

**JUNE 6, 2011
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Gary Sykes, Ben Nelms, Chuck Eichorst, Harry Ramos, Suzanne Helfman, Ken Etzell, Ken Hazelton, David Lindsay, Jerry Peterson, Chris Ricciardi, Joe Cannin, Judy Belisle, Don Rehman and Sarah Campbell

COUNCIL PRESENT: Belisle, Owens, Fisher and Graham

COUNCIL ABSENT: Grover

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

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

Mayor Belisle made motion to enter Executive Session under §50-14-2 & was 2nd by C. Graham. To approve motion: Belisle, Owens, Fisher and Graham.

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

C. Owens made motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2011 & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Letter to Coweta County-SDS & LOST

Mayor Belisle stated that he has drafted a letter to the County asking that the Service Delivery Strategy and the Distribution of LOST and SPLOST funds be negotiated and completed concurrently. C. Owens made motion to withhold sending the letter until more information is reviewed. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and vote to approve motion was 3-1 with Mayor Belisle opposed.

B. James L. Whitaker P.C.-Proposal for Tax Equity Study

Mayor Belisle made motion to hire James L. Whitaker, P.C. to do a detailed tax equity study. C. Fisher stated that without Mr. Whitaker present for specifics it is hard to go along with motion as the costs could mount upwards of \$100,000. Mr. Ferry stated that Mr. Whitaker is of the opinion that it would cost \$20,000-40,000 and the study could be complete by the end of August. C. Graham would like to see a schedule or plan as we don't know if this will save us money or cost us. C. Owens suggests waiting until Mr. Whitaker could be here; possibly the next meeting to provide answers. After short discussion, Mayor's motion dies for lack of 2nd. C. Graham made motion to table action on the Tax Equity Study until Mr. Whitaker can be here to answer or provide specific information as to a schedule and cost. C. Fisher stated that the County has offered to let him study their budget and allocations, which he will in the very near future. Motion was then 2nd by C. Fisher and vote to approve motion was 3-1 with Mayor Belisle opposed.

C. Sunday Sales Discussion

City Attorney Drew Whalen informed all that a proposed ordinance for Sunday sales was sent to Mr. Ferry for malt, beer and wine that outlines hours of operation from 12:30 PM to 11:30 PM if Council is interested in it for the November ballot. Mr. Whalen stated that in August the final ordinance with specific language will be listed on agenda for action. C. Owens made motion to take steps forward to have Sunday sales included on the November ballot w/language as discussed. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and vote to approve motion was 3-1 with C. Graham opposed.

5. OLD BUSINESS-None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. 1ST Read-Village West Annexation/Zoning

C. Graham made motion to approve the 1st Read for the Village West Annexation/Zoning & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Headley Construction-Access Drive Paving Change Order

C. Owens made motion to approve the change order from Headley Construction as presented for the access drive paving & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

- **Don Rehman of Heritage Point suggests a Public Hearing to inform residents about the Sunday sales for input, suggests an outside accountant for the tax equity study and thanked the City for the acquiring the means to pay utilities online.**
- **Ken Hazelton of Willow Dell asked if we do the study and it comes out that there is an inequity will we have to go to litigation.**
- **Chris Ricciardi is in favor of the tax equity study as without study we won't know if we're being taxed for services not received and is disappointed that it was tabled.**
- **Joe Cannin agrees with Mr. Ricciardi and added is disappointed with action to table and would like Council to reconsider. C. Owens stressed that to table the issue doesn't mean doing away with, simply giving more time for information.**

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Senoia Farmer's Market-2nd & 4th Saturday 8- Noon thru September**
- **C. Owens thanked all involved in the very successful Memorial Day Parade, festivities and fireworks.**

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the June 6, 2011 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk

