

**AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 16, 2015  
CITY OF SENOIA  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
505 HOWARD ROAD  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: Ken Etzell, Mike Riley, Pat Eichorst, Don Rehman, Sheilda & Joe Hayes, Mr. & Mrs. Dub Pearman, Mike Foye, Richard Allen, Jennifer Robinson, Todd Ortchied, Linda Haggler, Scott Tigchelaar, Angela Munson, Jim Schuyler, Sarah Campbell, Shelby Barker, Logan Williamson and 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 Variance Request from Crown Communities to Reduce the Setback on Lots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 in Heritage Pointe Phase 2-Part 1**

**A. Comments from Applicant**

Richard Allen of Crown Communities is asking Council to approve the Variance applied for to reduce the setback on Lots 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 in Heritage Pointe Subdivision Phase 2-Part 1. The proposed variance will move the front building line forward to 35 feet and eliminate the 110 feet of width at set back line. This will also avoid the construction of a 20+ foot high retaining wall in the back yard in favor of a series of three tiers of 6 foot retaining walls separated by a 3:1 slope. Mr. Allen stated that you will not be able to see the wall from the road and plans are to have it shoot up towards the power line.

**B. Comments from City Manager**

Regarding the wall, Mr. Ferry recommends that it be designed by an engineer and upon completion, inspected and certified by an engineer. The certification from the engineer will be placed in the file of each affected lot.

**C. Comments from Public**

**Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** asked if the lots are a minimum of ½ acre and was told yes. Mr. Rehman then asked how are we to be sure that water coming down the hill from the wall will not cause problems & was told by Mr. Ferry it will be imperative that the developer come up with a solution for the water, further stating that the wall will be designed and certified by an engineer outside of our building services.

**D. Council Comment & Action**

C. Eichorst asked if the trees will remain on the upper grade and be part of the resident's property & was told yes. Mayor Owens asked about the frontage of the wall & was told by Mr. Allen that the wall will be fronted with beveled block of which the design will be submitted for approval and the developer is ready to satisfy all that Council requires. Mayor Owens then made motion to approve the Variance as applied for in the reduction of setbacks for Lots 14 thru 18. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Consider Request from the Development Authority to Fund Consulting to Develop a Strategic Plan**

Mr. Ferry stated the City of Senoia Development Authority seeks to develop an economic development strategic plan that identifies the industry the City should focus on attracting, assessment of available sites and a work program to prepare the sites for development. A proposal was received from CVIOG to accomplish this which will include an executive summary, detailing findings that provide a strategic implementation plan to implement findings related to both the target industry analysis and site assessments. In addition, the Institute of Government will develop two power point presentations for the Authority to use in attracting industry. One will outline the city's benefits and incentives for industry and a second will outline what the Authority can do for landowners interested in developing for industry. Mr. Ferry recommends approving the funding and using the \$15,000 that was obtained after the Charter School close. C. Eichorst stated that he serves on this Committee and feels it is necessary for proper presentation to achieve clarity for all. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the funding of \$15,000 for the CVIOG Proposal & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 4-0-1 with C. Eichorst abstaining from vote.

**B. Announce Results of Competitive Bids for the Barnes Street Project**

Mr. Ferry announced that the lowest responsive bid received for the Barnes Street Project was from Crawford Grading in the amount of \$264,769.78. No action is needed now as the contract will be brought back for approval at a later date.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Proposal to Extend the Agreement between Stalwart Films and the City of Senoia until November 30, 2016**

Location Manager Mike Riley for Stalwart Films asked Council to extend the current agreement with Stalwart thru December 2016 and come back annually if needed. Mr. Ferry stated that the

agreement will stay the same with the exception of the extension thru December 2016 but would like to set up a meeting with himself, Stalwart and Chief Edens regarding issues occurring on Gin Street. **Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** stated that the public does not have full knowledge of the contents of the agreement and asks Council to consider charging some sort of fee and inserting this into the agreement along with some reimbursement to the City for the maintenance of the vehicles being used by our off duty officers working the filming. **Jennifer Robinson of Seavy Street** has brought up the problems of Gin Street before as no one controls the crowds and the City should make it safe for our drivers and pedestrians.

Ms. Robinson also suggested signage in the past that has not yet been erected. Ms. Robinson then suggested closing Gin Street altogether. **Doris Chappell of Morgan Street** stated she is unhappy as the filming has been disruptive and those associated with the filming are not courteous, the City is not being compensated and is "concerned about my town". Mayor Owens stated that any and all comments can be addressed to Mr. Ferry and Chief Edens. Mayor Owens then made motion to approve the extension until December 2016 to the Stalwart agreement & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

**Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** read a prepared statement again asking that Council not schedule fireworks to celebrate any Memorial Day in the future as "July 4<sup>th</sup> is the day to celebrate with fireworks our Nation's freedoms and any other joys" (statement included w/approved minutes).

**Scott Tigchelaar of Historic Development Ventures** shared recent statistics on filming in Georgia. Between the years of 1973 and 1998 the filming industry brought 2 ½ million dollars to the State. Last year alone, the industry brought 6 billion to Georgia. Mr. Tigchelaar then stated he feels the majority of the citizens are in favor of filming "and proved this by how they voted this year".

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Light Up Senoia will be held Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-8:00 PM
- Candlelight Tour of Homes will be held Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:00 PM
- Comprehensive Plan Public Input Meeting will be held Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Municipal Complex at 505 Howard Road

#### 10. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the November 16, 2015 City Council meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry M. Owens, Mayor

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Debra J. Volk, City Clerk

