

**CITY OF LIBERTY WORK SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2007 - 6:00 P.M.
ROSEWOOD CENTER
MINUTES**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Deese. Present were Council Members: Michael Sheriff, Walt McJunkin, Dwight Yates, Lewis Wilson and Mayor Deese.

Absent: CM Brian Petersen and CM Rick Clark

Others Present: Chief Miller, Dean Thomas, and Chief Sargent.

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

DISCUSSION: VISION 2025

Mayor Deese welcomed Gerald Sweitzer, spokesperson for Vision 2025. Mr. Sweitzer stated each municipality has joined Vision 2025 except Central and Liberty. He stated Central has pledged to join. He stated our amount to donate was \$2600. He gave each councilman copies of updated information regarding the program. Mr. Sweitzer explained that Vision 2025 was municipalities and individuals coming together to create a strategic vision for Pickens County and working toward a common goal for the future. Mr. Sweitzer informed council of the growth coming into Pickens County and that we needed to come together to shape the future of our county. He gave an accounting of the funds raised by Vision 2025 so far and what they hoped to accomplish. Mr. Sweitzer asked for questions from council. This will be put on the agenda for the next council meeting for a vote.

DISCUSSION: COUNTYWIDE TRAINING FACILITY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sargent stated the Fire Chief's County Facility Committee met with County Administrator, Chap Hurst to discuss a new Countywide Training Facility. This training facility will include EMS, Police Department, Sheriff's Department and Fire and Rescue. Chief Sargent stated the County Administrator will be proposing to the County Council that they pay for a study to draw up plans and estimated costs for this facility. Administrator Hurst is requesting that all agencies in the county send him a letter of support for this training facility. This letter has to be to the Administrator by January 10th.

COMMUNITY CENTER AT ROSEWOOD

Mayor Deese sated he thought it would take minimum work to turn the auditorium at Rosewood Center into a Community Center for the City. We need to collectively look at how we envision this room to look and then proceed with that. This is a project we could very easily complete this year. Mayor Deese stated he would like to see this project move forward and thought that it would be a good idea to assign committees to help move this project forward. He suggested CM Wilson chair the committee for the design of the Rosewood Community Center with CM Sheriff as Co-Chair. He stated this project was two-fold due to the historic nature of the building and he appointed CM McJunkin to Chair the Historic portion of the renovation and stated he had also talked with Luther Johnson in the community who would be agreeable to helping with that side of the project. Mayor Deese asked the project managers to bring in a couple of people out of the community to be on these committees also.

DISCUSSION: 2007 BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE

Richard Davidson, Building Official and Zoning Administrator, reported to council that we are at present using the 2003 International Code now. The State automatically adopts the 2006 International Code. We will have to adopt the 2005 National Electrical Code plus the

administration section of the code and appendages. Mr. Davidson answered questions from council as to the changes to the Code. Mayor Deese stated this would be on our council meeting's agenda for the 1st reading.

DISCUSSION: COMMERCIAL ZONING ISSUE

Mr. Davidson reported that in speaking with ACOG, the lot on Southern Street was recorded prior to zoning, therefore the size is grandfathered. Section 402 applies to this situation which is the use of substandard lots of record. CM Wilson requested Mr. Davidson get a legal definition from ACOG that specifically said that this lot could be changed from residential to commercial.

DISCUSSION: PEDESTRIAN PARK AND COMFORT STATION UPDATE

Mayor Deese stated the pedestrian park was another project he would like to see move forward and he appointed CM Sheriff to Chair a committee for that purpose. He appointed CM Yates to Co-Chair that committee.

WORK RETREAT DATE

Mayor Deese stated we decided on March 10, 2007 for our 2nd work retreat. He stated we want to review this past year and what we have accomplished and what we fell apart on. We want to look at what we want to accomplish in 2007 and review and set goals for the next few years.

Mayor Deese reminded council of the council meeting Monday night and of the two 2nd Readings on the agenda and one 1st Reading. CM Sheriff stated Maria (Pancho's) had requested that the City not place the no-parking signs in front of the restaurant but place them on the telephone poles if possible. Council discussed the parking situation on 178. CM Sheriff discussed with council some landscaping that Maria had offered to supply the labor for if the city would supply the plants.

Adjourn

- CM Wilson made motion to adjourn.
- CM Yates seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Verification/Mayor

Approval Date