

**JUNE 15, 2015
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Ken Etzell, Don Rehman, Suzanne Helfman, Scott & Adrianna Tigchelaar, Joe & Shelda Hayes, Gary Baumgartner, Leslie Neville, Rod & Paisley Wright, Norman Koenighaus, Dan Christenson, Pat Eichorst, Claude Raptis, Bill Tyre, Mike Foye, Kevin Brooks, Rhonda Moye, John Thompson, Sarah Campbell and Danny Harrison

COUNCIL PRESENT: Owens, Graham, Eichorst and Grover

COUNCIL ABSENT: Fisher

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.

Mayor Owens then made motion to amend the agenda for the addition under New Business D-Proposed Moratorium on Commercial Trailers. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 1, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the June 1, 2015 City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Water Rates

After discussion of a workshop for projects associated with the water department and proposed rate increase, Mayor Owens suggested Tuesday, July 7th. C. Graham reminded all that Council had discussed holding it on a Saturday and suggested the last Saturday in June. Mayor Owens stated that he, the City Attorney and City Clerk will be attending the GMA Conference that weekend. C. Graham then suggested this Saturday, June 20th. Mr. Ferry will be out of town and this date was not discussed with the City Engineer to see if he was available. C. Graham made motion to hold the water project/rate increase workshop Saturday, June 20, 2015 & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. C. Graham then amended

his motion to hold the workshop June 20th contingent that full Council and GBT are available. C. Eichorst 2nd & vote to approve was 3-1 with Mayor Owens against.

B. Personnel Grievance and Appeals Board

Regarding the Appeals process, Mr. Ferry explained that our Personnel Policy calls for a **List of Qualified Examiners** which reads “The City Manager and Personnel Officer shall select and the City Council shall approve a list of City employees who shall be qualified to examine, investigate and hear appeals of aggrieved employees of the City. The list of qualified examiners shall be maintained by the City Manager and the Personnel Officer. Mr. Ferry then read the employees who shall serve on this board. **Don Rehman** of Heritage Pointe stated that the qualified examiners should not be fellow employees but persons outside of City employ and offered his services. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the list of Qualified Examiners as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Preliminary Plat-Morgan Farms

Developer Claude Raptis of Morgan Farms is asking Council to approve the preliminary plat for 32 lots that will be located next to the Charter School. Water will be run from Fieldstone Estates up Hwy. 16 and under the road and the developer will also run sewer to the property. The County is planning to realign Old Hwy. 85 so that the road hits Hwy. 16 directly across the entrance to the new recreation complex. Mr. Ferry added that the developer is planning paths that will connect to City future paths, the City will have access to the open space for well exploration and all conditions of the Annexation Ordinance have been met. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the preliminary plat for Morgan Farms as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Preliminary Plat-Senoia Hollows

Developer Rod Wright of Senoia Hollows is asking Council to approve the preliminary plat for 12 lots that will be located between Middle and Johnson Street at Horseshoe Bend. The developer will provide storm water detention which after build out, the City will take ownership of. Mr. Ferry stated that this will require a 3 to 1 slope, will need to be studied for size and these plans will be finalized by GBT and the developer’s engineer. Mr. Ferry added that if the study proves to pick up water quality and quantity, it will be a worthwhile project for the City. Mr. Wright stated that the corner of the property adjacent to the Hayes’s property will be deeded over to them along with making concrete and piping improvements to the area. C. Grover asked that the email from the railroad received by Mr. Wright regarding removal of the spur be forwarded to Mr. Ferry for review. **Ms. Shelda Hayes** declined comment. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the preliminary plat for Senoia Hollows & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Paul Chastain-Drainage issue at 401 Cumberland Trail-Not present/No action taken

B. Sidewalk at 9 Main Street

In conjunction with the Barnes Street Project, Mr. Ferry asked that Council hold a discussion on the request for a temporary closure to Barnes Street as well as the sidewalk at 9 Main. Scott Tigchelaar stated that for the safety of all, he be allowed to fence off the construction area from 9 Main to the Barnes Street area. Chain link is planned with 4 entrances of which the City will have keys for access. Mr. Tigchelaar plans to take up the sidewalk at 9 Main, leaving the curb and add crush and run that will be replaced with granite curbs and pavers. The fence will allow room to stage materials on the future parking area. Mayor Owens asked how long the section of Barnes will be closed and was told the construction will last approximately 8 months, however the fence will be removed half way through once the structures are built and can be secured. Mr. Tigchelaar added that no merchants will be impacted by the close. C. Eichorst asked about handicap accessibility with the gravel on Main with regard to walkers and such and was told that the crush and run hardens and the ramp will remain in place. C. Eichorst suggested signage be erected. Mr. Ferry stated that the site may need sand bagging to keep the water out of the crush and run along with silt fence. Chief Edens has no concerns with the fence and even considers it helpful during construction. DDA Chair Suzanne Helfman anticipates no problems with regards to Light Up Senoia. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the temporary closure and fence and from 9 Main to the construction area on Barnes Street & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Pedal for Pets

Dan Christenson asked Council to approve the Pedal for Pets bike ride scheduled for July 11th and asked that Main Street be closed from Johnson to Travis 6:00 AM to 8:30 AM for the start of the race(s). Mr. Ferry stated that there should be sufficient parking at SUMC, Tencate, Maguire's and the field on Pylant across from the Library. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the Pedal for Pets bike race for July 11, 2015 as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Proposed Moratorium on Commercial Trailers

With concerns over absence of regulations in the zoning ordinance regarding commercial trailers for retail and amendments to the current ordinance anticipated, C. Grover made motion to approve a Moratorium on applications on commercial trailers for retail until August 18, 2015. Motion was 2nd by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Mike Foye of Twin Lakes asked Council why the fireworks were not re-scheduled for July 4th and why there is no longer music at the venue. Mayor Owens stated that the company was previously booked for July 4th and when the venue was changed to Marimac, the Park is not equipped for sound.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **August 1st-End of Summer Celebration Fireworks**

Mayor Owens suggested having a movie night in conjunction with the fireworks scheduled for August 1st and will seek sponsors to defray the cost. C. Eichorst stated that although not opposed, he feels this subject is bad timing considering the additional cost involved to reschedule and the subject of a movie is not wise to bring up with such short notice. C. Grover disagrees as the movie nights of the past were well received and is in favor of another.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the June 15, 2015 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk