

**DECEMBER 3, 2007  
CITY OF SENOIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FREEMAN/SASSER BUILDING  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Keith & Nicki Greenfield, Bob Werner, John Boyd, Dan Spencer, Mary Provost, Pam & Emily Roark, Bill Wood and Chief Bennett**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

**2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING-TABLE 6.1**

C. Owens made motion to approve the November 20, 07 Public Hearing-Table 6.1 minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING-HWY. 16**

C. Grover made motion to approve the November 20, 07 Public Hearing-Hwy 16 minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING-CROOKS**

C. Owens made motion to approve the November 20, 07 Public Hearing-Crooks minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

C. Grover made motion to approve the November 20, 07 Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Belisle made motion to amend the agenda for the addition under #3-D for the purchase of a Public Works Vehicle. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read-Proposed 2008 Operating Budget-All Funds**

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> read of the 2008 Operating Budget-all funds & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read-Water Ordinance**

C. Owens made motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> read of the Water Ordinance & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read-Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Table 6.1**

C. Owens made motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> read to the amendment of Table 6.1 of the Zoning Ordinance & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Cable TV Resolution and Ordinance**

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the Cable TV Resolution & 1<sup>st</sup> read of the Ordinance & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Resolution for GDOT Utility Easement**

Mr. Ferry explained that DOT is needing another utility easement as another of our sewer easements is located within the construction area. Mayor Belisle asked if this easement is located on private property & was told yes. Mayor Belisle then asked if years from now the utility needs moved will this be at GDOT's expense or ours. Mr. Whalen stated that it would be up to the City to move the utility unless a clause is added to the resolution, but mentioned that the sewer line may be deep enough to avoid having to be moved. C. Harrison asked if we should table. C. Graham stated that we should not have to pay for GDOT's decisions in the future and is in favor of the clause. After short discussion Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the resolution for the utility easement with the additional clause added that GDOT will relocate the utility in the easement at their cost in the future if needed. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Harrison and motion carried unanimously.

**F. Dedication of Morningside Phase 2**

Mr. Ferry explained that all looks in good shape for the City to take dedication of the roads. Mayor Belisle asked when the bond expired and stated that he thought it was a 3 or 5 year bond. Mr. Ferry told him that it expired this past July and the 5-year only applies to new subdivisions. All of Council is concerned with the slump in the current housing markets and the development dragging on for years after the bond expires. C. Owens asked when does the bond start and was told at final plat approval. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the dedication for Morningside Phase 2 & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Employee Holiday Compensation**

C. Grover made motion to approve the Holiday Compensation for City employees as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS****A. New Jerusalem Conceptual Plat**

C. Owens made motion to approve the conceptual plat as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. New Jerusalem Preliminary Plat**

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the preliminary plat as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Sign Appeal-Marathon Gas/Hwy 16 and 85**

Mr. Keith Greenfield informed all that the Chevron is in the process of re-branding to Marathon and the signage is needing replaced. Currently on property is a pole sign and will be replaced with a monument sign and is asking for a 10 foot variance for the sign as they are up against the DOT right of way. Mr. Greenfield is also requesting an LED non-flashing, non-scrolling sign, allowing the sign to be changed from inside the store. Mr. Ferry asked for a turn around time on the sign change & was told roughly two to four weeks to order, 6 week

turnaround on receipt and the change. C. Owens made motion to approve the 10 foot variance & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Harrison. C. Grover made motion to approve the LED lighting providing it is non-blinking, non-scrolling, non-flashing and uniform in color. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

**D. Public Works Vehicle Purchase**

C. Grover made motion to purchase the Stahl truck from Pioneer Ford-Mercury at a cost of \$29,601.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Variance(s) for NW Corner of Broad & Wells Streets-Crooks-Tabled**

**6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Dan Spencer of Rockaway Road stated that he had received the letter sent by the City to all residents asking to conserve water during our State wide drought situation but informed Council that with the billing system as it is currently set up his conservation efforts are yielding the same amount each month and is showing no savings. Mayor Belisle informed all that the City is currently looking at a tiered billing system that will charge for only amount used. Mr. Spencer thanked Council for looking at alternatives.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- There will be no Council meeting December 17, 2007**
- Mayor Belisle thanked all of the DDA members and all volunteers who helped to make Light Up Senoia the “best one yet”!**
- C. Owens publicly thanked the Public Works and Police departments for also helping out with Light Up Senoia and for all they do for the City**
- Candlelight Tour of Homes December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:00 PM**

**8. ADJOURN**

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the December 3, 2007 City Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

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Debra J. Volk, City Clerk