

CITY ON LIBERTY WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2009 – 6:00 PM
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.

HAYNE MEYERSON/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Hayne Meyerson was not able to attend the meeting. Mayor Deese explained the beautification committee would like to put wreaths and bows up on the lights downtown. They have several ideas for decorating downtown for the holidays and have located a tree for our Pedestrian Park. Mayor Deese stated he would recommend that council agree to spend approximately \$2500 on decorating downtown. Mayor Deese stated we would put this on the agenda for the council meeting next week and hopefully Hayne will be able to attend.

C-FUND SAFETY PROGRAM MONIES

Mayor Deese explained that C-Funds are to be used for safety program, improvements to streets and sidewalks, things of that nature. He referred council to the letter from Ed Martin, Pickens County CTC Chairman which discusses this year's funding. Due to cuts in funding to the CTC this year, the CTC is offering a one time funding opportunity of \$75,000 for the municipalities. There will be no other funding for the 2009 fiscal year. Mayor Deese provided a list of problem sidewalk areas around town and explained to council that may not be all of the problem areas, but it was some that needed attention. He stated we have to give them a response by October 14th. CM McJunkin stated we should look at upgrading the sidewalks where people have a safety factor while walking.

KINGS NURSERY/WATER PUMP PROPERTY LEASE

Mayor Deese reported he took the lease agreement that was drawn up by our city attorney by for Mr. Tommy King to review. Council had a couple of corrections to the lease. Once the corrections are made and if Mr. King has no changes, the lease will be on the agenda at the next council meeting. CM McJunkin stated he thought the lease should be less than 10 years. Mayor Deese stated in the lease, with a 30 day notice, we could change it.

LEGION HUT/178 SOUTH-LIBERTY ENTRANCE SIGN

James Gilstrap, Scoutmaster, addressed council representing the Boy Scouts using the Legion Hut for their meetings. Their address to council was to ask for help from the city to renovate the Legion Hut. It has some structural problems and other problems as well. Mr. Dean Cain is working with Home Depot to secure funds to help in these repairs. Mr. Frank Newton has secured donations for new toilets. The council asked Mr. Gilstrap to get together an estimate of costs for this project and present it to council. Council agreed

to look at this project and try to help where they can. CM Petersen suggested a committee made up of council members and members of the boy scouts to evaluate the Legion Hut and get back to council. Mayor Deese agreed. There was some discussion on the Liberty sign that was on Playhouse Pals property. According to the owner of Playhouse Pals Liberty's sign was on his property. After researching this we found that the sign was on Playhouse Pals property. He wanted permission to redo the signs and was given permission. Some council voiced an opinion of not liking that Liberty's sign was put on top of the Playhouse Pals sign. A suggestion was made to put another Liberty sign further down the road.

NEW FIRE TRUCK/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Chief Sargent reported to council on the new fire truck they have purchased. It is a 1994 E-1 Custom Cab from Huntsville Alabama. He included \$15,000 worth of equipment. The truck was \$74,000. They are working on the financing now.

RADIX

Mayor Deese provided each councilman a copy of the Radix bids. After some discussion, it was decided this matter would be on next week's council agenda for vote.

PEDESTRIAN PARK/FREEDOM PARK SIGNAGE

An update was given on Pedestrian Park and Freedom Park signage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURN

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

Sue Woods, City Clerk

Verification/Mayor

Approval Date