

AUGUST 18, 2014
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM

VISITORS: Suzanne Helfman, Don Rehman, Tracy Arnold, Scott Tigchelaar, Commissioner Paul Poole, Kathleen Sullivan, Dianne Cleveland, Michael & Dina Rimi, Ronnie & Cathy Kirkland, Marv Bridges, Sheila & Brian Jagt, Chuck Ockeltree, Theda Tankersly, Pat Eichorst, Karen Allen, Brittany & Keith Brooks, Beverly Collins, Bill Tyre, Gail Downs, John & Noah Barrow, Danny Harrison, Sarah Campbell, Gail Noble, Wendy Kreeel, Suzanne & Evan Stitt, Mary Provost, Bill Wood, Michael Fouts and Ann Busey

COUNCIL PRESENT: Owens, Eichorst, Fisher & Grover

COUNCIL ABSENT: Graham

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Owens then 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.

2. PUBLIC HEARING-Stalwart Films/August 25-Morgan St. Closure for Construction

A. Comments from Applicant

Mike Riley of Stalwart Films asked Council to amend the permit originally applied for that will extend from September 2, 2014 thru December 30, 2015 with the option to renew annually. Mr. Riley also stated that the crew will need to close Morgan Street for 3 days beginning August 25th for set construction.

B. Comments from City Manager

Mr. Ferry presented Council with the proposed agreement between Stalwart and the City and reviewed each of the 10 conditions set forth. The agreement stipulates that the City will issue a film permit to Stalwart beginning on August 25th and ending November 30th, at which time the parties will have the right to negotiate for additional extensions for periods of 12 months, not to exceed November 30, 2019. Mr. Ferry feels the agreement is very sound.

C. Comments from Public

Karen Allen of 180 Seavy Street would like clarification of road closings as there has been no mention of Gin Street and it has been very inconvenient when closed in the past.

Kathleen Sullivan of 269 Pylant Street is speaking on behalf of herself and Fred Morris and asks Council to not approve a 5-year agreement but suggests that Stalwart return every 6-months for continuing approval or denial. Ms. Sullivan stated that everyone else in the Historic District must construct "aesthetically pleasing" and the current fence being constructed is "very ugly".

With the fence being constructed contiguous to her property, Ms. Sullivan stated that she is opposed to have been “dragged in to this involuntarily”.

Scott Tigchelaar stated that what has been done to the old “Gin Property” is a great improvement and it is not in anyone’s interest to make this a bad experience for anyone.

Suzanne Helfman stated that the filming has been positive for what it has brought to Senoia and has brought a lot of folks to our town, not just fans of the show and is sure that anything “unexpected” can and will be handled by both the City and Stalwart Films.

D. Council Comment and Action

Mayor Owens asked Mr. Whalen if there are any legal concerns that may arise and was told that we have come up with a suitable agreement but all must recognize that the film industry is new in Georgia and we will learn as we go. C. Fisher stated that a lot of time and effort into the agreement and feels the City will know after the first period how well the agreement is working. C. Eichorst stated that we are all concerned of the impact but with our history with Stalwart, he is very comfortable with the 1-year agreement. C. Grover agrees with, and is in favor of the agreement. Mayor Owens added that the film industry in Georgia has created a lot of “buzz & revenues” for the State and Senoia has “been blessed with opportunities” and we have the opportunity to set standards. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the Agreement with Stalwart Films as written and presented. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Fisher made motion to approve the August 4, 2014 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Vote to approve: 3-0-1 (C. Grover absent from meeting).

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 2014 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Councilman Fisher made motion to approve the August 14, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes as presented & was 2nd by Mayor Owens. Vote to approve: 3-0-1 (C Grover absent from meeting).

Mayor Owens made motion to amend the agenda under Administrative/Fiscal to reverse “C” and “A”. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously. Mayor Owens then introduced Commissioner Paul Poole and County Administrator Michael Fouts and thanked them for attending.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Coweta County Fire Agreement & Resolution

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the Coweta County Fire Agreement & Resolution as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

B. September 1st Meeting-Discussion to Reschedule or Cancel

Mayor Owens made motion to change the first meeting in September to Monday, September 8th. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

C. Set Millage Rate

Mayor Owens made motion to set the Millage Rate at 5.88. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

D. Police Department Radio and Server Purchase

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the purchase of two-Motorola radios at a cost of \$5,388 & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Owens then made motion to approve the purchase of a replacement server at a cost of \$3,136.72 & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Budget Amendment-Public Works Rubber Tire Back Hoe Purchase

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the purchase of used Rubber Tire Back Hoe for \$45,000, which cost will be divided between Street, Water and Sewer Departments. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. New Jerusalem Phase II Subdivision @ 53 Main Street**

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the subdivision at 53 Main Street as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS**A. Busey Encroachment Permit-Baggarly Way**

Councilman Fisher made motion to approve the Encroachment Permit as applied for provided applicant agrees that she will be responsible for all expenses regarding the encroachment when improvements are made on Baggarly. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

B. Willis Road Elementary School Road Race

Councilman Grover made motion to approve the WRES race as proposed scheduled for November 15th & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously. C. Eichorst has concerns of the number of scheduled events interrupting the downtown area and would like to look in to setting some guidelines for future requests.

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

- **Mike Riley of Stalwart Films** thanked Council for their support and will continue to address resident concerns.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the 1st meeting in September has been changed to Monday, September 8th.**
- **Car Show-Saturday, September 27th. Early registration begins at 7:00 AM and the event will begin at 11.**

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the August 18, 2014 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk