

**CITY OF LIBERTY WORK SESSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.  
ROSEWOOD CENTER  
MINUTES**

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

Absent: Rick Clark,

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

**DISCUSSION: CONCEALED WEAPONS CLASS**

CM Petersen stated he had recently had some discussions with staff specifically in the public works area who expressed some concerns over their safety and the fact that they were collecting money. He stated he wanted to generate some conversations regarding staff safety whatever that might be such as buzzers, glass or whatever would be appropriate. Chief Miller stated he has made vast improvements at City Hall since he came to work for the city. He stated the condition of City Hall when he came in and how he had made changes to try and insure better safety such as surveillance cameras and moving a door. He stated he had suggested a long time ago that we put a window and door in the water department to secure that area. Mr. John Garner of Garner's Hunting and Fishing, explained the concealed weapons class that he conducts. He also offered several points on security and safety classes such as buzzers and alarms. The clerk stated she considered taking the concealed weapons class personally and that it did not have anything to do with her job or carrying a weapon to city hall. She stated she knew she could not carry a weapon in city hall and she had not had a problem with irate people at city hall. Mayor Deese stated what he thought we were looking at was risk management and a way to better protect our employees and they should support whatever training Gloria or Sue thought they were comfortable with. CM Petersen stated he would make a recommendation that we as a city make sure that Sue and Gloria had some training and that the city should support that. He also stated that those two positions should have annual training that the city pays for.

**DISCUSSION: PRICES SET TO SELL TWO POLICE VEHICLES**

Prices were set by council on the two police cars which are for sale. The white car's price was set at \$800.00 and the black car's selling price was set at \$4,000.00.

**DISCUSSION: ROSEWOOD LANDSCAPE-PEDESTRIAN PARK**

CM Michael Sheriff shared with council an update on the landscape project for the Rosewood Center. He stated this would be accomplished in stages such as the lighting, curbing, etc. He stated bids would be put out for each of phase of the project. CM Sheriff informed council that we would be proceeding with Pedestrian Park to build up the wall and put down cobblestones. He stated we would move forward with putting in the tree holder for our Christmas tree. CM Sheriff stated we would not be putting in the fountain at this time but would still have it as a project for a later date.

**DISCUSSION: WOODSIDE PARK**

Mayor Deese informed council that Tony Boiter, Recreation Director, is in the process of wrapping up bids for Woodside Park. As soon as the lowest bid is chosen, work will begin on this project.

**DISCUSSION: PINPOINT GEOTECH**

Mayor Deese had given council a new price form from Jim Oswald, inventor of the Pinpoint Geotech system. Mayor Deese asked council to review this price form and decide if this would be something the city would be interested in acquiring.

**DISCUSSION: ECIVIS GRANT LOCATORS OPPORTUNITY**

Mayor Deese stated the Municipal Association has contracted with eCivis Grant Locators in order to be more informed as to what grants are available to benefit municipalities. There is a free class scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Mauldin City Hall to inform municipalities about this program and how they can be a part of it. Mayor Deese informed council that the city clerk was attending this class. He stated he would be attending it also and invited council to attend.

**DISCUSSION: VISION RETREAT**

Mayor Deese reminded council that the Work/Vision Retreat was scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>. He asked council to be thinking along the lines of our five year plan.

**DISCUSSION: RENTAL PROPERTY BUSINESS LICENSE**

The City Clerk informed council that she had some concerns about the business license fee imposed on persons who had one or two rental homes, such as Mom and Pop rentals, being charged the same fee as those who rental commercial properties. She stated to council that she had requested information from other municipalities regarding their procedure as to this same matter and found that some set a fee and if you are under the amount of that fee, you are not charged a business license. She reported to council that she is still gathering information and would be able to present something for them to review once she had all of this information together.

Adjourn

- CM Sheriff made motion to adjourn
- CM Petersen seconded the motion
- Vote: All in favor

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Sue Woods, City Clerk

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Verification/Mayor

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Approval Date