

**CITY OF LIBERTY WORK RETREAT
MARCH 7, 2009 - 8:30 A.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Deese called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: CM Walt McJunkin, CM Brian Petersen, CM Josh Harrison, CM Michael Sheriff, CM Rick Clark, CM Dwight Yates and Mayor Brian Deese.

OPEN REMARKS:

Mayor Deese welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the work retreat. He stated how important the work retreat was to plan for the future of Liberty and to see if they had met their goals from the previous work retreat.

RESOLUTION:

A Resolution to Approve the Financial Agreement for two Police Vehicles

Mayor Deese stated it was approved last week at the work session for Chief Miller to purchase two new police vehicles. He stated we need to now pass the resolution agreeing to the financial terms of the loan. He explained the terms of the financial agreement.

- *CM Brian Petersen made motion to approve the Financial Agreement for two new Police Vehicles*
- *CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion*
- *Discussion: There was some discussion on the payments and which budget year the payments came out of. CM Clark, CM McJunkin and CM Sheriff stated their reasons for opposing purchasing these cars. They felt due to the economy the city should have waited to purchase these cars. CM McJunkin stated he thought the mileage on the police cars should be noted at each shift change. He stated the police car should not be any for personal use. He also stated that he did not believe voting should take place in work sessions, but should be held for council meetings only unless it was an emergency. Mayor Deese will send out an executive memo that city police vehicles are not to be used for personal use. CM Sheriff stated he wanted to go on record that he was not in favor of buying the cars this year. He stated he wanted us to wait until June to buy them so we would not have a double payment. He explained he did vote for it at the work session and he would be voting to approve the financial agreement resolution. CM Yates stated what swayed him was the \$25000 coming from Hospitality Tax to the general fund which can be used to pay for these cars.*
- *Vote: 5 in favor; CM Sheriff, CM Harrison, CM Yates, CM Petersen, Mayor Deese
2 opposed; CM Clark, CM McJunkin*

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PROJECTS COMPLETED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

Projects Completed

1. CDBG Water Project
2. Gazebo at Sarlin Park
3. Railroad Crossing Re-surfacing
4. Woodside Park Restrooms/Dug-out renewal
5. Knollwood Sewage Replacement
6. Little Mill Sewerage Replacement
7. Fire Hydrants – All working and in compliance

Projects To Be Completed

1. Pedestrian Park
2. Sidewalks down Lakewood Dr. (Kay Holcombe to Sitton Street)
3. Rosewood Landscaping

Rosewood Center

1. Handicap Lift
2. Stage Design
3. Floors
4. Kitchen Area

Freedom Park

1. Signage
2. Gazebo on Hill

Council discussed briefly each of the above projects.

STIMULUS PROJECTS: PRIORITY PROJECTS

- A. INFRASTRUCTURE – 1.6 million dollar Sewer Replacement Project
- B. STREETSCAPES – Need to apply for grants. Next year is our third year of the CDBG grant, so we are still qualified.
- C. SHOVEL READY PROJECTS.

2009-2010 PRIORITY PROJECTS

- A. EACH COUNCILMEMBER’S PRIORITIES

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1. Rosewood Center

Landscaping
Handicap Codes
New Doors
Update Kitchen
Stage Design
Media Center
Hall of History
Removal of trees in back
Look at new fencing
Dressing area in basement
Playground Equipment
Insulation

2. Freedom Park

Signage
Another gazebo
Add more playgrounds
Picnic areas with grills

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- *CM Petersen made motion to go into Executive Session*
- *CM Harrison seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

- *CM Petersen made motion to come out of Executive Session*
- *CM Harrison seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

5 YEAR VISION PROJECTS

A. EACH COUNCILMEMBER'S VISION

1. (2) Sewer Projects
2. Homeland Security Grant – Fire Truck Pumper
3. Fire Department – Set aside equipment fund
4. More recreation fields
5. McDonalds in city – Economic growth
6. Influencing new growth and new businesses

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RECREATION LAND USE

- A. NEED FOR MORE LAND SPACE & DEVELOPMENT
1. Promoting new activities
 2. Increasing activity attendance

REVIEW GRANT RESOLUTION

Research done on proper way to execute grant
Full council support of grants applied for
Proposed application submitted to council members for approval prior to Submission
Review grant loan or lease applications at each meeting or work session
Continuously researching grants and executing in timely manner
Mayor will notify council of all grants applied for

FIRE STATION DESIGN PROPOSAL

Provide architectural engineering services for fire stations estimated at \$21000.
CM Sheriff proposed hiring engineers at around \$5000. or less
CM Sheriff volunteered to draw up architectural plans and specifications

E-CIVIS GRANT LOCATOR PROGRAM

Proposed hiring firm to research grants
Research showed grants were located that otherwise would be unknown
Proposed that Sue operate this program

E-COMMERCE BUSINESS LICENSE

Mayor Deese proposed a scale providing a flat fee for a certain dollar amount and schedule of fees for any money over the flat fee amount
The fee schedule to be presented at the next council meeting

DUKE ENERGY MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

Must be signed before April
Proposing new set aside fee

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Adjourn

- CM Michael Sheriff made motion to adjourn.
- CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor.

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date

Verification/Mayor