

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2007  
CITY OF SENOIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER PUBLIC HEARING**

**VISITORS: Sam Helfman, Frank Hollberg, Mike Sumner, Delores & John Haynie, Paul & Ann Price, Lee Coleman, Jim Rainey, Chief Bennett, Donna Black, Debbie Graham, John Thompson, Gail Downs, Jim & Melinda Garver, Sarah Campbell and Chad Floyd**

**COUNCIL PRESENT: Belisle, Grover, Harrison & Owens  
COUNCIL ABSENT: Graham**

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

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order & welcomed all.

**2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2007 CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

C. Grover made motion to approve the August 20, 2007 Called meeting minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

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

C. Owens made motion to approve the August 20, 2007 City Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Tax Equity Proposal**

Mr. Ferry explained that Council and our residents are concerned with the services received by the County as outlined by the Service Delivery Strategy and therefore we would like to hire a consultant to perform an assessment of these services to see if the City is receiving all that it should be. A proposal was received from Mr. Robert Loveland, which would examine the services between the City and Coweta County, obtain information and present findings at a cost of \$2,700. C. Owens asked is there is specific language in the current Service Delivery that identifies who pays and what service is received & was told by Mr. Whalen that there should be. Mr. Ferry used animal control as an example stating that the service delivery clearly states that the County would perform these duties within the City but refuses. Mayor Belisle stated that the purpose of the assessment is to identify the services and monetary values associated. C. Owens made motion to approve hiring Mr. Loveland for the assessment & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Preliminary Annexation Review for Property Located at Southeast Corner of SR 85/16-Tinsley Property**

Representing the Tinsley's, Mr. Mike Sumner is asking that Council approve acceptance of an application for annexation for 167 acres located at the southeast corner of SR 85/16. Mr. Sumner continued to state that the 167 acres of the Tinsley property is contiguous to 20 acres inside the City limits. C. Harrison asked what is planned and why he wants to annex & was told that nothing is planned yet but would like the property accessed to all that the City provides. Mr. Whalen reminded all that action is simply to forward the application to the County. After short discussion, C. Owens made motion to accept the application for annexation and approve submission of the application to the County. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Variance for Accessory Structure at 303 Mary Delores Court**

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the variance for an accessory structure at 303 Mary Delores Court & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Review/Recommendation for Conceptual Plat-Newberry Subdivision**

Representing Scarbrough & Rolader regarding and Newberry Subdivision, Ms. Donna Black reminded Council that the development is R-40 C zoning and proposes 141 homes on 153 acres with 80 acres of greenspace. There is also a 5.5 acre commercial area planned for the front of the development. Ms. Black continued to say that there are no changes to the plans reviewed by the Planning Commission with the exception that the access from the Ivy Ridge subdivision has been finalized and the streets have been slightly configured as to deter thru traffic. Mr. Ferry then stated that after speaking with Lamar Rogers of GBT Engineering it was recommended that a sewer study is preformed to insure capacity along with the required Development Impact Study. Mr. Ferry referred to a greenway that was present on the plans during the meeting with Planning Commission that is absent from the conceptual now. Ms. Black indicated that it was not their intent to exclude from the conceptual as the greenway is still planned. Mayor Belisle stated that the development agreement will be tied into the preliminary plat process and added that Mr. Ferry will email all the agreement with Heritage Pointe for guidance and encourages all of Council to review. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the Conceptual Plat for Newberry Subdivision providing the Development Impact Study and Sewer Study are preformed, an agreement is drawn up for Newberry and the greenway is back in place. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Harrison and carried unanimously.

**C. Appointment to Planning Commission**

**D. Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission**

Mr. Ferry explained that staggered terms were approved in January for the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission appointee Lynne Wendt's one-year term expired in August. Ms. Wendt is interested in another term as no other letters of interest have been received. Regarding Planning Commission, the terms for Jim Preece & Cheryl Mullinax expired in August as well, both are interested in continuing and no letters of interest have been received for these positions either. After reviewing the terms of PC and inconsistencies with the starting and ending dates, Mr. Ferry would like to suggest that Jim Preece and Cheryl Mullinax serve August 07 to August 09, Lynne Wendt, Roger Alley, Karina Langford and alternate David Butler have terms that end August 08. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the Planning Commission terms as outlined and Lynne Wendt's term on HPC to run from August 07 to August 2010. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Springdale Homeowners Association-Stop Sign Request-Postpone**

**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.***

Mr. Frank Hollberg of Hollberg's Furniture stated that he is opposed to closing Main Street on September 22<sup>nd</sup> for the car show and has chosen to close for the day as there will be no parking for his customers. Mr. Hollberg asked Council that future events be held at the City Park and offered to pay for shuttle service back and forth, adding that DDA is forgetting about the businesses. C. Owens stated that he appreciated the offer for the shuttles but the purpose of holding the event downtown is to bring people to the downtown area and if the businesses are suffering, the City will need to look at this in the future. Mayor Belisle stated that a section in the downtown area has been reserved for parking and added that a lot of folks who are drawn to Main Street will be exposed to all of the businesses. Mr. Hollberg doesn't see that it is necessary to close Main Street from 10 am to 10 pm for this event.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Town Hall Meeting to be held September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Citizens Building on Howard Road at 7:00 PM to discuss Parks and Recreation throughout the City**
- DDA Car Show Scheduled for Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2-10:00 PM**

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER §50-14-3 (6) FOR PERSONNEL**

Mayor Belisle made motion to enter Executive Session under §50-14-3 (6) for Personnel & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. To approve motion: Belisle, Grover, Harrison & Owens.

Mayor Belisle made motion to return to regular session & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. To approve motion: Belisle, Grover, Harrison & Ownes

Mayor Belisle then made motion to approve a raise in the annual salary of Chief of Police to \$55,000. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

**9. ADJOURN**

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the September 4, 2007 City 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