

**FEBRUARY 4, 2008
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:30 PM**

VISITORS: Brenda & Tommy Matthews, Bill Roy, Jason Edens, Ollita Bennett, Robert Tytus, Jonathan Wilson, Steve Jenkins, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Leslie Neville, Paul & Ann Price, Trey Alverson, George Amey, Teron Hallums, Willie Miller, Bob Tinsley, Ken Barnard, John Chappell, Lesley Merriman, Mark McCammon, Donna Black, Pam Reynolds, Brian Hendry, David Moye, Bob Werner, John Strength, Tom Reese, John Thompson, Bob Rolader, Bill Wood, Mike Devane, Becky Payne, Chuck & Pat Elchorst, Don Trisler, Beria, Amelia & Beria Orr Jr., Chuck Ogletree, Jim & Melinda Garver, Kirsten & Rodney Walker, Brenda Pedraza-Vidamour, Rick Reynolds, Bill Weston, Gail Downs, Billy Tyre, Mary Provost, Jack Humphrey. Steve Fox, Carrie Molleson, Paul Tully, Steve Burgess, Pat Hembree, Cal Watson, Karen Allen, Ed Mitchell and Andrew Wrenwick

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 7, 2008 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Owens made motion to approve the January 7, 2008 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Belisle then made motion to amend the agenda for the addition under New Business "G"-Street Dept. tire changer/balancer purchase. This motion was 2nd by C. Graham & carried unanimously.

C. Owens informed all that at the recent Mayor's Day conference in Atlanta the City was awarded the distinction of being a "City of Ethics". C. Owens then presented the plaque to Mayor Belisle.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. SPLOST Allotment-Certificate of Distribution

Mr. Ferry informed all that with the addition of the City of Turin to the list for SPLOST distribution, a new Certificate of Distribution is needed and also stated that Turin's portion will be taken from the County share as our amounts will not change. Mayor Belisle made motion to sign the new Certificate of Distribution & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Variance-Reduction in Sq. Ft. @ 30 Drake Street

C. Owens stated that he understands that the variance request is a drastic reduction but is comfortable with approval as long as all rules with Habitat and the City is properly followed. C. Graham is worried that approving the variance might set precedence. C. Harrison agrees. Mayor Belisle stated that if the current structure were to burn down today the resident would have 6 months to rebuild to the current sq. ft.

that this is not an empty lot but an existing structure. After short discussion, C. Owens made motion to approve the variance in sq. ft. at 30 Drake Street from 1,500 to 1,000 & was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 4-1 with C. Graham opposed.

B. Variance-Reduction in Lot Width/Lot Arrangement/Clark Street

C. Harrison made motion that the plan presented be changed from 4 lots to either 2 or 3. This motion was 2nd by C. Owens. Vote to approve was 2-2 (Belisle & Graham opposed). C. Grover recues himself. Motion dies. C. Owens stated that he would like to see 2 lots with a maximum of 3. C. Grover says he feels that there is enough room for the 4 lots. Mr. Ferry suggests looking at the plat again and coming up with alternatives. Mayor Belisle stated that he is frustrated as initially it was to be zoned IIR with up to 17 lots and now some are having difficulty approving 4 that are very doable lots. Mr. Whalen informed all that this was deeded as one tract. C. Graham feels the plan presented is the best one. Mayor Belisle then made motion to approve the plan as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Vote was 2-2 (Owens & Harrison opposed). C. Grover recues himself. Motion dies. Mayor Belisle then asked for a 5 minute recess. Upon returning Mayor Belisle asked C. Grover for reason behind the not voting & was told conflict of interest. C. Harrison then made motion to postpone action on the variance & was 2nd by C. Owens. Vote was 2-2 (Belisle & Graham opposed). C. Grover recues himself. Motion dies. David Moyer of Seavy Street again asked Council to approve 2 or 3 lots. Paul Price of Seavy Street stated that the possibility exists for one person to buy two lots. C. Owens stated that aesthetically 3 lots would look better. C. Harrison asked why there is opposition to the 3 lots and was told by Mayor Belisle that with 5 acres economically, it makes no sense to go 3. C. Graham again stated that this plan makes most sense and is absolutely in favor of it. After short discussion, C. Graham made motion to approve the plan as presented with the 4 lots & was 2nd by Mayor Belisle. Vote to approve was 3-1 (C. Owens opposed). C. Grover recues himself from vote.

C. Variance/COA-Additional Accessory Structure-175 Bridge St.

C. Harrison made motion to approve the additional accessory structure at 175 Bridge St. & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Expansion of General Commercial District-Hwy. 16 & 85

Mayor Belisle indicated that the applicant did not show and therefore, the expansion of the GC district will not be heard. All re-advertising fees will need to be paid by applicant before this item is listed on a future agenda

E. Preliminary Plat for Newberry Subdivision-Withdrawn

F. Annexation and Rezoning-268.47 Acres Highway 16

C. Owens made motion to table action on the Annexation/Rezoning until reports from our City Engineer are received, as well as a development agreement is finalized. This motion was 2nd by C. Grover. Mayor Belisle asks that the motion be amended to include a time frame, that all documents are ready for the 1st meeting in March. All agreed and motion carried unanimously.

G. Street Department Purchase-Tire Changer/Balancer

Mr. Ferry explained that at present the public works vehicles are taken to local shops for their maintenance and the department wants to start doing this maintenance themselves, thus saving the City time and money. The tire changer and balance will certainly help to achieve this & a bid from Carroll Tire Company was presented for approval at a cost of \$10,500 for both. After short discussion Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the purchase as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Belisle then commended Public Works Director Randy Padgett for his efficiency.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Code Enforcement Bob Werner-Current Burn Ban

Mr. Werner informed all that with the drought situation in our State, in October the City extended its burn ban indefinitely and with the recent rains, is asking Council to lift the ban for the next 90 days until the state ban goes back into effect on May 1st. C. Owens made motion to lift the current burn ban and allow residents to burn with GA. Forestry permitting until May 1st. This motion was 2nd by C. Graham & carried unanimously.

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Anyone wishing to serve on the Senoia Housing Authority Board of Directors is asked to submit a letter of interest to City Hall**
- Water Interruption for necessary improvements will occur at the Hwy. 16 & 85 area on Thursday, February 7th between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM**
- Vote Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(6)-Personnel

EXECUTIVE SESSION O.C.G.A §50-14-2-Pending/Potential Litigation

Mayor Belisle made motion to close regular session for Executive Session under the three identified sections above. To approve motion: Belisle, Graham, Grover, Harrison & Owens.

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

C. Graham made motion to move forward with a survey and appraisal for an unnamed property & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the February 4, 2008 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk