

**APRIL 1, 2013
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Ken Etzell, Judy Belisle, Mary Provost, Bill Roy, Don Rehman, Ken Etzell, Chief Edens, Officer Kilgore, Beverly Owens, Susie Harrison, Joe Cannin, Tony Bell, Suzanne Helfman, Ben Nelms, Chuck & Pat Eichorst, Gary Bumgartner, Alex McRae, Bob Werner, Officer Worden, Peter & DeeDee Harvey, John Bynum, Stacy Fisher, Stephanie & Kylie Grover, Sgt. McCue and Big Foot.

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle declared this to be an open meeting duly convened under the Open Meetings law after receiving confirmation from the City Clerk that all legal requirements have been met.

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order, welcomed all and C. Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acknowledging that Big Foot is alive and well in Senoia and after thanking him for attending our meeting, Mayor Belisle made motion that from this day forward April 1st is to be Big Foot Day in the City of Senoia! Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously. If my understanding of Big Foot dialect is up to date, Big Foot then voiced his appreciation to Council for the honor.

1. PUBLIC HEARING-Detached Garage @ 225 Pylant Street

A. Comments from Applicant

Representing the homeowner, John Bynum stated that a variance is being requested for the construction of a 1,060 sq. ft. detached 3-car garage with an upstairs "studio", including a ½ bath.

B. Comments from City Administrator.

Mr. Ferry asked Council if action is to approve, include the condition that the loft space can never have a kitchen installed or be used as living space.

C. Comments from Public-None

D. Council Comment & Action

After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the variance as presented with the condition that the loft can never have a kitchen installed or be used as living space. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 18, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the March 18, 2013 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**A. Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance**

Councilman Grover made motion to table action on the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Ethics Ordinance

Councilman Fisher suggested some revisions to the current ordinance to include a time period for which the person charged could respond in writing and also that the hearing proceed as quickly as possible after charges filed, preferably within 30 days. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle instructed Mr. Whalen to compose and bring back to the April 15th meeting for action and/or 1st read.

4. OLD BUSINESS-None**5. NEW BUSINESS****A. Historic Preservation Commission Appointment**

Motion was made by Mayor Belisle to appoint Gary Baumgartner to HPC & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Downtown Truck Traffic

With GPS directing trucks thru the downtown area with the majority in route to the industrial businesses, Council feels that signage would help at the City entrances to direct trucks away from the downtown area as well as some other methods of addressing the problem via ordinance. After short discussion, Mr. Whalen will look at revising an ordinance regarding downtown truck traffic & present to Council for review.

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Ton Bell of Senoia Optimist Club thanked all who participated in the very successful BBQ recently held and stated that \$1,600 was raised for Healthcare of Atlanta and reviewed upcoming events. Mr. Bell then asked that in future discussions and actions that Council be mindful of the trucks delivering to downtown merchants.

Ken Hazelton of Willow Dell Drive asked for an update on the proposed Charter and the early warning system. Mayor Belisle stated that the Charter passed both houses and we are waiting for Governor Deal's signature. Mr. Ferry stated that Coweta County has requested RFP's on the warning system and they should be receiving them back within the month.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Clean Up Senoia Saturday, April 20th 8-4:00 PM Howard Rd.
- April 21st *Taste of Senoia*

- **May 13th Optimist Golf Tournament at Eastlake in Atlanta to benefit Childhood Cancer**
- **May 27th Memorial Day Parade, Festivities & Fireworks @ Marimac Lake**

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (b) (1)-Real Estate
EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 Attorney/Client**

Mayor Belisle made motion to enter Executive Session under the two Code sections listed & was 2nd by C. Fisher. To approve motion: Belisle, Fisher, Graham, Grover & Owens.

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

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the April 1, 2013 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.