issue. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jeff Massie (Ward 4):

Asked about hot water at the mill gym. Ms. Locke confirmed it was available.

Jon Humphrey (At-Large):

Discussed the speed bump on Alta Vista and thanked Ms. Locke for her work. Asked about replacing the speed limit sign. Commented on successful recent events and requested a debrief.

Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large):

Provided an update on the Liberty Community Scholarship. Arnolds will host a fundraiser with proceeds benefiting a Tri-County Technical College scholarship recipient. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor's Announcements

(See attachment)

- **Executive Session**

Motion: Councilmember Massie

Second: Councilmember Cooley

Vote: 7-0

Entered: 8:08 PM

SC Code Section 30-4-70(2):

Water and Sewer Contract (Clear Water Solutions)

Planning Services Contract (ACOG)

- **Exit Executive Session**

Motion: Councilmember Humphrey

Second: Councilmember Cooley

Vote: 7-0

Exited: 8:54 PM

Post Executive Session Actions

- **ACOG Contract:**

Motion by Councilmember Wilson to renew the ACOG zoning services contract with no increase.

Second by Councilmember Cooley.

Vote: 7-0

- **Clear Water Solutions Contract:**

Motion by Councilmember Cooley to not renew the contract, ending March 31. Until then, staffing will be reduced from a three-man crew to a two-man crew, with one Public Works employee reassigned to Water and Sewer, saving approximately \$10,000.

Second by Councilmember Cantley.

Vote: 7-0

- **Adjournment**

Motion: Councilmember Humphrey

Second: Councilmember Massie

Vote: 7-0

Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 pm

Date Approved: 4-16-26

Mayor, Andrea Wagner: Andrea H. Wagner