

CITY ON LIBERTY WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2009 – 6:00 PM
ROSEWOOD CENTER

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

Absent: Josh Harrison, Brian Deese

Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff welcomed everyone and the meeting started at precisely 6:00 p.m.

WATER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff turned the first part of this discussion over to CM Petersen. CM Petersen stated that in their last discussion concerning the water line maintenance contract, the contract was at \$12,000 and 2%, lowering the amount \$2,000 from the \$14,000. He stated their discussion was at that time to put bush hogging the lines out for bid instead of using city employees and equipment. Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff stated since that discussion has come back to us from the Water Authority and their new proposal is \$10,000 and 2% plus the bush hogging. CM Petersen expressed concerns that it may not be fair to our citizens to remain at the same point we started out at five years ago. Bill Smith, a member of the Pickens County Water Authority, stated their concern was they have no documentation or paperwork on any of the work that has been done, not on the equipment, the testing or the keeping of the pressures. A lot of the board members thought that for what we were getting, the \$10,000 and 2% was adequate. We have asked Olen before for quarterly reports but we have not received reports from him so we do not know exactly where we are. Mr. Smith stated I know y'all are under contract for the maintenance but the bottom line is we are responsible for the water that goes through to here and we have no way of knowing if the pressures are right or anything else. Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff stated that was discussed in our last meeting and we are taking measures to remedy that and you will be getting copies of those reports from now on. Mr. Smith stated the Southside line does not look like any work has been done on it since maybe last year. After more discussion it was agreed by council to have this on the council meeting agenda for the following Monday night.

**RESOLUTION: TO UPGRADE ADA RAMPS TO CURRENT STANDARDS
ALONG S-84 (FRONT STREET) IN THE TOWN OF LIBERTY FROM US-178
TO S-83 (PEACHTREE STREET). THIS AGREEMENT APPLIES ONLY TO
THE PORTION OF NON-SCDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY WHERE ADA RAMPS AND
SIDEWALKS EXIST FROM US-178 TO PALMETTO STREET**

Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff explained that along S-84, Front Street and from Highway 178 to S- 83, Peachtree Street, the SCDOT did not have right-of-way access. The City has the right-of-way. This resolution will grant the SCDOT the right-of-way to put handicap ramps in. CM Clark asked could we specify another color rather than yellow. It was

determined that the other handicap ramps were yellow, so to keep them uniform, these should be yellow also.

- *CM Walt Mcjunkin made the motion to pass the resolution*
- *CM Brian Petersen seconded the motion.*
- *Vote: All in favor.*

KINGS NURSERY/WATER PUMP PROPERTY

Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff stated King Nursery has approached the City of Liberty about our water pump property at 18 mile creek. This is a small piece of property held over from when we pumped water from the creek. King would like for the city to entertain the idea of selling them this piece of property or consider a long term lease. Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff stated he and the Mayor have already discussed this and they felt a long term lease would be a good option for the city. He stated King Nursery has been a good steward to the city. It was determined by council that a lease would be drawn up for council to review. Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff stated he would have a lease/contract drawn up before next Monday night's meeting.

PEDESTRIAN PARK UPDATE

Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff stated the sidewalks are installed at Pedestrian Park. The sidewalks are funded through C-Funds. Now we are moving to the Pedestrian Park, finalizing the wall. Next week we should be laying out the pattern for the pavers.

ROSEWOOD CENTER LANDSCAPING

Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff did not have an update to report.

CM McJunkin reported that Kings Asphalt did a super job on the sidewalks at Lakeview Drive. We need to clean up the sides and also to put up another street light because it is still dangerous to walk at night. He stated he and the Mayor had discussed this and the Mayor was in agreement with putting up another street light. Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff stated we would contact Duke Energy and see what could be done.

CM Petersen stated on behalf of himself and council he would like to thank all participants in another successful Liberty Idol. He stated he realized a lot of hours and detail comes from each department to make this happen, so good job and well done.

CM Clark stated he wanted to congratulate CM McJunkin for getting the sidewalks in and finished at Lakeview Drive. He stated he had not realized how dangerous it was until they started to talk about it. CM Clark stated the gutter was cleaned up last week on Highway 93 and "good job" on that work also.

Mayor *Pro Tem* Sheriff stated he would like to state for the benefit of the press that we are having a Liberty Idol follow up on Labor Day Monday evening. We will be having some of the winners from this year and previous years come back to perform again along with some other things going on. We would like to invite everyone to come out and join

us. We certainly had a very successful Liberty Idol event this year and we are already looking forward to next year when it will be even bigger and better.

CM Yates inquired how we are coming with the sign for Bracken Oaks. Also he stated the SCDOT would be conducting a study with Eastside Baptist Church and Cannon Memorial Family Practice for placing a warning light or something there due to the incline in the street level there.

ADJOURN

CM Clark made motion to adjourn

CM Yates seconded the motion

Vote: All in favor

Sue Woods, City Clerk

Verification/Mayor

Approval Date