



## MINUTES

### City of Liberty- Regular Session

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 6:30 pm

Rosewood Center- 419 E Main St. Liberty SC 29657

- **Welcome and Call to Order, Mayor Woods** time: @6:32 pm  
All Councilmembers present.
- **Invocation** given by: Councilmember Padgett
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Public Session (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)**  
-Jon Humphrey
- **Motion to Enter Executive Session**  
Motion: Councilmember Arms  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker  
Discussion: No Discussion  
Vote: 7-0  
-discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or an appointment to a public body; (S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a)(1)) Matters of discussing personnel.  
  
-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**  
Motion: Councilmember Graybeal  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Arms  
Discussion: No Discussion  
Vote: 7-0
- **Approval of Minutes –**  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025- Regular Session  
Motion: Councilmember Graybeal  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker  
Discussion: Councilmember Arms asked if SERV Line will be rescheduled. Ms. Locke explained there was no response.  
Vote: 7-0
- **New Business: (1<sup>st</sup> Readings/ Resolutions)**  
-Resolution 2025-03 Resolution designating a SCRWA District 3 Voting Delegate and an alternate voting delegate to represent the City of Liberty.

Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Arms  
Discussion: No Discussion  
Vote:7-0

**-Resolution 2025-04 Resolution- Commissioners on Pickens Regional Joint Water System (PRJWS)**

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Padgett  
Discussion: Councilmember Arms motioned to table this resolution due to not having a copy of the resolution to review prior. Councilmember Whitaker 2<sup>nd</sup> to table this resolution. No discussion. Councilmember Arms and Councilmember Whitaker voted in favor. Councilmember Massie obtained. Councilmember Graybeal, Councilmember Padgett, Councilmember Shoenleben, and the mayor all voted out of favor.  
Vote:4-2 Councilmember Arms and Councilmember Whitaker abstained. Councilmember Massie abstained.  
Councilmember Graybeal, Councilmember Padgett, Councilmember Shoenleben, and the mayor all voted in favor.

- **Old Business: (2nd Readings)-**

**-Ordinance 2025-03 City of Liberty 25/26 City Operating Budget**

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Shoenleben  
No Discussion  
Vote:6-1 Councilmember Massie opposed

**-Ordinance 2025-04 Rezoning 530 East Main St. (Residential to Neighborhood Commercial)**

Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker  
Discussion: No Discussion  
Vote:7-0

- **City/Financial Report-** see attachment

- **City Council Comments –**

- Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1) No Comments
- Lavant Padgett (Ward 2)- Moose on Main is a great place; contacted grocery stores like Aldis and Lowes groceries, asked to come to liberty. Pointed out Bailee is on vacation this week, but still here doing her job.
- Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3)- Gave his letters to the Council for his resignation: resignation starts June 30<sup>th</sup>, not required, chose to at his own request. Wants more time with his family.
- Jeff Massie (Ward 4)- No Comments
- Zachary Arms (At-Large)- Thank you who came to Yanks- Shoutout to Yanks for having great service and food. They are doing very well. Excited for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Wants to start from a zero-based budget next year and start next year's budget tomorrow. Thank you, Lavant, for your service for all these terms and years.
- Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)  
Excited and humbled to see the wall that healed and see it come through Liberty.

**Mayor's Announcements-**

Liberty was honored to welcome *The Wall That Heals*, which made its way through our area and was displayed at Deer Wood Farms just outside of the city limits.

As we look ahead, 4th of July festivities are just around the corner! The carnival will take place on July 3rd from 5:00–10:00 PM. Our *Love My Liberty* Independence Day celebration will be held on July 4th from 6:00–10:00 PM, and the final day of the carnival will be July 5th from 5:00–10:00 PM.

This year, the Pickens County Library held its summer reading program at our City Gym — a great way to support literacy and community engagement.

We're also excited to welcome a charming new coffee shop, The Moose on Main, located downtown. Everything I've tried has been delicious, and it's a great addition to our local business scene.

- **Motion to Enter Executive Session**

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker  
Discussion: No Discussion  
Vote:7-0

- Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.(S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)) - this matter concerns city property; and sewer capacity.

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- **Motion to Exit Executive Session**

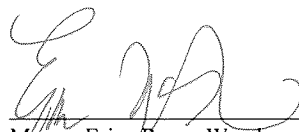
Motion: Councilmember Padgett  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Arms  
Discussion: No Discussion  
Vote:7-0

Mayor Woods gave Thanks to Councilmember Graybeal for his sacrifice of part of his life and willing to be on the hot seat for many terms, all because of his love of liberty.

- **Adjournment**

Motion: Councilmember Graybeal  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker  
Discussion: No Discussion  
Vote:7-0

Approved: 8/11/25

  
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Mayor, Erica Romo Woods