

**CITY OF LIBERTY WORK SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2012 – 6:00 PM
ROSEWOOD CENTER
MINUTES**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Sheriff. Present were Council Members, Walt McJunkin, Dwight Yates, Lavant Padgett, Josh Harrison, Eric Boughman, and Rick Clark.

Mayor Sheriff called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

AMY SMITH

Mayor Sheriff accepted for the city, a signed edition of author, Amy Smith's first published children's book. Amy is a resident of Liberty, is married and has two children. Mayor Sheriff thanked Mrs. Smith for her presentation of her 1st book to the city and told her how proud the city was to have a children's author living here.

BEPPIE LEGRANDE/MAIN STREET SOUTH CAROLINA

Mayor Sheriff introduced Beppie LeGrand, Director of Main Street South Carolina.

- Mayor Sheriff made motion to suspend the rules which interfere with allowing Mrs. LeGrand to make her presentation to council. Mayor Sheriff stated the motion is non-debatable and there will be no discussion.
- CM Eric Boughman seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Mrs. LeGrand gave a very interesting presentation on the reasons Liberty should consider becoming a part of Main Street South Carolina. Mayor Sheriff stated he thought council should seriously consider. He stated membership does have costs that they would have to look at budgeting, maybe in next year's budget starting in July.

LIBERTY DENIM CLOSING

Mayor Sheriff informed council that the city cut the water off at Liberty Denim today. He stated the water continued to be used. He explained Liberty Denim was in arrears for last month's bill and they do not know if they will have an opportunity to collect those funds. He stated they talked with Liberty Denim first before the water was disconnected and they were fine with it. Mayor Sheriff Liberty Denim's closing will affect the city about \$200,000 annually in lost revenue from the water and business license. Mayor Sheriff stated they are going to have to look at that in budget terms. He stated they have six months left before a new budget in July, without Liberty Denim's revenue. CM Yates asked if Liberty Denim was going to drain the pond. He stated that would be something that needed to be looked into.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Mayor Sheriff stated Downtown Development Standards will be discussed in tomorrow night's Planning and Zoning meeting and we should have their recommendation at January 9th's council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a personnel matter
- CM Eric Boughman seconded the motion
- Vote: 6 in favor
- 1 no vote from CM Josh Harrison

- CM Dwight Yates made motion to come out of Executive Session
- CM Rick Clark seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

Mayor Sheriff informed council due to tightening the budget we will not buy new Christmas lights this year as we had planned.

CM Rick Clark made motion to adjourn
CM Josh Harrison seconded the motion
Vote: All in favor

Verification/Mayor

Sue Woods, City Clark

Approval Date

Minutes are not typed verbatim