

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2008
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Gail Downs, Bob Fant, Cynthia Bennett, Petti & Rick Waggoner, Martha Barksdale, Bill & Betty Jerome, John Thompson, Captain Edens, Sgt. Resmondo, Bill Wood, Mary Provost and Bob Werner.

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order, welcomed all and asked all present to mute or turn off their cell phones.

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2008 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the August 18, 2008 City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Resolution-Council Change to Four Year Terms

C. Owens made motion to approve Resolution No. 08-17 for the change to 4-year Council terms & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution-Water & Sewer Specifications for Submittal to EPD

Mr. Ferry explained that he was informed by our consultant J & T Environmental Services that as we move towards production of the Heritage Pointe wells the City will need to submit the required water and sewer specifications before an EPD audit is performed. These specs will be forwarded to DNR/EPD for approval. J & T supplied standard specs that Council can approve by Resolution No. 08-18 to bring us into compliance. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve Resolution No. 08-18 for submittal of City water and sewer specifications to EPD and was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment to Historical Preservation Commission

With only two letters of interest received from HPC incumbents, C. Grover made motion to approve Ken Barnard and Paul Price to serve 4-year terms each on the Historical Preservation Commission to end August 31, 2012. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

B. Budget Item – Police Department – In Car Camera

Captain Edens informed Council that three of the in car cameras are inoperable and therefore, bids were received from 3 vendors for their replacement from VHS to digital, and is recommending the lowest from West Chatham Police at a cost of \$12,450 including shipping and installation. Captain Edens stated all the other cars have been replaced as needed with the digital cameras and he didn't know if this was a budgeted item. Mr. Ferry stated that inoperable cameras are no good

and replacement is extremely important but asks if with the current hiring freeze and the 11th car, if the cameras can be moved from one vehicle to another. Captain Edens informed all that once the cameras are in place they cannot be moved to another vehicle. C. Harrison asked how many of the patrol cars have the VHS cameras & was told only the three left needing replaced. Mayor Belisle stated that with a recent fatality involved during a high speed chase he sees a necessity of having all broken cameras replaced and made a motion to approve the purchase of the 3 digital cameras from West Chatham at a cost of \$12,450. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

C. East Coweta High School-Request for Homecoming Parade

East Coweta High School Principal Rick Waggoner thanked Council for considering the request to have the homecoming parade in downtown Senoia and introduced Cynthia Bennett to outline the evening's activities for Thursday, October 23rd. Ms. Bennett stated that the school is excited to bring the parade back to Senoia but would also like permission to include a pep rally on the streets immediately following. A diagram was passed out outlining the intersection renamed for the evening as Rodeo Drive and Warpath Blvd and the activities planned. Ms. Bennett continued to say that the parade would start around 5 and asked that the streets be closed at 4, and hopes that the businesses would remain open. The theme this year is "Old Hollywood" and included with the pep rally would be the crowning of the Homecoming King. Ms. Bennett indicated that when held at the school there are approximately 200-225 students indoors but would expect upwards of 300 on the street. C. Owens asked Capt. Edens if he had any concerns with the street closings & was told none. C. Harrison asked if the businesses have been contacted about the street closings and was told by Mr. Ferry that this will be worked out at the staff level. Ms. Bennett then encouraged Council to participate as judges for this year's parade. Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the street closings for the ECHS parade and pep rally on October 23rd from 4-7 PM & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS-None

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Bob Fant of Senoia Garden Center stated that he is proud to be a Senoia business owner but has concerns of security and safety at his location. Mr. Fant informed Council that last week he was robbed of approximately \$100 worth of plants. When called, the Senoia Police suggested an increase in lighting, video surveillance and have a fence installed. Mr. Fant informed all that he has installed more lighting with motion detectors and surveillance cameras already but would like to install a fence and presented pictures of the proposed. Mr. Fant indicated that this would be roughly 42 inches high and attached to the railroad ties presently in place surrounding the property that will not be permanently fixed and can easily be moved. Also provided were pictures taken earlier today of a child walking away from their mother towards the street, adding to the necessity of a

fence for safety reasons. The end of the fence would be white wood and have latches on the inside gate at the entrances. Mr. Ferry agrees with the police as far as the level of security at that location but is not sure if the “movable fence pertains to ordinance as if it is movable, is it truly a fence”. Mr. Ferry stated that the HPC would need to review and deem appropriate for the location. Mr. Fant would like to install the fence now and agree to change to whatever is approved. C. Graham asked if we can give approval now conditionally & was told by Mr. Ferry that we don’t even have an application and that any action now would be at the business owner’s risk. Mayor Belisle told Mr. Fant that we would need it in writing that he is placing the temporary fence at his own risk, will follow proper channels with the HPC procedures and will adhere to whatever action is instructed. Mr. Fant agrees and will get a letter to Mr. Ferry. C. Owens is concerned with the safety issue and was told by Mr. Fant that he is willing to put up the fence and make proper changes as instructed. Mayor Belisle made motion to allow a temporary fence at 36 Broad Street at his own risk until proper channels are followed with the Historic Preservation Commission. This motion was 2nd by C. Harrison and carried unanimously.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **DDA Car Show-September 27th from 1:00 to 9:00 PM**

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

Mayor Belisle made motion to enter Executive Session under O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(6) for Personnel & was 2nd by C. Grover. To approve motion: Belisle, Graham, Grover, Harrison and Owens.

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

C. Owens made motion to approve a 5% annual pay increase for Public Works Director Randy Padgett and was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Belisle then stated that he would like to personally thank Mr. Padgett for always going above and beyond.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the September 15, 2008 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk

