

**NOVEMBER 5, 2007
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FREEMAN/SASSER BUILDING
CITY PARK
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Lee Coleman, Greg Stefanchick, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Chief Ollita Bennett, Captain Jason Edens, Robert Stokley, Doug Vinson, Ken Barnard, Sharon Boyd, Sarah Campbell, John Thompson, Terry Marlow, Aime Scarbrough, Gail Downs and Jim & Melinda Garver

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

□ PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Coweta County Solicitor Robert Stokley presented Capt. Jason Edens with a Letter of Recognition and a certified copy of the Court of Appeals decision regarding a 34 year old, 8-time DUI offender that was arrested by Capt. Edens in March of 2004 on Highway 85 and finally convicted. Mr. Stokley explained that if it were not for Capt. Eden's attention to detail regarding the arrest and his recording the facts of this case, this offender could have possibly avoided yet another conviction. Captain Edens was recognized for a job well done.

Mayor Belisle then recognized Public Works employees Joey Bigler, Robert Harrison, Adrian Sherman, Cedric Jackson and Cody Smith for their outstanding service to the City during the recent water break on Main Street. Each will have a letter of appreciation placed in their file.

**2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES/
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM**

C. Grover made motion to approve the October 15, 2007 Public Hearing minutes on the STWP & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES/
STALLINGS ROAD-CONDITIONAL USE**

C. Owens made motion to approve the October 15, 2007 Public Hearing minutes on the Conditional Use & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES/
VARIANCE APPLICATION-291 PYLANT STREET**

C. Grover made motion to approve the October 15, 2007 Public Hearing minutes on the Variance Application & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Owens made motion to approve the October 15, 2007 City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**A. 1ST Read-2008 Operating Budget for all Funds**

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the 2008 Operating Budget for all funds as presented and was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Water Tank Maintenance Contract (500,000 gal.)

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve awarding the maintenance contract on the 500,000 gal. water tank to Caldwell Tanks contingent on the City Attorney review & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Title Transfer to DDA-Brantley Property Action

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the Agreement and Quit Claim that will convey the Brantley property to the DDA for development contingent on DDA's approval of the documents at their next meeting. This motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS**A. Greg Stefanchick of United Way**

Representing The United Way Mr. Greg Stefanchick informed all that the United Way is instrumental in communities helping communities and reviewed the partners that work with this organization throughout Coweta County, including Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, Coweta Boys and Girls Club and Salvation Army to name a few. The United Way offers services from infancy to the aged. C. Owens stated that the City may want to open a Boys and Girls Club here and asked if the dollars raised in Senoia stay here & was told that all money raised in Coweta County stays in Coweta. Only 8.9 cents of every dollar is used towards administration costs, including a hotline service. Mr. Stefanchick then stated that contributions could be made by individuals, businesses and thru payroll deductions. Mayor Belisle then made motion to approve by Resolution the option for payroll deduction for City of Senoia employees who would like to enroll. This motion was 2nd by C. Harrison and carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS**A. Library Sites**

Mr. Ferry informed all that a meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 10:00 am with State representative Nate Rawls on the Seavy Street Park Library site. Mr. Ferry would like to move forward with this site but earlier reports from Mr. Rawls stated that there are problems with the proximity to the railroad tracks and also the overhead power lines. In the event the site is not appropriate, Mr. Ferry would like Council to designate the following alternate sites for consideration:

- Vacant lot next to City Hall
- City land located at the ball fields on Howard Road
- Triangular piece of City owned property on Pylant Street
- 3 Acres at the railroad bridge on Rockaway Road

Mayor Belisle stated that it is very frustrating as no formal criteria has been presented as to the location at the Seavy Park regarding the railroad track and we have been trying to meet with the State representative for some time. C. Owens informed all that 3 meetings have been scheduled and he didn't show for any and asked if he doesn't show on November 13th do we still wait? Mr. Ferry said that we will then go ahead using City funds or wait till spring & put to bid with the State grant. C. Harrison asked if the State doesn't like the site or is it just Mr. Rawls and would like to see documents indicating reasoning. After short discussion, C. Grover made motion to approve the 4 alternate sites listed. C. Graham and C. Harrison have problems with the Pylant Street triangle. C. Owens indicated that we must have alternate sites for Mr. Rawls to look at in the event the planned site isn't sufficient. Motion was 2nd by C. Harrison and carried unanimously.

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Whalen informed Council that a lawsuit has been filed against the City by Reynolds & Karen Allen and Mr. Rottier regarding Council's zoning action on the property located at Seavy Street and Baggarly Way and the suit will be answered by Mr. Whalen on the City's behalf

- Municipal Election Tuesday, November 6th**
- 2nd Meeting in November to be held on Tuesday, November 20th at City Hall**
- Light Up Senoia Saturday, December 1st**

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the November 5, 2007 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk

