

**OCTOBER 19, 2015  
CITY OF SENOIA  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
505 HOWARD ROAD  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: Ken Etzell, Beverly Owens, Stacy Fisher, Pat Eichorst, Don Rehman, Jim & Maureen Schueyler, Sheilda & Joe Hayes, Suzanne Helfman, Mr. & Mrs. Baumgartner, Colleen Allerdice, Linda Hagler, Mike Riley, Seth Zimmerman, John Thompson, Sarah Campbell, Logan Williamson, Richard & Doris Chappell**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESENT**

**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-Consider Proposal to Rezone 0.954 AC On Couch & Main (formally 86 Couch) from R40 to RH & Consider Preliminary Plat of Same to Subdivide from One Lot to Two Lots**

**A. Comments from Applicant**

Applicant Gary Baumgartner asked Council to approve the rezoning the 0.954 AC from R40 to RH and also consider the preliminary plat which asks to subdivide to 2 lots. Mr. Baumgartner then stated that all has been surveyed (2-lots), he received approval from the Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission and presented a design of the 1-story structure he is planning. As a condition, the Planning Commission does not want the driveways crossing the cart paths.

**B. Comments from City Administrator**

Mr. Ferry stated that both lots will have 80 foot frontage on Main Street complying with the RH District and there is no public improvements needed.

**C. Comments from Public**

**Sheilda Hayes of 192 Johnson Street** asked if the neighbor of this property was denied vinyl siding by HPC because of "these two houses". Mr. Ferry stated that the neighbor was denied because the materials proposed did not comply with the District and he could bring the matter back before Council. Ms. Hayes does not want to see the City "taking away" from current residents just to accommodate the new.

**D. Council Comment and Action**

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the Rezoning from R-40 to RH and also approve the Preliminary Plat to subdivide the property to 2-lots provided the conditions specified are followed. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

C. Grover made motion to approve the October 5, 2015 City Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Resolution No. 15-08 to Recertify as a *City of Ethics***

**Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** referred to the 5 different principals listed on the proposed Resolution and stated that in his opinion, Senoia's current Ethics Ordinance is a "disaster" and voiced concerns including what he feels, the current wording makes it a protection policy for government. Mayor Owens invited Mr. Rehman to contact Georgia Municipal Association with any concerns he may have. Mayor Owens then made motion to approve Resolution No. 15-08 to recertify the City of Senoia as a "City of Ethics". Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

**5. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Proposal from EPG to Complete Implementation of a Storm Water Utility**

Mr. Ferry explained last month we received information from EPG as to the next phase for the implementation of a storm water utility and are currently at a decision point in the contract. The next step will flow from setting up a data base, creating storm water credits, public education, drafting and adopting the ordinance and finally, training staff and implementation. Mr. Ferry then asked if Council wishes to continue the contract or move forward in a different direction. C. Graham stated that based on the presentation, we would hurt ourselves to go in a different direction and made motion to move forward with the proposal from EPG to complete the necessary steps to implement a storm water utility. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

**B. Consider Proposal from Stalwart Films to Close Seavy Street from Johnson to GA 85 on October 27, 2015**

Seth Zimmerman asked Council to approve the closing of Seavy Street from GA. Hwy. 85 to where Johnson Street splits off for some morning filming. C. Eichorst asked about the application requesting 2 days & was told that it can all be completed in one. Mr. Zimmerman asked that the road be closed from 5 AM to 3:00 PM. All residents in the area have been contacted including the only one living on that portion of the road. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he has not received word from that resident yet. Chief Edens sees no issues. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the portion of Seavy to be closed from Hwy. 85 to the Johnson Street split for the time indicated providing the resident in question has no issues. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

**8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

**Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** stated that currently meter deposits on 1,632 active residents are being held in an interest earning account and would like Council to consider placing on their next agenda an item to solicit public opinion on the return of utility deposits to residents. Mr. Ferry feels the next agenda does not allow sufficient time. Mayor Owens stated this will be taken under consideration.

**Location Manager for *The Walking Dead* Mike Riley** stated that AMC has been wanting to do something for the City to thank Senoia and its residents and heard that the estimate for the revitalization of the Seavy Street Park came in higher than what was budgeted. On behalf of AMC and *The Walking Dead*, Mr. Riley then presented the City with a check in the amount of \$150,000 to cover the shortfall. Mayor Owens and Council thanked Mr. Riley and AMC for their generous donation that will be used solely on the Seavy Street Park.

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Budget Work Session Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 AM-Stone Lodge @ Marimac
- Candidate Form will be held Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Complex beginning at 7:00 PM
- Municipal Election for Post 4 will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the Senior Citizens Center located on Howard Road. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.
- Downtown Merchant Holiday Open House Friday Evening, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>-5-8:00 PM

#### 10. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the October 19, 2015 City Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry M. Owens, Mayor

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Debra J. Volk, City Clerk