

**AGENDA
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
PUBLIC HEARING**

VISITORS: Mary Provost, Bill Roy, Gary Miller, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Gail Downs, Paul & Ann Price, Debbie Graham, Joe Brogdon, Claudia Wood, Ollita Bennett, Bruce Pfahl and Randy Padgett

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS**
Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

- 2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 6, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**
C. Owens made motion to approve the March 6, 2006 as presented. Mayor Belisle asked that the motion be amended to reflect a change to page 4, for his statement to read.....”reminded all that we can reject any or all bids”. C. Owens agreed to the amended motion & this was 2nd by C. Harrison and vote to approve was 4-0-1. C. Benson abstained from vote (absent from meeting).

- 3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**
 - A. 2nd Read-Annexation Ordinance-4.958 Acres on Howard Road/SR 16**
C. Wood made motion to adopt and approve the 2nd read of the Annexation Ordinance of 4.958 Acres on Howard Road/SR 16 & was 2nd by C. Owens.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. 1st Read-Post Development Water Ordinance**
 - C. 1st Read-Streambank Protection Ordinance**
 - D. 1st Read-Floodplain Management Ordinance**
 - E. 1st Read-Illicit Discharge Ordinance**
 - F. 1st Read-Litter Control Ordinance**

C. Owens made motion to approve the 1st read on B through F of the above ordinances. Before action on the above, Mr. Ferry reminded Council that any costs affiliated with the new ordinances were not considered in the current year budget and will need to be addressed in the future. Mr. Ferry is also concerned with the cost if a new subdivision should be submitted. Mayor Belisle asks Council to consider a moratorium on acceptance of any further subdivision applications to give time to review current fee schedule and any changes needed. C. Benson feels imposing a moratorium will send the wrong message. C. Harrison asked Mr. Whalen his opinion & was told that he generally dislikes moratoriums and feels the City has plenty of time to review the fee schedule before the 2nd reads. Mr. Whalen then suggested checking with our engineer and charging a “flat fee” included with development review and also adding an inspection fee. C. Owens asks for adoption deadline and was told the end of

April, deferring adoption date to May 22nd. C. Wood suggested tying the ordinance effective dates in with the modification of the fee schedule (application fees). After short discussion and with a motion for approval from C. Owens of 1st reads, C. Harrison voiced a 2nd and motion carried unanimously.

G. Transportation Enhancement Grant

Mr. Ferry informed Council that the City has received a grant of \$250,000 to redo the streetscape of downtown Senoia. We initially applied for one million and therefore, the scope of the project will go from elaborate to just making changes. This is a very tedious process and therefore, Mr. Ferry is asking Council to approve the services of Mr. Jack Burnside, as administrator for the grant from start to finish at a cost of \$30,000 (included in portion of grant). Locust Grove City Manager Mr. Rick Jefferes has used his services on 2 completed grants and is currently working on a third and additional references have been included for Council review. Mr. Ferry then reviewed the proposal and asked the first of two requests; the first approving Mr. Burnside as project administrator and the second is approving an RFP seeking a design firm. C. Wood asked if anything further is needed to accept the grant and was told there would eventually be a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and DOT (DOT paying 80/City 20). C. Wood asked how soon the project would begin and how much is anticipated being spent in 2006. Mr. Ferry stated that this is hard to determine, as it will depend on how fast designs are approved, but "best guess would be \$24,000" and all funded with SPLOST. C. Benson asked if the design section is in line with historic concepts or completely different & was told the historic concepts grant is "form based zoning", further stating that we can zone commercial, not saying what to use in that commercial use, just what it has to look like. C. Wood asks after the \$250,000 is spent, what will our citizens see and was told when approaching downtown Senoia all would see improvements to pedestrian environment, the road, landscaping, level sidewalks, intersection improvements including a courtyard area and trees. C. Harrison asked how long it took to acquire this grant & was told initial application was made in August 05 and we were awarded on February 14, 2006. This is a grant we can apply for every other year. After short discussion, C. Wood made motion to approve hiring Grant Administrator Jack Burnside for the Transportation Enhancement Grant as presented & was 2nd by C. Benson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Belisle then made motion to request proposals for seeking a design firm for the actual work and was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Bids Received on Tractor Purchase

Mr. Ferry reviewed all bids received for the purchase of a tractor, further stating that this money was budgeted and is located in the three different funds. Available in water is \$25,000, sewer \$81,000 and street department \$6,000. The lowest bid received is \$46,974.75. Mr. Padgett stated that another bid was received just

before 5:00 at \$46,200 from JCB. Mayor Belisle asked Mr. Padgett which company and bid he would prefer & was told JCB. A bid was also requested from the State contract but to date none has been received. C. Benson asked if there is any difference between the replacement costs and availability for all received and was told no. After short discussion, C. Owens made motion to approve the purchase of the 212 tractor from JCB at a cost of \$46,200 & was 2nd by C. Benson. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fireworks Proposal(s) Received

C. Wood made motion to rescind the previous adoption of the fireworks proposition for Memorial Day & was 2nd by C. Benson, stating that his reason is not knowing how the City will pay for it. Vote was 2-3. To approve motion: Wood and Benson. To oppose motion: Belisle, Harrison and Owens. Motion fails. Mr. Ferry states that it is very important that it be decided how to fund as this was not a budget item. A call was taken from a vendor who offered 25% of her return, amounting to \$50-\$75.00. C. Benson informed all that he has been stopped on the street and received calls against this expenditure when there are road repairs and sidewalk repairs needed. Mayor Belisle asked Council to review both proposals received. Mr. Ferry stated that there are methods for funding. Gail Downs of DDA addressed Council with their plans for the entire day (incl. w/minutes). Events including a parade will begin at 10:00 am with vendors being charged a set up fee to offset DDA expenses. Ms. Downs then stated that all donations and contributions are welcome. C. Harrison asked if citizens can donate & was told yes. With this said, C. Harrison pledged \$500.00. C. Benson asked that any motion include donations paying for 75% of fee w/the City paying the 25%. With a \$2,000 annual budget, DDA money is already committed. Ms. Downs suggested including in the advertising the request for donations. C. Owens said in conjunction with DDA, businesses and the City that we should be able to raise the funds. C. Harrison volunteered to solicit donations. Mayor Belisle stated that the City accrued a 70% surplus in reserves and is not opposed to taking the funds from there, as we can recoup in the long run. C. Benson stated that he would like to see the surplus used for "service" and not entertainment and this should have been thought out with corporate sponsors instead. C. Wood asks if this is a rain or shine event & was told not sure but probably so. The DDA will be recouping for their expenses, not for fireworks and Ms. Downs welcomed participation from full Council. C. Benson asked for the deadline to submit reservations & was told ASAP to confirm the date. C. Wood informed all that there is a "disconnect" between the events of downtown and the ball fields. C. Owens disagrees and feels this will bring the City together. C. Benson suggests even a 50/50 split, reminding all that we don't even plan events for Princess Senoia Day. C. Harrison stated that he is a Veteran, there are some in the audience, kids in Iraq now and wants to walk down the street hand in hand

honoring all Veterans and is in favor of the fireworks. C. Benson stated that he would also walk hand in hand in honor of all Veterans. C. Benson added that this has nothing to do with not respecting Veterans. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to fund the fireworks Display from the budget reserve and electing Option 1 of Pyrotechnico. This motion was 2nd by C. Owens. Vote was 3-2. To approve: Belisle, Harrison & Owens. To oppose: Benson and Wood

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Bill Roy agrees with C. Harrison, reminding all that we have very few events in the City and do very little celebration. The "Roy" patrons have been excited to hear of the planned fireworks and Mr. Roy will speak to his financial advisor to see how much he would be able to donate.

Claudia Wood introduced herself as a member of the promotions committee and asks Council to help with the solicitation of donations as the committee is very busy with other events of the day.

Mr. Paul Price stated that he is in agreement with C. Harrison and feels that the day of festivities along with the fireworks planned would be a great honor to our Veterans and "we don't need to lose site of what Memorial Day is all about." Mr. Price asks that regardless of the outcome, all will totally support the event out of this room, that there were good points on both sides of the issue.

Suzanne Helfman asks Council to consider having music, a speaker or a DJ at the ball fields to go along with the fireworks to keep the crowds entertained. Mayor Belisle stated that this may not be able to be addressed this year. C. Benson stated that if we are going to do it we need to do it right. After short discussion, it was decided to check with the DJ's who will be on hand throughout the day for DDA what they would charge and also checking with the current equipment the City has. Ms. Helfman also asked that the DDA be considered when designs are being considered for downtown signs.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting on March 23rd @ 7:00 PM**
- **Hosting Intergovernmental Meeting has been changed from March 28th to April 27th from 3-5:00 PM at Senoia Senior Center**
- **Hosting State Ethics Training March 28th & 29th at F/S Building from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
- **All interested in Serving on Downtown Development Authority Submit Letter to City Administrator**
- **Vote Tuesday, March 21, 2006 for SPLOST**

8. ADJOURN

C. Owens made motion to adjourn the March 20, 2006 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

