

**JULY 7, 2008
CITY OF SENOIA
PUBLIC HEARING
ADDITIONAL CHARGE TO BILLING
FOR LEAF AND LIMB PICK UP SERVICE
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Bill & Nancy Roy, Bill & Betty Jerome, JoAnne Utt, Mike Volk, Sarah Campbell, John Thompson, Scott Tigchelaar, Martha Barksdale, Bob Werner, Paul Lombardi, Ollita Bennett, Roger Alley, Sam & Suzanne, Jason Edens & Bill Tyre

**COUNCIL PRESENT: Belisle, Grover, Harrison & Owens
COUNCIL ABSENT: Graham**

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the Public Hearing to order and welcomed all

2. PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To present and receive comments on an additional charge to resident billing of \$2.00 per month per household for this service.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ferry explained that within the General Fund, the Street Department offers the service of curbside pick up of limbs and brush at a cost of \$68,400 annually. Pick up consists of 4 men on Mondays and 2 on Tuesdays. Due to the very high cost of the collection the City staff has looked at alternative ways of providing this service which are abandon the pick up service and instructing residents to haul debris themselves to the landfill in Newnan, contracting with Dependable Waste at a cost of \$4.00 per household or creating our own recycling center at the shop. Mr. Ferry recommends contracting with Dependable Waste with the City absorbing half the cost and only charging residents \$2.00 per household

4. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

JoAnne Utt of Luther Bailey Road asked if we are looking at the additional charge due to the rising cost of gas & was told that it is a combination of things, including a decrease in revenues. Ms. Utt then asked how long would the residents be charged and would it still be a two day service. Mr. Ferry stated that the contract was on a year to year basis and the pick up would occur one day each week. Ms. Utt is worried about the contracted service in the event of a storm and limb/tree removal and was assured that any limbs or trees affected by storms would be handled by the Street Department.

Roger Alley of Springdale stated that he doesn't have a problem with contracting out but would like to see the City open its own recycling center for paper, cardboard, plastic and cans. Mr. Alley offered information if interested.

Betty Jerome of Willow Dell asked that the City go to every other week before outsourcing & was told that this would create an astronomical amount of pick up

in a two week time period. Mayor Belisle stated that C. Grover will be attending a meeting later this month on recycling and will bring back information.

5. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

C. Harrison asked how far away is the landfill in Newnan and was told approximately 20 miles. C. Harrison asked how soon Dependable needs to know & was told there is no hurry. C. Owens stated that the monthly charge to residents would be \$2.00 with the City picking up the other \$2.00. C. Harrison stated that if the City contracts he would like to see the \$2.00 charge for residents eliminated when we get a recycle facility. Mr. Ferry informed all that future administrations are not bound by any action of this Council. Mayor Belisle said that he would like to go in this direction & then work on a comprehensive plan including grants and possibly adding this as an item for future SPLOST.

6. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the July 7, 2008 Public Hearing & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk