

**AUGUST 15, 2016
CITY OF SENOIA
PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Don Rehman, Stacy Fisher, Gail Downs, Mary & Dub Pearman, Kevin Brooks, Carolyn Bagley, Suzanne Helfman, Joe & Sheilda Hayes, Regina Ahmann, Julie & Chris Poole, Frank Zeidler, Max & Ledy Esavenazi, Jerry Esavenazi, Susan & Evan Still, Dale Reeder, Pat Eichorst and Sarah Campbell

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-Proposed Property Tax Increase

A. Comments from City Manager

Mr. Ferry reminded all that 2 prior public hearings have been held regarding adopting a millage rate of 5.88 rather than the rollback rate of 5.594 and the City has received no further comments. Mr. Ferry then recommends Council approves the 2016 millage rate of 5.88.

B. Comments from Public-None

C. Council Comment & Action

Mayor Owens made motion to deny the rollback & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Mr. Ferry asked that the year and exact millage be included in motion at which time Mayor Owens amended his original motion to approve the 2016 Millage rate of 5.88. Amendment was approved by C. Fisher and motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING-Establishing an HT District

A. Comments from City Manger

Regarding open air markets, Mr. Ferry stated that Planning Commission had made recommendations this past April for procedures in regulating (in General Commercial & Industrial zoned areas) thru the event permits. The downtown area is currently zoned GC however changes to the zoning will occur this fall when the Comp Plan is finalized rezoning the downtown area to HT (Historic town center).

B. Comments from Public-None

C. Council Comment & Action

C. Eichorst asked if this evening was the 1st read of Ordinance No. 16-05 & was told yes. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the 1st read of Ordinance No. 16-05 establishing an HT District & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING-Short Term Work Program/Capital Improvements Element

A. Comments from City Manager

Mr. Ferry stated that each year Council plans projects for the next 5-years and proceeded to review the Impact Fee financial report, transportation plan, new projects, planning activity as well as accomplishments from 2016.

B. Comments from Public

Reading from a prepared statement (included with minutes) Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe urged Council to move the Heritage Pointe Intersection at Rockaway Road project from 2018-2019 to 2016. Mr. Rehman feels that vehicles entering or exiting Heritage Pointe Subdivision are in danger due to sight distance, adding that "it is a Senoia Elected Government matter which now threatens grave potential danger to the Senoia public". **Chris Poole of Heritage Pointe** suggested a 3-way stop. **Carolyn Bagley of Heritage Pointe** invited Council to visit the intersection during busy times to see how risky the drive in and out is. Ms. Bagley then suggested possibly speeding up other projects so this project can be completed sooner than 2019.

C. Council Comment & Action

Mayor Owens stated that the City has done several things in the past to help to improve this intersection and is not pleased that it has been represented to the public that Mayor and Council are not concerned about their safety as Council has "always been and always will be" concerned with the safety of everyone. C. Fisher informed all that the STWP is a guide for planning, the projected dates are not "set in stone" and beginning the projects depend on available funds. C. Fisher added that we live in one of the safest cities, there is compassion from Council and asked all to please be patient. C. Graham stated that Council is not ignoring the issue as we have been looking at short term options together with the County and any statement that Council is not concerned is false. C. Eichorst reminded all that the speed has been reduced and signage has been added in this area and the City will continue working with the County for solutions. Mayor Owens made motion to approve Resolution No. 16-06 for the transmittal of the STWP/CIE as presented. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 1, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES

Councilman Grover made motion to approve the August 1, 2016 City Council minutes & was 2nd by Mayor Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2016 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES-Property Tax Increase

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the August 5, 2016 Public Hearing minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Vote to approve was 3-0-2 (C. Grover & C. Fisher absent from meeting).

6. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

8. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Consider Proposal from Jack Burnside for Administrative Services for the Ivy Ridge to Seavy Street Trail

Mr. Ferry stated that with the upcoming change in City leadership, it would be appropriate to contract with a project administrator who can keep the project on schedule, further stating that Mr. Burnside has been involved with the City since 2005 and is recommending approval of his proposal. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to accept the proposal from Jack Burnside to administer/manage the Ivy Ridge to Seavy Street Trail project at a cost of \$35,000. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

B. Consider Proposal from P.A.C. for Production & Coordination of Senoia 150th

For the October 15th 150th celebration, the sesquicentennial committee has recommended contracting with Productions & Concerts, Inc. (P.A.C.) to provide the stage & sound, the booking of entertainment and arranging food and beverages at a cost of \$17,475.00 which has been budgeted. Mayor Owens stated that he doesn't see "a mechanism for the involvement of local merchants" and has concerns with that. Mr. Ferry stated that in the absence of power at the park, P.A.C. brings the entire process. C. Graham added that it will not work without power at the site for our merchants and feels that the services P.A.C. provides is better for this event. C. Fisher stated that we need more bonding with our businesses and is in favor with contracting with P.A.C. C. Eichorst & C. Grover feel P.A.C. manages it all and is the best way to handle the event. C. Eichorst made motion to approve the contract with P.A.C. to manage Senoia's 150th at Marimac at a cost of \$17,475 & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Owens agreed with the vote but would like the record to reflect that he would like to see local merchants involved.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Proposal from Safety Signal for Comprehensive Sign Replacement

Mr. Ferry explained that due to age and non-compliance, our regulatory road signs need replaced and presented a proposal from Safety Signal for 130 signs to include installation of \$19,431.47. City Attorney Andrew Whalen stated that the City has a legal liability to bring all signs up to date. C. Eichorst asked if replacement applies to all signs

& was told all but a few that are cored in concrete as well as the Stop signs on Main that have already been done. The actual street names that will be done at a later date. Mayor Owens then made motion to approve the \$19,431.47 proposal from Safety Signal for sign replacement and installation. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

B. Consider Proposal from AC Sweepers & Maintenance for Street Sweeping

In keeping with storm water management regulations, City streets are to be cleaned at least once a year and Mr. Ferry presented a proposal from AC Sweepers to accomplish this at a cost of \$6,289.00. AC will sweep, remove debris to dumpsters and haul off. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the proposal from AC Sweepers at \$6,289.00. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

C. Consider Proposal from ECHS to hold Homecoming Parade on September 22, 2016

With no concerns from Chief Edens, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the plans as presented for ECHS Homecoming Parade on September 22nd. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

D. Downtown Development Authority-Street Closings for Annual Car Show

Gail Downs of the DDA is asking Council to approve the closings for the 12th Annual Car Show scheduled for September 24th. Compared to previous years, C. Eichorst is expecting 400-500 cars weather permitting. After Chief Edens stated he will get with DDA to finalize plans, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the street closings as presented from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

10. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Sheilda Hayes of Johnson Street informed Council that she attended a function at the Seavy Street Park this past Sunday and children were using the new playground equipment from 11-6 and were having a great time. Ms. Hayes commented that there is nothing for the teenagers but feels sure that this will come in Phase 2 and thanked Council for the great improvements.

With Mr. Ferry leaving the City September 30th, **Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** was hoping to see an agenda item regarding the process of hiring of a new City Manager and commented that the ad placed in GLGA said nothing about prior or minimum experience and hoped that Council will consider only those with government experience. Mr. Rehman then suggested that contracts of employment be offered to the City Manager, City Clerk, Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police. Mayor Owens stated that the City has a process in place for hiring, consisting of a committee to review all resumes received from which a short list will be compiled, set interviews and then select.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senoia's Sesquicentennial Celebration-October 15th from 3-9:00 PM at Marimac Lake Park

12. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the August 15, 2016 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk