

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2007  
CITY OF SENOIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: Paul Lombardi, Scott Tigchelaar, Tom Reese, Lynne Wendt, Debbie Graham, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Bill Roy, Chris Fives, Bob & Pat Wingo, Frank Hollberg, Lee Coleman, Janet Baggarly, Ann & Jack Merrick, Chris Cox, Ken Barnard, Murray McAfee, Cheryl Mullinax, Kim & Sgt. Resmondo, Bob Werner, John Barrows, Bill Weston, Chief Bennett, Gail Downs, Claudia & Bill Wood, Karen & Reynolds Allen, Kyle Frank, Jim Garver, Sarah Campbell, Jane Hutchinson, John Munford and Mary Provost**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

**2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

C. Harrison made motion to approve the September 4, 2007 Public Hearing minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Vote to approve was 4-0-1 (C. Graham abstained from vote-absent from meeting)

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

C. Harrison made motion to approve the September 4, 2007 Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Vote to approve was 4-0-1 (C. Graham abstained from vote-absent from meeting)

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Annexation Amendment-Reese Development**

Mr. Ferry explained that the initial application that was approved for submittal to the County in April of this year will need to be amended. It appears that during meetings with the County it was discovered that the application submitted by Reese Development included a parcel which was already located in the County and for this, an amendment is needed for the parcel's removal. After short discussion, C. Graham made motion to approve the amendment as outlined & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Water Improvements at SR 16/85**

Mr. Ferry informed all that work is expected to go to bid in November and the Georgia Department of Transportation will begin the improvement to the intersection at GA Hwy 16 and 85/74. It is required that all utilities within the work zone are relocated so as not to obstruct any improvements to be completed by GDOT. The City has water and sewer lines that are within the work zone. The sewer lines are safely out of the way and will only require the manhole adjustments. This work will be completed by GDOT with a portion paid by the department and the remaining paid by the City. The water lines at the intersection need to be moved out of the work zone and also upgraded to provide proper flow for future commercial development. It has been determined that 8 inch lines will suffice for the expected growth at the intersection. G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers has completed the drawings and bid documents for the approval of the Mayor and Council. The engineers have estimated that the project would cost \$230,000.

After reviewing the plans, Randy Padgett commented that the portion of the improvement on the northeast corner of the intersection will interfere with the project under construction on the lot. He recommended that the city go ahead with the water line

installation on this corner only to avoid costly interference with the driveway, utility and landscaping pending early approval by GDOT. C. Owens made motion to approve the City labor at the McDonald's site at a cost of \$28,000 and the remaining relocation providing there are no major changes by GDOT. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Harrison. Mayor Belisle asked that the motion be amended to include the whole project and this was agreed by both C. Owens and C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Rezoning of Southeast Corner of Seavy & Baggarly Way from R-40 (Residential) to CG (General Commercial)

Mayor Belisle made motion to deny the commercial zoning and grant a variance for the parking area specific to the 2<sup>nd</sup> site plan with the following conditions: that 2 sidewalk cut thrus are placed from the furthest island to accommodate the flow out of the parking lot and a sidewalk is placed on the Seavy Street side up to the connection to the one at Baggarly Way. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Vote was 2-3. To approve: Belisle & Graham. To oppose: Grover, Harrison & Owens. Motion fails. C. Grover made motion to approve the commercial zoning tied exclusively to this plan presented with the addition of 2 cut thrus at the western most median, an additional sidewalk at the corner connecting the proposed sidewalk at Baggarly Way and that this lot cannot be used for any other purpose without bringing back for full procedures, including public hearings before both Planning Commission and City Council. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. To approve motion: Grover, Harrison & Owens. To oppose: Belisle & Graham. Motion carried.

##### B. Architectural Assessment for City Hall/Police Department

C. Graham made motion to approve the architectural assessment as presented. Mayor Belisle suggested doing the assessment on the church first and if unfit, do the other options, including determining the needs for a stand alone building. C. Graham withdrew motion. C. Owens then made motion to approve the consultant, which will determine the feasibility of the church for both City Hall and Police Department before other options are looked at & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Vote to approve motion was 4-0. To oppose: Harrison

##### C. Appointment of Downtown Development Authority Member

DDA Chair Suzanne Helfman informed Council that due to family illness and time constraints Carl McKnight has resigned from the DDA but added that Julie Brown has submitted a letter of interest to serve. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to appoint Julie Brown to the DDA to fill the unexpired term of Mr. McKnight. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

##### D. Certificate of Appropriateness-53 Main Street/Windows

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the COA for the windows at 53 Main Street & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS-None

#### 6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

*Citizen comments should relate to specific agenda items not listed on the agenda for a Public Hearing, or to a concern within the jurisdiction of the City. Council meetings serve the purpose of conducting city business and are not a forum for the unlimited expression of opinion. If an item is listed on the agenda for a Public Hearing, you will have an opportunity at that time to comment on the particular matter. All comments should be limited to three (3) minutes. The*

*Mayor reserves the right to limit comments to matters germane to city business and may refer speakers to the City Administrator or other staff for resolution. Comments shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to individual councilmen or staff. The Mayor shall maintain decorum and unruly behavior will not be tolerated.*

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual DDA Car Show Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 to 10:00 pm**
- Town Hall Meeting to discuss Parks & Recreation is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The location has been changed to City Hall**
- The DDA has changed the time of their meetings to 7:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month**
- A Short Term Work Program worksession has been scheduled one hour prior to the regular Council meeting on October 1<sup>th</sup> (6:00 PM)**
- A Budget Workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at the Freeman/Sasser Building.**
- All are asked to submit names for the Pylant Street Park. Mayor Belisle stated that the Historic Preservation Commission will design the sign.**
- Mr. Ferry updated all on the CMAQ Project, which will connect the City Parks**

**8. ADJOURN**

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the September 17, 2007 Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

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Debra J. Volk, City Clerk