

APRIL 21, 2008
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM

VISITORS: Donna Black, Albert Gross, Tim Bridges, Mark McCammon, Bill & Betty Jerome, Denise Gregory, Mo Ridenhour, Bob Werner, Mike Volk, Ken Ezzell, Chana Smith, Jill Phillips, Chief Bennett, Captain Edens, John Thompson, Mary Provost and Sarah Campbell

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 7, 2008 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the April 7, 2008 City Council minutes with a clarification that the motion made to make Baggarly Way one way is clearly defined from the portion at Seavy Street south to Travis Street. With this clarification, motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Senoia Animal Hospital

Chief Bennett informed all that the Senoia Animal Hospital was requested to assist in helping with the investigations of two incidents involving animal cruelty and the mauling of a cat by a vicious dog. Chief Bennett stated that without the help of the Senoia Animal Hospital, these cases may have gone unsolved or up-prosecuted and the hospital was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Senoia Police Department K-9 Division. Dr. Jill Phillips and staff member Chana Smith accepted the certificate on the hospital's behalf. Dr. Phillips then stated that she is proud to be a part of the Senoia community and was glad to help. C. Owens then offered his condolences for the recent loss of Dr. Phillip's father.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. 2ND Read-Reese Development Annexation/Rezoning Ordinance

C. Owens made motion to approve the 2nd read of the Reese Development annexation/rezoning ordinance & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Pyrotechnico-Proposal for Memorial Day Fireworks

C. Owens made motion to approve the proposal as presented from Pyrotechnico to host the fireworks display on Memorial Day. This motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

C. Court Contract for Payment of Traffic Citations via Internet

Chief Bennett presented a proposal from nCourt giving the City the ability to accept payment of traffic citations via the internet with a credit card. Mr. Ferry asked if the Judge was behind this proposal & was told yes. C. Graham asked if there was any cost to the City & was told by Mr. Whalen no, that the violator will pay a service fee in addition to the fine that will go to nCourt for this service. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the court contract with nCourt for online citation payment as presented & was 2nd by C.

4. NEW BUSINESS**A. Variance Application-Heritage Point Part 2**

C. Owens made motion to approve the variance for Heritage Point Part 2 asking that the 18 lots identified be allowed septic tanks rather than public sewer conditioned that there be a 50' permanent buffer on all lots adjacent to the property owned by Denise Gregory and that an 8" water line be run from Stallings into the project as previously discussed. Mr. Ferry asked that the motion be amended to include an additional signature line on the final plat for Coweta County Environmental Health. C. Owens agreed to amendment & motion was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Downtown Development Authority Tax Discussion

DDA Chair Suzanne Helfman informal all that the Authority has the power under the DDA Law of 1981 O.C.G.A. §48-5-350 to receive and use City tax money and levy a tax up to three mills for the support of the Authority. Ms. Helfman stated that the Authority unanimously voted on April 8th to request that Council approve a three mill increase for properties within their boundaries which are zoned either commercial or office-institutional that will be used to fund the position of a Better Hometown manager. Mr. Whalen stated that he'll have to see if the City can single out these districts alone or if the tax will need to be citywide. Both the Mayor and C. Graham understood through DCA that this was allowed. Mr. Whalen indicated that he would review and report back to Council within the week. C. Owens asked in the meantime that the DDA solicit input from the downtown merchants and property owners within the GC and O/I areas. Mayor Belisle stated that he would like to begin the Public Hearing process and has targeted the first meeting in June for it to begin. Council will wait for Mr. Whalen to report back.

C. Broad Street and 110 Clark Street

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the COA for a porch at 35 Broad Street & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Belisle made motion to deny the COA for a fence at 110 Clark Street & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Belisle then made motion to deny the COA for an accessory structure until applicant can come under the terms of the zoning & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Albert Gross-Main Street Parking

Olde Town Video owner Albert Gross addressed Council asking that 3-4 parking spaces be identified for his customers with a suggested 30 minute time limit as there is no longer ample parking on Main Street. Mr. Gross stated that since the new businesses have opened up his customers can no longer get a space in front of his store and will not park and walk a block to rent a video and has also closed the store when special events are held in the City for the same reason. Mr. Whalen informed all that the spaces are public property for all residents to do business and a short term solution would be for merchants to supply off street parking if possible. C. Graham stated that the City is trying to fix the parking situation but cannot designate spaces. C. Grover suggests that merchants work with the DDA to come up with a plan. Suzanne Helfman stated that the DDA sent a letter to all merchants asking to voluntarily park off street if possible. Council asked DDA to get letters out to all merchants of their next meeting date where parking will be discussed for any input they may have.

5. OLD BUSINESS-None

6. **APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- “Art Senoia” Art Show Friday, begins April 25th from 6:30 to 9:30 PM and will continue weekends thru Memorial Day-20 Main Street**
- Senoia City Wide Clean Up Saturday, April 26th-8:00 to 4:00 PM**
- Motorcycle Meet Saturday, April 26th -11:00 to 5:00 PM**
- Memorial Day Parade & Fireworks Monday, May 26th 2:00 PM with other entertainment beginning at noon.**

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

Mayor Belisle made motion to enter Executive Session & was 2nd by C. Owens. To approve motion: Belisle, Graham, Grover, Harrison & Owens.

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

9. **ADJOURN**

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the April 21, 2 008 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk