

**CITY OF LIBERTY WORK SESSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2008 – 6:00 P.M.  
ROSEWOOD CENTER  
MINUTES**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Deese. Present were Council Members: Josh Harrison, Walt McJunkin, Dwight Yates, Michael Sheriff, and Brian Petersen.

Absent: Rick Clark

Others Present: Chief Miller, Chief Sargent, Barry Chappell

Mayor Deese welcomed everyone and the meeting started at precisely 6:00 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: WORKERS COMPENSATION RESOLUTION**

Mayor Deese explained that this resolution was required by the City's Workers Compensation carrier and goes toward our points for our yearly discount. Mayor Deese read the resolution and asked for any questions from council. There were no questions from council and Mayor Deese called for a motion.

- *CM McJunkin made motion to adopt the Workers Compensation Resolution*
- *CM Yates seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

**DISCUSSION: MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR FIRE STATION**

Mayor Deese reported to council that the preliminary work has been done on this grant; however Dan Wagner from ACOG made a mistake on the administrative costs on the grant. ACOG receives a percentage of the grant funds, which is approximately 13%, which has now been added to the amount of matching funds for the city.

**DISCUSSION: GAZEBO FOR FREEDOM PARK**

Mayor Deese stated he would like for council to look around Freedom Park to see where we may put another gazebo. He reported that on the weekends, the gazebos are booked and we receive a lot of calls to reserve them. CM Sheriff added the master plan called for about two more gazebos. Mayor Deese stated he has not received a return phone call from the people who own the property by the creek. He stated he thought it would be a good idea to clean that area up, put a bridge across the creek and maybe put a shelter there. Mayor Deese stated the climbing rock he had asked council to look at was quashed due to thoughts about liability, but we still need to look at playground equipment.

**DISCUSSION: LETTER FROM KEN ROPER**

Mayor Deese read a letter from Municipal Judge Ken Roper who praised the police department naming City Attorney, Jim Alexander, Chief Miller, Becky Shirley and Barry Chappell for their hard work during court.

**LANDSCAPE FOR ROSEWOOD CENTER**

Mayor Deese stated CM Sheriff has been looking over the landscape plans for the Rosewood Center. CM Sheriff stated he looked them over and have a couple of comments written on them,

but basically he liked the concept. Mayor Deese stated we need to get council approval on them so they could be put out for bid. CM Sheriff stated he would bring them to the council meeting next Monday night so that council could view them. CM Sheriff stated he was totally in support of the landscape, but we would need to have a maintenance plan for it. Mayor Deese agreed that, along with some other areas in the city, would have to have an outsourced maintenance plan.

### **PEDESTRIAN PARK/C-FUNDS/CROSS WALK**

Mayor Deese reported that c-funds have been approved for sidewalks coming up the side of Pedestrian Park, but we are not going to start anything until we can get our design from our architect. There seem to be some dispute between c-funds, us and the State regarding the cross walks. The State does not want us to come back with stamped asphalt and cut into the concrete base because it may affect the stabilization of the rest of the concrete. CM Sheriff stated he did not like the stamped asphalt. He stated it is not durable and asphalt is an organic material and it will continue to come and go more than stamped concrete. We need to address this and work it out. Mayor Deese stated he and CM Sheriff needed to get together and come up with some ideas for council to approve. CM Petersen stated we might not have to go deep enough to penetrate the whole depth of their base. And even if we were, just like you were repairing a standard road, it could be cut, even if it was through 100% of their road bed. It could be drilled and re-bar placed into the existing place and tied in and it would be level. Mayor Deese stated he agreed with that but we need to convince the State because they are picky. CM Sheriff stated there are ways to do it that will overcome their concerns. CM Sheriff stated he would like to be on the agenda for next Monday night to talk about Pedestrian Park and Rosewood. He stated he would have a plan ready.

### **DIESEL AND GAS PRICES**

CM Petersen stated much attention has been drawn to our fuel situation in recent times with shortages and things of that nature. In light of that, I decided to do some research to see if we could do things differently than we do now. Currently we purchase our gas from Ingles and receive our typical gas card discount plus a percentage. We purchase our diesel from the BP station next to Panchos. The diesel for the Public Works department is being purchased from Lindsay Oil in Pickens. So we are doing three different things as far as purchasing our fuel. This creates some additional staffing as far as time goes. With the Ingles card you have to pre-fund that. The State has a fuel program that is a Fleet card program. We do not have to have tanks or inventory and can utilize this for gas or diesel. Each vehicle is assigned a card and each time that vehicle has to have fuel, which, by the way, can get fuel at any gas station in the State at the price we have in the contract. CM Petersen explained the State contracts with Mansfield Oil Company; they are the ones that monitor this program. There are no additional fees; it is a price per gallon fee. There would be only one billing. When you get fuel you would need to put in your mileage and your pin number. Each individual would have a pin number. We could track the vehicle, the mileage and who put the gas in the vehicle. At the end of the month there is a report that comes out by each department on each vehicle. If this did not work for us, we could retreat from it. CM Petersen, after explaining some more points of the program, suggested that we research this a little bit further and take some action on this matter. Furthermore this will identify every vehicle every time we buy fuel. CM Petersen gave council the website to research this program themselves and the persons'

name that runs this program. Mayor Deese encouraged council to research the program so that when they talked about it again, everyone would be well informed. CM McJunkin stated city vehicles are supposed to be used for city business only and not for personal errands. Mayor Deese stated he agreed with that especially with the price of fuel today, we need to minimize usage of fuel as much as possible. There was more discussion regarding this program.

CM McJunkin did not have a report at this time.

CM Petersen stated he needed to discuss some things with Barry, but he would do that after the meeting.

CM Sheriff did not have a report at this time.

CM Yates did not have a report at this time.

CM Harrison stated he had no report at this time.

Mayor Deese informed council that we did get the generator from Columbia and we believe it will work out very well. Mayor Deese stated to help out Mayor Pro Tem, Michael Sheriff out, who will be in charge of the council meeting next week due to me being out of town, I would request that each of you read over the minutes from the meetings so that when Michael asks for a motion everyone's not just now reading the minutes. It looks a little like we are not doing our work if when a motion is asked for and no one can make one because they are just now reading the minutes. Mayor Deese stated he was just trying to find ways to make us look a little better up here. Mayor Deese stated he would be out of town next week and the Mayor Pro Tem would be available to handle everything. He wished everyone a great week and thanked the public for attending the meeting.

**Adjourn**

Mayor Deese adjourned the meeting.

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Verification/Mayor

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V. Sue Woods, Clerk

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Approval Date