

**JANUARY 8, 2007
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Mary Provost, Randy Padgett, Mary Ann Dossett, Barbara Hyde, Adam Scoggins, Jerry Peterson, Chad Floyd, John Thompson, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Gail Downs, Ken Bernard, Larry & Jean Starr, Barbara Osborn-Harris, Brian Haun, Bob Werner, Wendy Travis, Charlie Edwards, Brian Lowery, Debbie Graham, Tracy Beech, Nathan Tilson, Mike Mello, Aime Scarbrough, Chief Bennett, Costas Soulakos, Bob Rolader, Donna Black, Mary Ruth Davidson and Melinda Garver

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

**2. OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMAN MAURICE GROVER
OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMAN BOBBY GRAHAM**

The Oath of Office was given to C. Grover and C. Graham by the City Clerk Debby Volk.

3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Owens made motion to approve the December 4, 2006 City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 4-0-1 (C. Graham abstained from vote).

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Belisle made motion to re-appoint C. Owens as Mayor Pro Tem & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Excavator Purchase-Rural Development/ Sewer Budget

Mr. Ferry indicated that there is approximately \$32,000 left in the Rural Development Grant money. One option would be to return the excess or we could combine the \$32,000 with funds remaining under capital equipment in the 2006 sewer budget for the purchase of an excavator. Public Works Director Randy Padgett solicited bids for the purchase and from the five bids received, feels the invoice dated November 28th for the Komatsu compact excavator for \$57,990 is the best choice. C. Owens asked if the equipment would be used strictly for ditch digging & was told a track hoe is used mainly for digging. Mayor Belisle asked if this meets all of our needs & was told yes. Mr. Padgett informed Council that the only piece of equipment the City has is a 1990 model Case. Mr. Padgett continued to say that if there is a water and sewer emergency at the same time the City is in a bind, as he has brought his personal tractor to fill these needs or has been forced to rent. C. Harrison asked if it was only for

digging why there is a bush hog listed & was told the bush hog would be used to “reach in and grab”. After short discussion, Owens made motion to approve the purchase of the Komatsu Compact Excavator from the remaining RD funds, along with 2006 capital equipment funds for the balance at a cost of \$57,990. This motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

C. 2006 Budget Amendments

Mr. Ferry presented all amendments needed for the 2006 operating budget and stated that the General Fund is showing the overage of \$53,000. However, \$66,000 of expenses was initiated by Council, leaving an amount \$13,000 actual under expenses. There were no other significant changes needed in the remaining funds, just a few coding corrections that the City Clerk will amend. C. Harrison made motion to approve the 2006 Budget Amendments as presented & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

D. 1st Read-Annexation Ordinance-157.4 Acres-GA. Hwy. 85

E. 1st Read-Zoning Classifications on 157.4 Acres-GA. Hwy. 85

Mr. Whalen reminded all that action tonight would include both the Annexation Ordinance and assigning zoning. C. Harrison asked if the zoning ordinance for Hwy. 16 & 85 was available & was told by Mr. Ferry that he could get one if needed. C. Harrison then asked if there might be something we may want to change, add or delete regarding this property. Mr. Ferry stated that this would be dealt with during the review stage. Mayor Belisle stated that the developer has agreed to follow all ordinances in place at the time of submittal. Mayor Belisle stated that C. Graham pointed out that the gross acreage reflected is 157 and the Conservation Subdivision acreage is at 152 so be aware that a required change will be needed there, further stating the only other requirement in the past is the money for well sites and this will also be contingent on your acceptance. After a short discussion and review by Mr. Ferry, C. Owens made motion to approve the 1st read of the Annexation Ordinance and the Application for Zoning Classifications on the 157.4 Acres for Chadwick Homes with the following conditions:

- Allocation of per lot cost for wells
- Net density alteration based on the commercial is subtracted out
- Cost of the water engineering statement by developer.

This motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

F. Resolution to Adopt STWP/CIE

C. Grover made motion to approve the Resolution to adopt the STWP/CIE & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Set Qualifying Fee for 2007 Municipal Election

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the 2007 Municipal Election Qualifying Fee set at 3% of the total gross salary of the preceding year (Mayor \$360.00/Council \$90.00). This motion was seconded by C. Harrison and carried unanimously.

H. Employee Cost of Living Increase

C. Owens made motion to approve a 3% cost of living increase for City employees with a 2% if earned merit increase in June 07. This motion was 2nd by C. Harrison and carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Repairs to Police Vehicle

Chief Bennett informed Council that one of the 2001 vehicles is down with a blown motor. Three estimates have been received which are Crooks Tire Center for \$4,825.16 (including towing and using Ford parts), Crooks Tire for \$4,790.18 (including towing and using Jasper parts) and Allen Vigil Ford for \$4,701.91 (including towing and using Ford parts). Chief Bennett is requesting using Crooks with the Ford parts at a cost of \$4,825.16 for the turnaround time of 1 to 1-1/2 weeks and the 75,000 mile warranty on the Ford parts. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the estimate from Crooks Tire Center at \$4,825.16 & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Staggered Terms for Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Belisle stated that staggered terms are needed for the HPC and rather than just appoint terms, Mr. Ferry has suggested pulling names from a hat. Mr. Ferry stated the first name drawn will hold a 1-year term, the next two, two-year terms and the final two, three-year terms. The City Clerk pulled the names as follows:

1-year term: Lynn Wendt

2-year terms: Paul Price and Ken Barnard

3-year terms: Melinda Garver and JoAnn Utt

Mayor Belisle then made motion to approve the terms as stated above & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Council Representative to the Downtown Development Authority

With the resignation of Larry Owens as Council representative, Mayor Belisle made motion to appoint Bobby Graham as Council representative to the DDA. This motion was 2nd by C. Owens and carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. G.C.I.C. Purchase-Police Department

Chief Bennett informed the Mayor and Council about the benefits of having a G.C.I.C. terminal within the police station costing \$4390.90. She also stated that all officers and staff will be trained on the system, she would run it during the day and since there are two officers on duty for most shifts one will be able to help the other if there is a need for a warrant check. After a short discussion C. Grover made a motion to approve the police purchase & was 2nd by C. Graham. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Library Design Presentation

Brian Haun of KA Oldham Architects presented Council a rendering of the proposed Library with the changes requested. Mr. Haun pointed out the longer windows, the

railing will be wrought iron, the track door at the restrooms to resemble a train depot and the dormers were added. C. Owens asked which of the renderings on display would be seen as patrons entered the Park and was told the side with the track door. C. Owens stated that the drawing looks great and is more in line with what the City was looking for. C. Grover agreed and said the drawing "looked great". Mayor Belisle thanked the HPC for working with Mr. Haun and read the HPC's recommendations:

- An alternate brick
- Replica iron railings
- Bead board

C. Owens made motion to approve the drawing as presented for the new Senoia Library with the HPC conditions & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Brian Lowery and Wendy Travis of 161 Hutchinson Lake Road approached Council for their request of a fire hydrant to service the homes on Hutchinson Lake. Mr. Lowery stated that he lives in the City, has City water but yet is told that this is a private road and the closest City hydrant is located in the Martinwood subdivision. Mr. Lowery asked if it is customary for the Senoia Police to enter a private road and was told by Mayor Belisle that this is done as a courtesy. Ms. Travis stated that she feels they have been getting the run around. They have contacted the City and have been told to call the County, called the County and was told to call the City. Mayor Belisle and City Attorney Drew Whalen stated that the acreage on Hutchinson Lake was subdivided without City knowledge. Mr. Lowery said that the residents who live there are being held accountable by a situation created by one individual. C. Owens stated that what needs to be done is somehow see fire protection to these residents. Mr. Whalen suggested the residents of Hutchinson Lake consult an attorney and give him a call to try and achieve a solution. Mr. Lowery and Ms. Travis agreed to this.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mayor and Council Workshop Jan 12th @ 9:00 am @ City Hall**
Mayor Belisle made motion to call a workshop on Friday, January 12th at 9:00 am for the purpose of discussing future sewer planning. This motion was 2nd by C. Owens. C. Harrison asked if the time could be amended and was told that the time was set due to scheduling of the attorney and engineer. Vote to approve was 4-0-1. C. Grover abstained from vote.
- **City Hall will be closed January 15th for the MLK Holiday**
- **Next meeting of Mayor and Council will be Mon. Jan 22nd**
- **Historic Preservation Commission will meet Jan 9th @ 7:00 pm**
- **Planning Commission will meet on January 16th @ 7:00 PM**

9. ADJOURN

C. Owens made motion to adjourn the January 8, 2007 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

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