

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

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

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

TOPICS FROM THE PUBLIC: DANNY PARSONS – BBQ SMOKE ISSUE; SKEETS COOPER, PICKENS COUNTY AIRPORT, BUSINESS LICENSE EXEMPTION ISSUE

Danny Parsons, Bottom Line Sales, spoke to council regarding the new BBQ business getting ready to open in town. His concern was that the business would be cooking outside and creating a lot of smoke. He was concerned that the smoke would come into his business and settle on the furniture in his store and for health concerns. The owners of the new restaurant were present and several options were discussed should smoke become an issue. They are working with DHEC and intend to comply with whatever is asked of them. Council will monitor the situation also.

Skeets Cooper, Pickens County Airport, requested council to consider, as long as the airport is run by the county, making it exempt from obtaining a business license. Council will research the matter and get back to Mr. Cooper. Mr. Cooper gave an update of the remodeling of the airport and invited council to come for a visit.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-0401, AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF LIBERTY TO INCLUDE E-COMMERCE BUSINESS AND ESTABLISH A RATE FOR SAME

Mayor Deese explained the formula for the E-Commerce business in town. After some discussion of the business and the formula, it was determined that this Ordinance would come up for vote at the council meeting on Monday night.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-0402, AN ORDINANCE FOR ANNEXATION OF 18.72 ACRES, E/SIDE RUHAMAH ROAD, PLAT 57/83, 100% PETITION METHOD, INTO THE CITY OF LIBERTY

1st Reading of Ordinance No. 09-0402, An Ordinance for Annexation of 18.72 Acres, E/Side Ruhamah Road, Plat 57/83, 100% Petition Method, into the City of Liberty

- *CM Rick Clark made motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-0402*
- *CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

RED FLAG PROGRAM

The Clerk explained that virtually all businesses must comply with the Red Flag rules. She explained the city decided to allow the company, Identity Theft Shield, to come in and help the city get in compliance with these rules before the May penalty date. Linda Whitlock of Identity Theft Shield explained some of the mandates in the Red Flag law and stated one of the requirements was that their company conducts meetings with each

employee. A meeting was scheduled for council and any employee who missed the first meetings.

CDBG UPDATE

CM Clark explained that we are in our last year of our CDBG. He stated he we want to apply for a grant for \$500,000 for our sewer project. CM Clark went over the areas to be included in this project. The city's match on this grant would be approximately \$140,000.00.

- *CM Dwight Yates made motion for CM Clark to apply for the application for the CDBG grant for the sewer project.*
- *CM Michael Sheriff seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

ID BADGES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

CM Sheriff stated council had discussed ID badges for city employees more than a year ago. He stated due to the economic times and along with the identity theft program, council should consider implementing that all city employees must wear identification badges. CM Petersen stated he thought city employees should wear a uniform so they are clearly recognizable in the community.

- *CM Michael Sheriff made motion to implement the ID Badge program and to enforce the uniform program that is already in place.*
- *CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

ROSEWOOD LANDSCAPE/SARLIN PARK PAVILION

CM Sheriff stated he had sent some information to the landscape architect for Rosewood and would be following up on that. He stated he had some additional information put on the plans before we finalize them. CM Sheriff stated everything was complete on the Sarlin Park Pavilion except for the landscaping. He stated all the landscape material has been selected and would be picked up in the morning. CM Sheriff stated we would be ready for our Easter Morning Sunrise Service. Mayor Deese encouraged everyone to bring their lounge chair and attend the Sunrise Service at 7:00 am this coming Easter Sunday morning.

PITNEY BOWES

Mayor Deese brought council up to date on a Pitney Bowes stamp machine. He stated he believed it would be an advantage in that it would save us money on postage due to having an accurate count on weighed mail. He went over the contract and cost of this machine. After some discussion, a motion was called for.

- *CM Michael Sheriff made motion to approve entering into a contract with Pitney Bowes for purchase of a Stamp Machine*
- *CM Walt McJunkin seconded the motion*
- *Vote: 5 in favor*
- *Opposed: CM Clark, CM Harrison*

DISCUSSION: WOODSIDE PARK

Mayor Deese stated we had some issues moving forward with the Woodside Park project to due Rick Fowler’s illness but we are moving forward now. Hopefully we will see some completion in a couple of weeks. He stated we are slowly moving forward with Pedestrian Park. He stated C-Funds are willing to come back to the table and help us out with this.

Mayor Deese stated he had given the Fire Department Committee a copy of the new contract and the old contract to review. He stated he would like to have a meeting with them, hopefully this week, to discuss that matter. Mayor Deese informed council that the county is going up on our wastewater rates. He stated CM Clark would be informing us more about this at a later time.

CM Clark stated another thing that brings people into Liberty is Garner’s CWP classes. He stated he saw two people Saturday at the Subway who was taking classes.

CM Sheriff stated it was really a beautiful day in Liberty this past Saturday. There were several ball tournaments and different BBQ’s going on.

CM Yates concurred that it was a beautiful day in Liberty Saturday with all that was going on and he would like to see that every Saturday.

Mayor Deese stated a new health club will be opening at the Ingles Shopping Center.

Adjourn

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

Sue Woods, City Clerk

Verification/Mayor

Approval Date