

**JANUARY 13, 2006  
CITY OF SENOIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**VISITORS: Bill Roy, John Thompson, Bruce Pfahl, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Jim & Debbie Rogers, Donovan Gossett, Gail Downs, Claudia Wood, Bill Tyre, Theron Gay & Suzan McArthur**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESENT**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS**

Mayor Belisle called the January 13, 2006 City Council meeting to order and welcomed all.

**2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2006 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

C. Owens made motion to approve the January 9, 2006 Public Hearing minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by c. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

C. Owens made motion to approve the January 9, 2006 City Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Benson. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Intergovernmental Agreement-SPLOST**

Mr. Ferry began by stating that SPLOST is a County tax that is shared with the cities and reviewed a list of our items for the upcoming SPLOST (incl. & made a part of minutes). Senoia's projected share over the 6-year period is 3.5 million. C. Harrison asked for a definition of pedestrian facilities & was told a sidewalk or paved path. Mr. Ferry also stated that the County is asking Senoia to participate in the renovation of the old courthouse at a share of \$213,000, which will not come out of the estimated \$3.5 million. County Administrator Theron Gay was introduced and thanked staff and Mr. Ferry for the help in preparing the Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Gay informed all that this would be a continuation of SPLOST to begin in 2007 for 6 years. The contribution of Senoia for the renovation will not be asked for at once and the work will continue over a 6-year period. Mr. Gay then presented Council with the final draft of the agreement, stating that a change in the wording for the City of Turin, some for Newnan and the Board of Elections contract must still be completed but no other changes are anticipated and none for the City of Senoia. Included in the final draft is the ability for Senoia to borrow advanced funding up to 2.5 million. After short discussion, C. Wood made motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Benson. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Update on Current SPLOST**

Mr. Ferry reviewed the current SPLOST #3 and Impact Fee Account for all collections and disbursements to date.

**C. Discussion of Changing Mayor and Council Terms**

Mayor Belisle would like Council's opinion as to changing the length of Mayor and Council terms and if there is any interest, will instruct the City Attorney to investigate procedures and to advise as to next step needed. C. Harrison is interested in the resident's opinion. C. Benson made motion to instruct the City Attorney to take a look at and collect information regarding changing length of terms. C. Wood asked if this should be done before a public hearing is held? Mayor Belisle responded that the purpose is to get the information to see what is needed. After short discussion, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens and the vote to approve was 4-1, with C. Wood opposing.

**D. Resolution for LWCF Grant**

Mr. Ferry read Resolution 06-01 in its entirety as required by law. C. Owens asked if there have been any changes since the initial application & was told no. After short discussion, C. Owens approved the adoption of Resolution 06-01 for the LWCF Grant & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Resolution to Annex Greenspace-Postpone to February 20, 2006**

**F. Discussion of Survey to Old Public Works Building Site**

Mr. Ferry stated that he had obtained one estimate to survey the site at the old Public Work Building but has requested two more. The initial came in at \$800.00. C. Wood made motion to approve the survey of the Clark Street property after receipt of the additional estimates, with the selection of surveyor/work not to exceed \$1,500. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Mr. Jim Rogers-Sign Appeal on Permit**

Mr. Ferry informed Council that an application was received from Nearly Native Nursery for a temporary sign, requesting that it remain longer than the 10-days called for in ordinance. Mr. Rogers of Nearly Native Nursery approached Council stating that the business will be moving and would like to keep the sign in place until Spring or Summer, further stating that some of his customers only visit on an annual or semi-annual basis. C. Wood made motion to approve the temporary sign for a period not to exceed one year. C. Harrison stated that he is willing to approve 6-months. C. Benson reminded all that Mr. Rogers has been very active in the community. C. Wood then amended motion to allow the temporary display sign variance for 6-months. C. Harrison would like the motion amended to include that Mr. Rogers will maintain his sign. C. Wood indicated that Mr. Rogers is a very capable individual and will not amend. C. Owens 2<sup>nd</sup> motion and the vote to approve was 3-2, with C. Harrison and C. Benson opposing.

**B. Discussion of Downtown Development Authority Expansion**

Council directed City Administrator to begin the process of DDA boundaries.

**C. Police Department-Needs Assessment Consulting**

C. Benson made motion to use the Georgia Chief of Police Association to conduct the internal audit at a cost of \$6,000 & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Police Budget for Crime Suppressant Officer**

Mr. Ferry indicated that 3 choices exist for the payment of the suppressant officer expenses.

- Amend budget at the end of the year for the full amount
- Since approved in 2005, take total of expenditures out of reserve
- Use the budgeted amounts for the new officer that we are not hiring to cover all expenses. This will cover entire and increase the current hourly officers pay \$1.20 per hour.

Mr. Ferry recommends approving the \$1.20 increase, which will free up the funds to cover the Crime Suppressant Officer. C. Wood stated that we need to address the budget issue. C. Harrison made motion to award the \$1.20 per hour raise that was discussed between Chief Bennett, Robert Belisle and Richard Ferry in December 2005 be approved and incorporated into their pay immediately before the 3% cost of living raise takes effect. Mayor Belisle indicated that he would to see in the form of a motion that the vehicle listed in expenditures in 2006 remain and option 2 be used (take all expenditures for CSO out of reserves) in addition to the \$1.20 per hour raise for hourly officers. C. Harrison 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayor Belisle's motion and Council approved unanimously.

**6. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS-Postponed to February 6, 2005**

**7. ADJOURN**

C. Wood made motion to adjourn the January 13, 2006 City Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Belisle. Motion carried unanimously.