

**APRIL 15, 2013
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Ken Etzell, Harry Ramos, Don Rehman, Suzanne Helfman, April Anderson, Joe Cannin, Alex McRae, Danny Harrison, Mary Provost, Tony Bell, Officers McCue, Heinberg, Kilgore and Resmondo.

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

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 1, 2013 COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the April 1, 2013 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. John Barrow Development Agreement Amendment

In the absence of Mr. Barrow general consensus was to postpone until Mr. Barrow is in attendance to answer any questions Council may have.

B. Project Framework Agreement GA Hwy. 16 @ Pylant Street

Mr. Ferry explained that in order to move forward with the Hwy. 16 & Pylant Street project GDOT requires that Council approve the PFA which generally outlines the roles of each party. Mr. Ferry reminded all that the City will be responsible for 20% of engineering, right of way, utility locations and construction. Mayor Belisle asked for a timeline for the City's portion & was told \$40,000 over 2013-2014, billed monthly and that the real cost will come July 2015 when the actual construction begins. Mr. Ferry then stated that the City will be reimbursed back 80%. After short discussion Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the resolution for the PFA & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Downtown Truck Traffic/Route

Mr. Ferry stated that many ideas have been tossed around regarding the increase in truck traffic in the downtown area to include signage at the entrances to the City sending trucks out Hwy. 74 to Hwy 85. to Hwy. 16 and

designating a particular route for downtown deliveries that would loop from a one-way Barnes to Johnson, across Johnson, down Baggarly that is currently one-way and back to Travis where a right can be made out Broad. C. Owens indicated that GDOT has no problem with the City placing signage on the State roads provided they are not located in the right of ways. Adopting an ordinance prohibiting truck traffic on Main will also be needed. Mayor Belisle wonders if the directional signs on the State roads will be visible and instructed Mr. Ferry to get clarification from GDOT on their placement. Mr. Ferry also informed Council that minor intersection improvements will be needed for the "loop" at Johnson, Travis and Barnes. Mr. Ferry will contact GDOT and will bring information back to Council.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Engineering-Small City Projects

Mayor Belisle would like to put out an RFQ for engineering services for the small projects in the City and would like a "package firm" to include a civil engineer, the ability to provide all associated data, surveying, a landscape architect and would like for them to be local. Mr. Ferry would like to see the emphasis to be put on qualifications. C. Fisher asked if this will save money in the long run & was told that we're not sure but it could have certainly sped up some recent projects. C. Grover stated that he doesn't want to see us sell ourselves short by using just one and asked if we would have a contractual agreement? Mayor Belisle indicated that we would not as if we're not satisfied we could just advertise again anytime Council decided to change. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to proceed with the advertising for an engineering firm for small City projects & was 2nd by C. Graham. Vote to approve was 4-1 with C. Grover against.

B. Backpack Buddies Summer Program

Councilman Grover made motion to approve the use of the F/S Building for Backpack Buddies during the summer months from 11:30 to 1:00 PM. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

C. Cemetery Hydro Seeding

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the bid from Wright's Hydro Seeding in the amount of \$18,000 for the final stage of the new cemetery preparation. Motion was 2nd by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

D. Bump-out Landscaping-Travis & Barnes

Council is in agreement that soliciting a bid for landscaping at this location be postponed until the decision is made regarding downtown truck traffic.

E. Downtown Development Authority Update

Suzanne Helfman of the DDA updated their activities to include the merchants sub-committee will be meeting this Wednesday at the Welcome Center at 9 AM for Shop Hop planning, May 4th the merchants will host a sidewalk sale, May 27th will be Memorial Day festivities & evening fireworks. Plans are underway for a Town Hall meeting tentatively scheduled for August and Atlanta Movie Tours will begin Sunday tours on May 26th from 10-1 PM (motor coach). A façade grant has been approved for the building formally housing the Clock Doctor and the DDA will be doing the outside of Second Hand Sam's.

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Tony Bell of Senoia Optimist Club thanked Council for their support of Backpack Buddies and then informed Council in his opinion that most of the truck traffic on Main Street is not delivering to downtown merchants. Mr. Bell then reviewed Taste of Senoia to be held on April 21st.

Harry Ramos of Morningside Subdivision would like an update of the Early Warning System & was told by Mr. Ferry that the County has sent out the RFP for the project and we are currently awaiting this process. Mr. Ramos then stated that he will be heading up the volunteers for Clean Up Senoia and all interested are to meet at the Welcome Center April 20th at 9:00 AM.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **April 20th Clean Up Senoia Saturday 8:30-4 PM Ball Fields on Howard Rd.**
- **April 21st Taste of Senoia**
- **May 27th Memorial Day Festivities & Evening Fireworks**

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (B) (1)-Real Estate

Mayor Belisle made motion to enter Executive Session under O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (b) (1) for real estate & 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. Grover. To approve motion: Belisle, Fisher, Graham, Grover & Owens.

Mayor Belisle then made motion to enter in to contract for the purchase of Tax ID #'s E02-0017-002 and E02-0017-001A, total acreage approximately .86 acres at a cost of \$155,000 for the purpose of acquiring this property for future downtown parking. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the April 15, 2013 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

