

**DECEMBER 3, 2012
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 P M**

VISITORS: Representative Matt Ramsey, Mike Riley, Scott Tigchelaar, Joe Cannin, Don Rehman, Ken Hazelton, Lee Norman, Jennifer Ellison, Alex McRae with the Newnan Times-Herald, Suzanne Helfman, Chuck Eichorst, Judy Belisle and Mary Provost.

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order; Mayor Belisle welcomed those present and C. Fisher led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Belisle then introduced Representative Matt Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey gave a brief overview of who he is and his expectations of working with the elected local officials. He stated that he would like to come back after the legislative session gets underway.

Mayor Belisle then introduced Mike Riley with Stalwart Films and said that he would have to admit that he was a little skeptical about the filming before it started but was pleased with the way it went. Mr. Riley thanked the City for all of its help and support and presented the Mayor with a script page autographed by Andrew Lincoln. Mr. Riley stated that Stalwart Films would be back in the area in February. C Fisher told Mr. Riley that the show had done a superb job and that he will be looking forward to them coming back next season.

Mayor Belisle declared this to be an open meeting duly convened under the Open Meeting law after receiving confirmation from the Deputy City Clerk that all legal requirements have been met.

Mayor Belilse then made motion to amend the agenda to include Executive Session 50-14-3(B) (1) for Real Estate. Motion was seconded by C Owens and carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2012 COUCIL MINUTES

C. Fisher made motion to approve the November 19, 2012 Council minutes as presented and was seconded by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Acceptance Low Bid-Railroad Clearing Project

C. Grover made motion to approve the low bid from Crawford Grading of \$21,500.00 for the Railroad Clearing Project. Motion was seconded by C. Graham and carried unanimously. At this point Mayor Belisle cautioned Council to be mindful of expenditures moving forward because of the unforeseen expense of repairing the bridge on Luther Bailey Road.

B. Resolution-Appointment of Records Custodian

Mayor Belisle made motion to appoint City Administrator Richard Ferry as Records Custodian and City Clerk Debby Volk, Court Clerk Allison Leveillard, and Chief Jason Edens as Assistant Records Custodians. Motion was seconded by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

C. Budget Discussion

Mayor Belisle gave council an opportunity to discuss any changes that they wanted in the 2013 budget before the Public Hearing next week. City Administrator Ferry went over some of the proposed changes in FY 2013 Budget. He stated that employee insurance will be changed due to an increase from 6%-17%. There is a need to increase water and sewer rates as the last several years funding for operation, maintenance and debt service was funded from the rates as well as from developer contributions in the form of Capital Recovery Fees. He expects to see a significant decrease in developer contributions in 2013. The proposed capital budget includes funding for the intersection of Pylant Street and Highway 16 because of safety issues. Consensus of the Council that they were comfortable with taking the budget as is to Public Hearing.

D. Water and Sewer Rate Discussion

City Administrator Ferry gave a synopsis on the reason rate increases in the Water and Sewer Rates were needed and what the rates needed to be to cover the cost of operating each department. Consensus of the Council to go forward with Rate Structure No. 4.

E. Employee Holiday Compensation

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the employee yearly Holiday Compensation using the standard formula, seconded by C. Grover, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None to discuss.

5. NEW BUSINESS**A. Speed Limit Resolution- Hwy 16**

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve Speed Limit Resolution # 12-11, changing the current speed limit starting at Pylant St and going to Rockhouse Rd from 55 mph to GDOT approved speed limit of 45 miles per hour. Seconded by C. Graham, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Hotel/Motel Tax Discussion

Consensus of Council to schedule workshop with City Attorney Whalen after the first of the year to discuss Hotel/Motel Tax options.

C. Loading and Unloading Zone- 8 AM-5PM

Scott Tigchelaar requested a loading zone located on Seavy Street next to 42 Main for patient loading and unloading. C. Owens made motion to approve loading zone from Baggarly Street to No Parking sign on Seavy toward Main to

be effect from 8 AM-5 PM weekdays with the vehicles required to stay active. Seconded by Mayor Belisle, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Senoia Little League Request- Ice Machine

Jennifer Ellison, President of Senoia Athletic Association, presented a request to the Council for an ice machine to replace the broken one in the concession stand. City Administrator Ferry pointed out that if the City buys this with tax money it would belong to the City and not the Senoia Athletic Association. Ms. Ellison responded that she understood the conditions and agreed. C. Grover made motion that City purchase an ice machine to be utilized by the SAA, seconded by C.

Fisher, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Ethics Ordinance Discussion

Consensus of Council for City Administrator Ferry to forward all material to City Attorney Whalen for review and feedback before any action taken on this matter.

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

KEN HAZELTON – Asked what percentage the rate increases on utilities was proposed and what economic impact Stalwart Films had being in the City. Mr. Hazelton was informed that proposed rate increases were 10 % on water and 21% on sewer. Also that there is not a tool to gauge the impact the filming had. City Administrator Ferry was directed to get information about the rate increases on the web site.

DON REHMAN- Asked if a copy of the proposed Ethics Ordinance would be made available to the public and if there would be a public hearing on it before adopted. Richard Ferry was directed to email Mr. Rehman a copy and he was told that there would be a public hearing before the Ordinance changes were adopted. Councilman Graham congratulated the DDA and everyone involved on another great Light Up Senoia.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Candlelight Tour of Homes Sunday, December 9th 5-8 P M**
- **Public Hearing Mon. December 10th-2013 Proposed Budget**
- **Public Hearing Mon. December 10th-Water & Sewer Rate Increase**
- **Southern Living Idea House Open thru December 23rd Wed-Sat 11-5 PM/Sunday 1-5 PM**

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION O.C.G.A. 50-14-3-(B) (1) Real Estate.

On a motion by Mayor Belisle, seconded by C. Fisher, all ayes, the meeting was adjourned to executive session under O.C.G.A. 50-14-3-(B) (1) Real Estate. Vote to approve: Belisle, Fisher, Graham, Grover & Owens.

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

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the December 3, 2012 meeting of Mayor and Council & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk