

**CITY ON LIBERTY WORK SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2010 – 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, Dwight Yates and Brian Petersen.

Absent: Walt McJunkin

Mayor Deese called the meeting to order and wished everyone a Happy New Year. The meeting started at precisely 6:00 p.m.

STORM WATER UPDATE

The coordinator of the Pickens Countywide Storm Water Consortium, Marguerite Porter, and Scottie Ferguson, Pickens County Storm Water Coordinator, spoke to council regarding the Federal and State Regulations for storm water control. Liberty has been designated by DHEC as MS4, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The MS4 permit regulates what our system of pipes and ditches can discharge into water ways. She informed council in order to comply with the MS4 permit, there are six measures municipalities must comply with; public education and outreach, public participation and involvement, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site run off and controls, post construction run off controls and pollution prevention and good housekeeping. There will be a luncheon on January 19th at the Rosewood Center to discuss this matter further.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-1202, AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND ESTABLISH WATER USER RATES

Mayor Deese informed council this ordinance would be on the agenda at next Monday night's council meeting for a second reading. He asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding this ordinance. There were none voiced.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 10-0101, AN ORDINANCE CLARIFYING UNSAFE BUILDING VIOLATIONS AND ATTACHING THE CODE OF LAWS FOR CONDEMNING AND DEMOLISHING BUILDINGS

Mayor Deese went over this ordinance with council and asked if there were any questions or concerns to discuss. He stated he wanted council to go over this ordinance and it would be on the agenda for next Monday night's council meeting for discussion and a 1st reading. CM Clark stated the ordinance language was more like a notice and he would like to see if more in ordinance form and better written. CM Clark also mentioned the 6 month's completion.

FREEDOM PARK SIGNAGE

CM Sheriff stated he would be following up on the Freedom park signage.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DECORATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Mayor Deese stated Sue has been in touch with Dean with Holiday Designs and they are having a 40% off sale. Dean’s flyers for this sale are still at the printers and he will email us a copy of it as soon as he gets it back. Sue will put a copy in your mailbox and we can discuss it at the next meeting.

RECYCLING

Mayor Deese reported that he has had a conversation with the county and asked for recycling bins to be placed at the shed. Gerald Wilson has applied for a grant for the county and through him we have requested a trailer to haul the recycle bins which can be pulled with a truck so that Liberty can start handling their own recycling. We will let the public know when this happens. Mayor Deese explained this would save the city approximately \$8,000 per year and get our recycle percentage up. CM Harrison stated we need clarification on exactly what they will and will not accept for recycling since one place on their brochure says they will accept magazines and another place states they will not accept magazines. Mayor Deese stated the county is also supposed to bring us another cardboard bin. CM Yates asked had anyone approached Ohio Gear and Champion about recycling. CM Petersen stated there may be a legal issue in city employees going outside the city in a city vehicle.

Mayor Deese informed council he emailed Ed Martin again today trying to find out what our next step is regarding our work on our sidewalks. He stated he is ready to start and will inform council as soon as he hears back from Mr. Martin. CM Petersen asked if we had heard from the State on finishing up Front Street. Mayor Deese stated we have not.

CM Clark stated they are having a meeting later on this week regarding the sewer grant. CM Clark ask for us to remember Chief Sargent’s father who is having surgery today.

CM Sheriff ask that we remember CM Yates mother, who also has been ill.

Mayor Deese asked council to look at their calendars and let him know next Monday which weekend will be best for the Work Retreat, either March 6th or 13th. CM Petersen stated he would be out of town on the 13th.

ADJOURN

CM Rick Clark made motion to adjourn
CM Dwight Yates seconded the motion
Vote: All in favor

Sue Woods, City Clerk

Verification/Mayor

Approval Date