

**JUNE 18, 2012  
CITY OF SENOIA  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
505 HOWARD ROAD  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: Wendy Maguire, Winston Skinner, Cailen O'Bryan, Chief Edens, Don Rehman, Ken Hazelton, Ken Ezzell, Stacy Fisher, Harry Ramos, Suzanne Helfman, Tony Bell, Kyle Frank, Stephanie & Kylie Grover.**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESENT**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS**

**Mayor Belisle declared this to be an open meeting duly convened under the Open Meetings Law after receiving confirmation from the City Clerk that all legal requirements have been met. The meeting was then called to order and Mayor Belisle welcomed all.**

**• Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by C. Fisher

**2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 4, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

C. Grover made motion to approve the June 4, 2012 meeting minutes & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 15, 2012 CALLED COUNCIL MINUTES**

C. Owens made motion to approve June 15, 2012 called meeting minutes & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. To approve motion was 4-0 (C. Grover absent from meeting).

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Cleaning Contract**

Mr. Ferry stated that with the recent renovation to City Hall and the significant changes that have occurred he would like to put the cleaning services out to bid. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve moving forward on soliciting bids for the cleaning contract at City Hall and the Stone Lodge. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Revisions to Filming Permit**

Concerned with the hours City staff is spending on the filming taking place, Mayor Belisle asked Chief Edens to elaborate on his recent experience and was told that the process as a whole regarding preplanning was just as expected; 3-4 hours with scheduling and laying out signage but changes lead to more and more time with coordination, not just here but with CSO as well. Mr. Ferry stated that the time upfront is detailed lasting from 30 minutes to a few hours and looking

over the current policy it does not address a long term project such as the current filming. C. Owens suggests putting something in place for the long term but with this being new territory for the City, does not know what. C. Graham would like to see some sort of signature page that must be received confirming that any residents affected by street closings and such have been notified. C. Fisher feels it's too early to change and would like to gather more information before we act, also reminding Council of the free publicity that the City has received from the film being here. City Attorney Andrew Whalen informed all that no changes can be made to the existing permit but Council can be prepared for the next one that comes along. Mayor Belisle feels that any other application has a cost associated with it and feels the filming permit should as well. Mr. Whalen stated that there will be much discussion at the upcoming GMA conference in Savannah next week on the film industry and will bring back the information as to how other jurisdictions handle such projects. Chief Edens also stated that he will be meeting with the Chief of Covington for his input. It was decided that Mr. Ferry will assess and quantify to bring back before Council on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Belisle then made motion to implement a signature form that will be completed and brought to City Hall, handled by the studio to obtain signatures that residents in the affected areas have been notified. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

**B. Downtown Development Authority Update**

Wendy Maguire of the DDA updated all of their recent activities to include the largest and most successful Memorial Day Parade and festivities, the DDA recently received the Historic Preservation award for their work on the Welcome Center-retail space located on Main Street and Southern Ground was welcomed as the most recent business to open its doors on Main Street. Ms. Maguire then reminded all that Southside Cycling Club will be hosting Pedal for Pets on July 14<sup>th</sup>. C. Owens congratulated Ms. Maguire on her recent bike ride from Senoia to Savannah to benefit Pedal for Pets.

**6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

**Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** informed Council that he had recently reviewed the contract between the filming company and our downtown merchants and feels that it is "one sided". Mr. Rehman suggests that Council adopt an "application fee" in an amount to cover the legal expense for reviews to see if the merchants are being fairly treated. Mayor Belisle stated that City has no right or any business interfering in private contracts and will not impose a fee for this reason or be reviewing contracts. C. Grover stated that this is the first negative comment he has heard as all he has spoken with are fine with the contracts.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Senoia Optimist Club & Senoia Police will host “Swing for a Cure” Golf Tournament to raise funds for childhood cancer. The event will take place June 25<sup>th</sup> at Whitewater Creek Golf Course in Fayetteville. Information can be found on City or Police website to include Sponsorship info.**
- **C. Fisher** informed all that a youth event was held at Heritage Point this afternoon in conjunction with Legacy Church and thanked the Church and Heritage Pointe community for the successful event which had 90 attendees including 70 youth.
- **C. Graham** thanked the Senoia Churches and their wide range of continued support that the City and DDA receive throughout the year.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4) Acquisition of Real Estate

Mayor Belisle made motion to enter Executive Session under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4) for Acquisition of Real Estate & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. To approve motion: Belisle, Graham, Fisher, Grover & Owens.

Mayor Belisle made motion to return to regular session & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. To approve motion: Belisle, Graham, Fisher, Grover & Owens.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the June 18, 2012 Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

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Debra J. Volk, City Clerk