

**DECEMBER 14, 2015
CITY OF SENOIA
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
505 HOWARD ROAD
3:00 PM**

VISITORS: Suzanne Helfman and Don Rehman

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Open Meeting Declaration

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 7, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the December 7, 2015 City Council minutes and was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. 2nd Read-Ordinance No. 15-07 FY 2016 Operating Budget for All Funds

Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe asked Council to consider offering a home in each subdivision to our officers beginning in 2016 and adding 1 each year thereafter. Mr. Rehman stated that the cost would be relatively small and knows of rentals for under \$2,000. Mayor Owens stated that the subject was looked in to by the former Mayor and found that it is not economical for the City to do and does not think there is interest from our officers. After speaking with "a handful" Chief Edens added that there is no interest as what happens if they lose their job and their home. Mr. Ferry stated that transferring schools must be considered as well. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the 2nd Read of Ordinance 15-07 for the 2016 Operating Budget in all funds. Motion was 2nd by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

B. Consider Proposal to Close Main Street on January 1, 2016 for the purpose of a City Photo

Mr. Ferry stated that we about to enter into our 150th year as a City and would like to kick off the festivities with a photo. Mr. Ferry asks that Main Street be closed between Seavy and Travis from 11-2:00 PM on New Year's Day. Suzanne Helfman of the DDA stated that the photo is scheduled for 1:00. C. Eichorst asked about signage and was told the budget is very small but flyers would be utilized. The Police Department will assist in handing out flyers. C. Eichorst mentioned getting the information to the homeowner associations and C. Graham asked that we put extra effort in getting the information of the photo to our older residents so that no one is missed. Mayor Owens made motion to approve closing Main from Seavy to Travis from 11-2 PM on January 1st & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Consider the Contract from Crawford Grading for the Barnes Street Drainage and Street Improvement Project

Receiving word that the Contract was reviewed and approved by the City Attorney, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the contract from Crawford Grading in the amount of

\$264,764.78 for the Barnes Street Drainage and Street Improvement Project. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the December 14, 2015 Called meeting & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk