

**CITY OF LIBERTY WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2008 – 6:00 P.M.
ROSEWOOD CENTER
MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Chief Miller, Chief Sargent, Barry Chappell and Dean Thomas

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

DISCUSSION: PINPOINT GEOTECH

Mayor Deese turned the floor over to Jim Oswald with the Pinpoint Geotech project for a presentation to council. Mr. Oswald gave an informative presentation on the pinpoint geotech and afterwards answered questions from council. Mayor Deese asked council to consider the proposal and they would be discussing it and they would decide if this was something that would be beneficial to the City or not.

DISCUSSION: PROPOSAL FROM RENOVATION GATEWAY SIGNS

Mayor Deese turned the floor over to Herm Kanan of Liberty Home & Lawn to give his presentation of landscaping for the 4 gateway entrances to Liberty. Mr. Kanan gave a good presentation and answered several questions from council. Mayor Deese told Mr. Kanan he would let him know something by the end of the week. Mayor and council discussed the pros and cons of the proposal. There were some questions on who would keep the places watered.

DISCUSSION: RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS FOR THE F-150 CREW CAB TRUCK

Mayor Deese explained this Resolution is standard procedure from BB&T when you finance a loan with them.

Vote: All in favor

DISCUSSION: ORDINANCE REQUIRING RESTAURANTS TO HAVE DUMPSTERS

Mayor Deese stated this is a subject they talked about before. As it stands now the City does not have an ordinance that requires restaurants to have dumpsters. Mayor Deese stated he has reviewed an ordinance requiring this and it possibly could be tweaked to fit Liberty. Mayor Deese stated he wanted council's opinion to see if this was something we needed to do. Council discussed people who shared dumpsters and the environmental fee. They also discussed two businesses being in one building with one water meter.

DISCUSSION: SIGNAGE FOR FREEDOM PARK/PEDESTRIAN PARK PLANS

Mayor Deese stated our signage plans and pedestrian park plans are slowly moving. Mayor Deese stated Michael Sheriff has assured him that we are going to see some results on both of those. Mayor Deese stated we have a request from C-Funds for the sidewalks in our area. I tried to call Ed Martin today to see how that was proceeding, but he wasn't in. Mayor Deese stated we will get our Elm tree in September and will be planting it in the park.

DISCUSSION: SUPERIOR MAPPING CO.

Mayor Deese stated Superior Mapping Company is a company that draws maps for towns with little illustrations on them. He stated after reading the information they sent him, he has decided

that would be a good job for the Chamber and not the City. So he will be forwarding that information to the Chamber.

RESOLUTION: TO AUTHORIZE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR PRISONERS PERFORMING WORK FOR THE CITY OF LIBERTY:

Mayor Deese explained that according to the SC Municipal Insurance Trust if we use prison labor from now on, we are required to insure them through workers compensation. He stated we need to decide if it is worth it to use prison labor and pay the workers compensation premium. CM Clark stated it is only going to be 4 per cent of \$6.55. CM Sheriff stated we use county labor every year in Freedom Park.

- *CM Clark made a motion that we adopt the Resolution to Authorize Workers' Compensation coverage for prisoners performing work for the City of Liberty.*
- *CM Petersen amended CM Clark's motion to make a motion that we amend the agenda to add the Resolution to Authorize Workers' Compensation coverage for prisoners performing work for the City of Liberty*
- *CM Yates seconded the motion*
- *Vote: All in favor*

- *CM Clark made motion to adopt the Resolution to Authorize Workers' Compensation coverage for prisoners performing work for the City of Liberty*
- *CM Petersen seconded the motion*
- *Vote: 6 in favor*
- *Oppose: 1*

CM McJunkin stated the highway department came out and looked at the timing of the lights at the intersection of Highway 93 and 178. He stated they still are not too good. There are still repairs that need to be made on Hwy. 93. He stated he did not know why the highway department was letting this go. He stated he wanted to bring this to everyone's attention again to make sure we get these things fixed. Mayor Deese stated he has had them out twice in the past year to look at this situation. GPATS has project on their agenda where that whole interchange will be redone in the next three years. CM McJunkin also wanted to bring up the railroad being torn up. He stated it took us so long to get the railroad crossing fixed for them to tear it up again. Mayor Deese instructed the Clerk to remind him to write a letter to the railroad regarding fixing the crossing. CM McJunkin stated why Gar Con couldn't dump their excess dirt over there to help build that up for the sidewalks. Barry Chappell stated he has asked them to do that and they stated they would be using the dirt to fill in where they had to dig.

CM Yates asked if we were still within the water limits set by the Greenville County watershed. Mayor Deese replied that we were and we have not heard anything from Greenville to indicate that we were in any danger at this time.

CM Harrison stated he had been riding around the City and he was wondering if we could organize a clean up day for the City to try and get some of the trash out of people's yards. He stated we could offer to carry it away for them and the City might be able to make some money off of the scraps. Mayor Deese stated he thought a community wide clean up day would be good. Barry Chappell stated he would welcome anyone who would like to ride around the wards with him.

Mayor Deese stated he was reorganizing Public Works to have a more graphic line of what people are responsible for.

- *CM Petersen made motion to amend the agenda to include a motion they go into Executive Session.*
- *CM Harrison seconded the motion to go into Executive Session*
- *Vote: All in favor of moving into Executive Session.*

- *CM Sheriff made a motion to come out of Executive Session.*
- *CM Yates seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session*
- *Vote: All in favor of coming out of Executive Session*

Adjourn

- CM Sheriff made motion to adjourn.
- CM Clark seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor

Verification/Mayor

V. Sue Woods, Clerk

Approval Date