

**AGENDA
JANUARY 7, 2008
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Sam & Suzanne Helfman, James & MaryAnn Reese, Beverly Owens, John Strength, Ken Barnard, Tom Hardy, Jason Edens, Chief Bennett, Bob Werner, Pat, Ellis & Greg Crook, Bill & Betty Jerome, John Chappell, Rhonda & Dave Moye, Alex Tye, Aime Scarbrough, Bill Wood, Kim Resmondo and John Thompson

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

Oath of Office-Councilman Owens and Councilman Harrison

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to both Councilman Owens and Councilman Harrison.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Library Director Aime Scarbrough

Mayor Belisle read Resolution No. 08-01, recognizing Library Director Aime Scarbrough who observed and reported possible illegal activities that were occurring in the Library that ultimately led to the arrest of a suspected sex offender. On behalf of Mayor and Council and the residents of Senoia, Mayor Belisle thanked Ms. Scarbrough for a job well done.

Mayor Belisle made motion to amend the agenda for the addition under New Business item E-PD Salaries and Car Computers, F-Water Meter Purchase and G-Retreat. This motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the December 3, 2007 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. 2nd Read Franchise Fee Ordinance

L. Owens made motion to approve the 2nd read on the Franchise Fee Ordinance & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Set Qualifying Fee-2008 Municipal Elections

Mayor Belisle made motion to set the 2008 Qualifying Fees at \$360.00 for Mayor and \$90.00 for Council. This motion was 2nd by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

C. Appointment of Mayor-Pro Tem

Mayor Belisle made motion to appoint C. Owens as Mayor Pro Tem & was 2nd by C. Graham. Vote to approve 4-0-1. C. Owens abstained.

D. Cost of Living Increase

City Administrator Richard Ferry informed Council that his recommendation for the cost of living increases across the board is 2% with review for merit mid year. After short

discussion, C. Owens made motion to award employees a 2% cost of living raise with re-evaluation mid year & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Meeting Date Change for January 21, 2008

C. Owens made motion to cancel the January 21st Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Award/Bid Acceptance for Freeman/Sasser Building improvements

C. Owens made motion to accept the Griffith bid for repairs needed on the F/S Building & was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 4-0-1. Mayor Belisle abstained.

B. Review Bids Proposal-Stone Building at Merrimac Lakes

Mr. Ferry stated that major improvements are needed on the brick building located in Merrimac Lake Park and outlined repairs numbered 1 thru 13 that are anticipated (incl. & made part of minutes) at an estimated cost of \$80,000 to \$100,000 to make the building usable. C. Harrison is concerned with the lighting in the area. Mayor Belisle suggested adding lighting and security as #14 on the list. C. Graham asked what the building will be used for & was told meetings throughout the day and possibly other committee meetings in the evenings. C. Harrison asked if the Scouts would be permitted to use it & was told by Mayor Belisle that usage will be determined once the building is complete but if it is opened up to one civic group it will have to be available to all. C. Owens stated that the building can be used wisely for many different functions and is in favor of remodeling. C. Graham is concerned with "throwing good money into something that might have a better location" elsewhere. C. Grover indicated that putting the project out to bid isn't locking us into anything. Mr. Ferry said ample parking will be made available on a portion of the trail under the utility and is a fairly flat section. Also, the City staff will be handling the water lines, septic system and parking. After short discussion, C. Grover made motion to put out to bid the list of repairs needed on the brick building, adding to the list of 13 items as #14-lighting and security. This motion was 2nd by C. Harrison and the vote was 4-1. To approve motion: Belisle, Grover, Harrison & Owens. To oppose: Graham.

C. Police Dept. -Award Bid for All Terrain Vehicle

C. Grover made motion to approve the purchase of the All Terrain Rapid Response Vehicle at a cost of \$12,000 fully equipped & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Police Dept. Proposal for Starting Salary-Postpone to last item on Agenda

E. Police Dept. Laptop Purchase

C. Harrison made motion to approve the purchase of laptop computers for police vehicles at an estimated cost of \$41,000 & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Water Meter Purchase

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the purchase of 60 refurbished water meters at a cost savings of \$723.00 and the same warranty as brand new. This motion was 2nd by C. Harrison and carried unanimously.

G. Council Retreat

Madison, Georgia was decided on for Council to hold a workshop/retreat on Friday February 29th and Saturday February 30th. Mr. Ferry will contact the city and also inquire of lodging and a place to meet.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Variance(s) for NW Corner of Bridge & Wells Streets

C. Grover made motion to approve the variances as presented with the following conditions:

1. Crook will provide a signed letter from GDOT stating all GDOT requirements for the curb cut onto GA Hwy 16.
2. Crook shall not allow the dumpster to be emptied between the hours of 8 PM and 8 AM.
3. All tire center refuge that cannot be placed into the dumpster shall be kept within the building until a point where it can be properly disposed of.
4. Crook will be required to provide a landscape plan to the Planning Commission for review.
5. The submitted landscape plan shall require an inch by inch replacement for any trees that are removed for development.
6. Crook will be required to submit architectural drawings to the Historical Preservation Commission for review.
7. The exit onto Bridge Street shall have signage stating "Right Turn Only".
8. The turning radius of the proposed exit onto Bridge Street shall be amended to show a 1 foot radius
9. If allowed by the sewer line, the gap in the trees shall be planted.
10. Crook shall submit a plat of the property combining all GC lots.
11. Crook shall build in accordance to this site plan only.
12. Crook shall not permit any exterior storage.

This motion was 2nd by C. Harrison. Mayor Belisle asked to amend motion to be specifically tied to the site plan presented tonight. Both Councilman Grover and Harrison agreed. After short discussion, vote to approve was 4-1. C. Graham opposed.

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Citizen comments should relate to specific agenda items, not listed on the agenda for a Public Hearing, or to a concern within the jurisdiction of the City. Council meetings serve the purpose of conducting city business and are not a forum for the unlimited expression of opinion. If an item is listed on the agenda for a Public Hearing, you will have an opportunity at that time to comment on the particular matter. All comments should be limited to three (3) minutes. The Mayor reserves the right to limit comments to matters germane to city business and may refer speakers to the City Administrator or other staff for resolution. Comments shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to individual councilmen or staff. The Mayor shall maintain decorum and unruly behavior will not be tolerated.

Mr. John Chappell of Bridge Street asked Council if getting some more "Bridge Out" signs are possible as people are not realizing it until it is too late and are using driveways to turn around in. Council indicated that either a "Bridge Out" or "Dead End" signs will be place in the area.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS-None

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER §50-14-3(4)-Acquisition of Real Estate
EXEDUTIVE SESSION UNDER §50-14-3(6)-Personnel**

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

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

Mayor Belisle then made motion to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise for McCue, Allen and Mathis, a 75 cent raise to Tomlin, 50 cent raises to each Edens, Resmondo, Ercole, Eakin and Burns with the Chief getting a 2% increase. This motion was 2nd by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

Mayor Belisle then made motion to raise the Court Clerk's annual salary to \$28,500 and was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the January 7, 2008 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Harrison made motion to return to regular session for unfinished business & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve drawing up a contract for an un-named property purchase at a cost of \$40,000 & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the January 7, 2008 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk