

**JULY 21, 2006
CITY OF SENOIA
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
9:00 AM**

VISITORS: Troy Beckon, Dave Pater, Matt Elliott, Dan Lashley, Bob Werner and Chief Bennett

COUNCIL PRESENT: Belisle, Owens and Wood

COUNCIL ABSENT: Benson and Harrison

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Tighten Water Restrictions

Mayor Belisle stated that part of why this meeting was called is due to the changes in the County mandated water restrictions that will go into effect Monday, July 24th. Mr. Ferry stated that since we get a portion of water from the county the City is also required to abide by their restrictions or impose stricter. Even addresses are permitted to water on Saturday only between the hours of midnight and 10:00 am, with odd addresses permitted to water on Sunday only between the hours of midnight and 10:00 am. Mr. Ferry reviewed the new restrictions, the prohibited uses and the exceptions listed by the County (incl. & made part of minutes). A schedule of fines was also reviewed. Some exceptions would be newly installed landscape by a licensed landscaper for 30 days following installation only. Even though the Saturday/Sunday won't apply, the watering hours will (midnight-10:00 am). Mr. Ferry mentioned that new construction is also under the 30 day grace period for new sod. Dan Lashley of D.R. Horton Homes asked if pressure washers who are responsible with cleaning the building site are considered under the restrictions. Mr. Ferry indicated that he spoke with Brad Gresham of Coweta County and understood that companies who do this for a living and carry the water on their truck would be alright but not permitted to hook up by hose to the residence. The discussion of issuing a bond to the homeowner during the drought period, where a C.O. (Certificate of Occupancy) would be given without the yard complete and installed at a later date, came up as one option. Troy Beckom of Jeff Betsill Homes stated that when sod is laid it must be soaked right away in order for it to "take hold". C. Owens asked if a home has already been permitted and in the process of building can the builder hold off on putting sod down & was told by Mr. Ferry that this is the Bond that was spoken of earlier; the City would just have to make concessions to the C.O. for this purpose. Mayor Belisle reminded all that the 30-day will begin when the sod hits the ground. C. Wood asked how often the County valves are opened & was told the 2-2 inch County valves are on all the time and the 8 inch is presently cracked. Mr. Ferry stated that if we were to open the 8 inch to fill our tanks it would drain theirs. C. Wood stated that if this were to happen, this could

cause the County to shut off our supply completely. C. Wood reminded all that the restrictions are driven by a lack of water and hoped the builders will understand. Mr. Ferry stated that if the County lifts the restrictions the City will do the same. Matt Elliott of Olde Towne Builders asked how the restrictions will affect new development regarding water lines, roads, etc., & was told the Counties perception of this type of work is that it is their business and should fall under the exception. The various levels of the drought restrictions were discussed and C. Owens stated that he is aware of some communities who have banned all outdoor watering. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to adopt the County Level Three Drought Restrictions, as well as allow the bonds so that builders have the option of not putting the sod down to acquire the C.O. This motion was 2nd by C. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Remove Irrigation meter Options

Mayor Belisle stated that the Metropolitan North Georgia Planning District strongly urges all conservation measures. Mayor Belisle then made motion to remove the option to have irrigation meters. C. Wood asked about the meters already in place & was told they would remain. The motion was 2nd by C. Owens. C. Wood would like to see motion amended and the City advertise for 60-days giving any one considering installation the opportunity to do so. Mayor Belisle stated that according to the Public Works Director we are already in a money-losing situation installing at the current price and would prefer not to wait. C. Wood then suggested advertising for 30-days. C. Owens asked how often these are purchased & was told questions or purchases are made weekly. Mr. Ferry stated if demand is an issue, the cost could be looked at and raised. After short discussion, vote to approve was 2-1. To approve: Belisle & Owens. To oppose: Wood. The charter will be checked for 3 or more affirmative votes or a majority to pass.

C. Emergency Road Repair

Mr. Ferry stated that we have received several complaints and letters regarding the condition of the road at the bridge on Luther Bailey and possible vehicle repairs. Last year the City was given a price of \$17,000 to resurface Luther Bailey Road at the bridge, most of the cost due was due to mobilization. APAC is in the area, has just completed Rockaway and has given the City a price of \$5,000 to resurface Luther Bailey at the bridge and Mr. Ferry is asking for Council approval to have this done. Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the emergency road repair of Luther Bailey at the bridge for a cost of \$5,000 & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADJOURN

C. Wood made motion to adjourn the July 21, 2006 Called Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.