

**DECEMBER 17, 2012
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Ken Etzell, Don Rehman, Danny Harrison, Jack Merrick, Suzanne Helfman, Ken Hazelton, Chief Edens, Gail Downs, Alex McRae, Steve Brown, Gail Noble and Scott Tigchelaar

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and asked that each of us stand for a moment of silence to remember the lives lost in Newtown, Connecticut. C. Fisher then led 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-Continuation on Water & Sewer Rate Increase

A. Comments from City Administrator

Mr. Ferry reminded all of the reasoning behind the increase as the 2011 enterprise fund audit found that the sewer revenues were down for the first time and looking to the future, there will be fewer opportunities for builder contribution. Mr. Ferry then reviewed rate structure #4 which includes an increase in sewer rates 21% and the minimum for water will be set at \$13.75 for the first 1,000 gallon used.

B. Comments from Public-None

C. Comments from Council-None

D. Action on Resolution No. 12-13

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve Resolution No. 12-13 to increase Water & Sewer Rates according to Rate Structure #4 as presented and was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously. Effective date will be January 2013.

3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the December 3, 2012 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 10, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Fisher made motion to approve the December 10, 2012 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**A. LMIG Bid Acceptance Contract-Piedmont Paving**

Mayor Belisle made motion to award the LMIG bid contract to Piedmont Paving at a cost of 66,051.25. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

B. GMA Claims Settlement Request-Rowan

City Attorney Andrew Whalen explained that former employee Dan Rowan was involved in an accident in 1997, has undergone 5 surgeries and has been on disability ever since. As the fund is paying close to \$50,000 per year GMA has recommended to settle, minimizing claim exposure. GMA has obtained a MSA (Medicare Side-Aside), which is required when an injured worker is receiving social security. Medicare has approved a MSA amount of \$279,562.00. The annuitized figure is \$192,609. This is the amount of the settlement. The Fund has approved a settlement of \$150,000.00. Meaning they will reimburse us this amount. Since the MSA settlement is \$192,609.00 and the Fund will reimburse up to the \$150,000.00 GMA will pay out of pocket \$42,609.00 towards settlement of this claim. Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the Claim Settlement as presented and recommended by Attorney Whalen and GMA. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS-None**6. NEW BUSINESS****A. 2nd Read-2013 Operating Budget/All Funds**

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the 2nd read for the 2013 Operating budget in all funds as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Downtown Development Authority Update

DDA Chair Suzanne Helfman reported that the work on the tower building is now complete and that the building has been leased with an occupy date of January 1st. The pavers are also being installed between the Welcome Center and new restaurant *Katy Lou's Café*, which is planned to open December 26th. Light Up Senoia was a great success and the Candlelight Tour of Homes was the most successful to date with 600 tickets sold. Ms. Helfman thanked all homes and SUMC that were on the tour for their participation. Ms. Helfman then presented Mr. Jack Merrick with a Certificate of Appreciation for volunteering year round at all events and activities.

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Don Rehman of Heritage Point thanked Mayor Belisle for requesting a moment of silence and stated that he has three topics this evening. With the recent tragedy in Newtown, Ct., Mr. Rehman asked that the City look at the emergency plan at the Charter School which sits on recently annexed property. C. Grover stated that he is a member of the Board at the Charter School and assured all that the school is planning a full audit and will be working together with law enforcement to come up with this plan.

Mr. Rehman said that he is not opposed to executive sessions but feels that Council has an obligation to reveal to the public exactly what specific sub topic will be discussed.

Mr. Rehman then informed Council that he opposes the proposed Charter that was recently submitted to Georgia Legislature and has contacted our State Representatives to his voice his concerns.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **City Hall will be closed Friday, December 21st from 11-2 for the Employee Luncheon, Monday & Tuesday, December 24-25th for the Christmas Holiday and December 31-January 1st for New Year's**
- **Southern Living Idea House Open thru December 23rd Wed-Sat 11-5 PM/Sunday 1-5 PM**
- **C. Owens thanked all committee members and volunteers for their efforts throughout the year and thanked our businesses and Scott Tigchelaar of Senoia Enterprises for working with the movie crew with the filming of Walking Dead. C. Owens stated that it was a very prosperous year for all involved.**
- **Mayor Belisle wished all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER O.C.G.A §50-14-3 (b) (1) Real Estate

Mayor Belisle made motion to enter Executive Session Under O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (b) (1) for Real Estate. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve: Belisle, Fisher, Graham, Grover and Owens.

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

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the December 17, 2012 Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.