

**DECEMBER 10, 2012
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Don Rehman, Ken Ezzell, Ken Hazelton, Ben Nelms and Danny Harrison

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING-Water & Sewer Rate Increase**

A. Comments from City Administrator

Mr. Ferry began by stating that due to a shortfall in collections the City requested a water & sewer rate study be conducted by the City engineer as we need to have sustainable rates in order to cover operating costs. The rate structures were reviewed and general consensus was that the City will move to Rate Structure #4 which results in an increase in water rates by 10% and sewer by 21%.

B. Comments from Public

Ken Hazelton of 680 Willow Dell Drive asked how the meters are read and are the meters checked for accuracy? Mr. Ferry stated that the meters are read three ways; manual, touch read via a wand and electronically. The manual meters are being phased out as they do have a life span and quality control will begin this year as mandated, calling for 10% (or 140 meters) to be randomly checked.

C. Comments from Council

C. Owens asked if the sewer availability fee will be changing for those not on the system & was told it will increase from \$19 per month to \$20.57.

D. Council Action

Mayor Belisle made motion to continue the Public Hearing & discussion on the Water & Sewer Rate Increase and delay action to the meeting of December 17th. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

- 3. PUBLIC HEARING-2013 Proposed Operating Budget**

A. Comments from City Administrator

Mr. Ferry presented the balanced proposed budget for 2013 adding that the only fund increasing is Water due to additional GEFA debt service. General Fund decreases 1.25 % and is presented at \$2,297,800, Water Fund was presented at

\$867,900, Sewer decreases 3.10% to \$665,000 and Solid Waste has a minimal increase and was presented at \$214,000.

B. Comments from Public

C. Comments from Council

Mayor Belisle thanked Mr. Ferry for his hard work in preparation of the proposed balanced budget.

D. Council Action

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the 1st read on the Proposed 2013 Operating Budget for all funds. Motion was 2nd by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the December 10, 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