

**JULY 16, 2012
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Ken Ezzell, Scott Tigchelaar, Paul Lombardi, Don Rehman, Mike Riley, Tony Bell, Mary Provost, Josh Aikman, Jean & Robert Shell, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Kendall, Judy Belisle, Alex McRae

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, Mayor Belisle welcomed those present and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 18, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Graham made motion to approve the June 18, 2012 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Surveying Contract-Park Projects

Mr. Ferry explained that the City received a call from Mr. Huffman regarding the low bidder surveyor for the Park & Rec project. W.D. Gray was the low bidder on the project and is local. Unfortunately, AMEC's company policy is to clear each subcontractor and this can be a very long process. Mr. Ferry then suggested the City enters into the contract with W.D. Gray. This will expedite the process. AMEC will then strike that portion from our contract. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion for the City to enter into the contract with W.D. Gray as proposed. Motion was 2nd by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

B. Speed Limit Ordinances

C. Owens made motion to approve the 1st read on the Speed Limit Ordinance as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Restoration Agreement-Stalwart Films

Mr. Ferry asked that the set of photos are entered into the agreement as Exhibits 1-19 and that the set plan is included as exhibits 20-21. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the Restoration Agreement with the 2 recommended additions & was 2nd by C. Owens. Vote to approve motion was 4-0-1 as C. Grover abstained from vote.

D. Vehicle Purchase

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the purchase of a "pool" vehicle for City staff at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Cleaning Contract-Postponed**

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **COA-158 Bridge Street/Accessory Structure**

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the COA for a wood accessory structure at 158 Main Street. Motion was 2nd by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

B. **HPC Changes/Ordinance Changes-Discussion**

C. Fisher withdrew his request for discussion

C. **Stalwart Films Application Amendment**

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the amendments as presented & was 2nd by C. Owens. Vote to approve motion was 4-0-1 as C. Grover abstained from vote.

D. **Golf Cart Ordinance Discussion**

Resident requesting discussion not present. C. Owens stated that he does not feel that our residents are aware of the law and the ordinance associated with the golf carts as he has witnessed very young drivers operating them. Chief Edens agreed and assured all that they know of the ones C. Owens was referring to and it has been addressed. Chester Kendall asked if the ordinance also applies to the four-wheelers and was told by Chief Edens that the department is aware of the teenagers on these as well and it is also being addressed.

E. **Downtown Development Authority Update**

DDA member Scott Tigchelaar updated Council on activities to include the upcoming 8th annual car show to be held on Saturday, September 29th and reminded all of Light Up Senoia scheduled for the first Saturday in December and the Candlelight Tour of Homes on December 9th. Mr. Tigchelaar then asked Council to consider the purchase of an artificial tree and was asked by Mayor Belisle to acquire 3 bids. The preliminary structural engineering report was favorable on the covered bridge and DDA is expecting the written report soon. Increase sales have been reported by downtown merchants with the Southern Living traffic and those coming into the City hoping to see some filming of the Walking Dead. Mitch Harberson of Drop Dead Diva sent plaques that were presented to Council and the Police Department after wrapping up their 4th season in appreciation of their support during filming. Finally, the Welcome Center recently hit an all time record of visitors.

6. **APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

C. Owens informed all of the passing of former City Administrator Murray McAfee and arrangements were given. C. Owens then stated that he has spoken to some of the merchants who wanted to thank Stalwart Films and convey their appreciation for all that is being brought to the City with their presence and the filming.

Chief Edens thanked all for their participation in the very successful “Swing for a Cure” golf tournament recently held to benefit childhood cancer.

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the July 16, 2012 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk