

**JANUARY 23, 2012
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Ken Etzell, Joe Cannin, Bill & Claudia Wood, Ben Nelms, Stacy Fisher, Rachel Wood, Suzanne Helfman, Janis Anderson, Chuck Eichorst and Winston Skinner.

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order, welcomed visitors and C. Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the January 9, 2012 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Senoia City Cemetery Plan-New Phase

Mr. Ferry presented the plans for the new phase of the cemetery, adding that we are expecting to yield 1,000 lots from the property. Mr. Ferry pointed out the planned buffer between the cemetery and the adjoining property as well as the necessary detention pond that will blend in as a decorative feature. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the plans as presented & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Senoia City Cemetery Project Budget

A project budget was introduced for the new phase of the cemetery in the amount of \$152,668 which will come from reserves. Mr. Ferry informed all that this amount includes expenses already paid in the amount of \$92,000 and the total amount may come in under the proposed. After short discussion, C. Grover approved the project budget for the new phase of the cemetery. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

C. Council Appointment to Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Belisle made motion to appoint C. Fisher as Council representative to the DDA & was 2nd by C. Owens. Vote to approve motion was 4-0-1 (C. Fisher abstained from vote).

D. Mayor and Council Retreat Agenda

Mr. Ferry reviewed the proposed agenda. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the Agenda for the Council Retreat as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. C. Owens asked if there could be items added that pertain to

current agenda items and was told if the item fits in to the discussion, yes. Motion then carried unanimously.

E. Ethics Board Appointment Discussion

Mayor Belisle explained that the appointments to the Ethics Board have expired and asked Council to be prepared to present 2 names each at the February 6th meeting to fill the vacancies.

4. OLD BUSINESS-None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2nd Read- GMEBS Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Update

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the 2nd read of the GMEBS Retirement Plan Update & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness

- **272 Johnson Street-Fence**

C. Grover made motion to approve the fence at 272 Johnson Street & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

- **354 Seavy Street-Fence**

C. Fisher made motion to approve the fence at 354 Seavy Street with the condition that the resident avoids the City right of way. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

- **70 Main Street-Façade, Deck and Outdoor Kitchen**

C. Grover made motion to approve the COA for the façade, deck and outdoor kitchen at 70 Main Street. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

C. Permit at 70 Main Street-Shed, Roof and Posts

Applicant Bill Wood reviewed his proposed plans. Mr. Ferry explained that the permit is to allow the poles or posts to encroach into the City sidewalk slightly past the planters and added that the posts cannot block the step and the location of the poles cannot block pedestrian traffic. After short discussion, C. Owens made motion to allow for the permit regarding the shed, roof and posts & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Downtown Development Authority Update

Rachel Wood gave the DDA update to include news that the Welcome Center will be open Wednesday thru Saturday's from 11:30 to 3 and volunteers are still needed. A *Volunteer Appreciation* dinner was held on January 10th and was attended by 40 volunteers and plans are underway for the annual Memorial Day celebration. Ms. Wood then welcomed C. Fisher as Council representative.

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Council Retreat February 24th and 25th-The Dillard House Dillard, Georgia**
- **Resurrection Run Saturday, March 17th beginning at 8:00 AM**
- **Clean Up Senoia Saturday April 21st**

8. **ADJOURN**

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the January 23, 2012 Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk