

**APRIL 2, 2007
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

VISITORS: Tim, Dakota and Hunter Durham, Tim & Rebecca Neill, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Judy, Benjamin & Sam Belisle, Lynn Miller, Gail Downs, Mary Provost, Sgt. Resmondo, John Thompson and Sarah Campbell

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the City Council meeting to order and welcomed all.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the March 19, 2007 City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2007 WORKSESSION MINUTES

C. Owens made motion to approve the March 23, 2007 Council Work Session minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. C. Harrison asked if there was nothing approved & was told that is correct. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

• **Memorial Day Fireworks**

Mayor Belisle informed all that only one RFP was received for the fireworks display planned for Memorial Day and that was from Pyrotecnico for the same cost as last year. C. Owens made motion to approve the Fireworks Display Contract with Pyrotecnico & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Resolution-Employee Incentive Program Grant Application

C. Owens made motion to approve the resolution for the Employee Incentive Program Grant Application & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sign Appeal-Tim Durham of Country Cooking Buffet

Mr. Tim Durham of Country Cooking Buffet is asking Council to allow him to change the current roof sign with the name of the new establishment as the lights are already in place and his sign panels are done. Code Enforcement Officer Bob Werner informed Council that he cannot change the sign without Council approval. Mr. Werner continued to state that Mr. Durham does have the option of a wall sign. Mr. Durham stated that the current sign has been there 18 to 20 years and he is afraid removal will cause roof damage and he is very limited to placement of name due to the amount of glass panels across the front of the building. Mr. Ferry informed all that the current ordinance does not address

roof signs, only non-conforming and stated that the new ordinance will prohibit all roof signs. C. Owens stated that he is in favor of prohibiting roof signs and made motion to deny the sign appeal. This motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously. Rebecca Neill asked if the illegal signs are still in the right of way between the convenience store and grocery store that she requested be removed and was told by C. Owens that anyone who sees signs out of order are to call City Hall and Code Enforcement will look into them.

B. Employee Resident Incentive(s)

Mayor Belisle stated that it has come to his attention that our employees are finding it hard to afford to live in the City and he is suggesting some kind of employee resident incentives, further stating that the City reaps benefits from employees who live here. Some suggestions were waiving water, sewer and sanitation and even reimburse through bonus the portion of City property taxes paid. Mayor Belisle then asked Council to think about this and come back with suggestions.

6. OLD BUSINESS-None

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Town Hall Meeting Thursday, April 26th Senior Citizens Center/Howard Road at 6:00 PM**
- **Senoia Clean Up Day Saturday, April 28th Old Public Works Building on Clark Street from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**
- **Memorial Day Festivities Monday, May 28th Main Street from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM-Fireworks at dark.**
- **Planning Commission Vacancy. Anyone wishing to serve as regular member or alternate is asked to submit their request to City Hall.**
- **Volunteers needed for Park Committee**

C. Owens informed all that Council has been working on creating and updating ordinances and continued to say that these changes are not in place yet but once adopted it is important to know that no one will be singled out, the ordinances will apply to everyone.

9. ADJOURN

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