

**JUNE 4, 2007
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY AFTER PUBLIC HEARINGS**

VISITORS: Bill Roy, Lee Coleman, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Robert Titus, Judy, Ben & Sam Belisle, Tyler, Kayla & Jacob Carter, Debbie Graham, Dianne Cleveland, Mr. & Mrs. Rotier, Jim Garver, Gail Downs, John Thompson, Murray McAfee, Mary Provost, Rebecca Neill, Chief Bennett, Sergeant Resmondo, Roger Alley and Sarah Campbell

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

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order & welcomed all.

Mayor Belisle then noted that the Public Hearing scheduled for this evening on the Rezoning from R-40 to GC at 7851 Wells Street has been postponed to July 2, 2007.

**2. APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2007 COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES-
Postponed to June 18th for Approval**

APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES (CDBG)

C. Owens made motion to approve the May 21, 2007 Public Hearing minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the May 21, 2007 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. 2nd Read Golf Cart Ordinance

Mr. Ferry reviewed all the changes that were made to the age, license and effective dates, which are age 16 and possess a valid driver's license, persons at least 21 may operate without a valid driver's license provided these operators shall have a photo ID card on person while operating and current owners of carts must have registered by September 1, 2007. Mr. Rotier who owns property on Pylant Street stated in his opinion the ordinance is a bad idea, referencing Peachtree City and the crime and accidents resulting from the carts. Mr. Rotier added that Senoia is a quiet town and asks that Council protect its future and not pass the ordinance. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the 2nd read of the Golf Cart Ordinance w/changes listed above. C. Harrison is concerned with the traffic and speed combined with the carts on Rockaway Road and made motion to ban the carts on Rockaway until paths can be constructed. This motion fails for lack of second. After further discussion,

C. Grover 2nd Mayor Belisle's motion and vote to approve was 3-1. To oppose: C. Harrison.

B. Resolution 07-06 on Downtown Development Authority Boundaries

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the resolution for the new DDA boundaries with the addition of the spray fields, the ball fields and the property adjacent to the ball fields. This motion was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 3-1. To oppose: C. Harrison.

C. Municipal Court-Moving to 2 Court Sessions Per Month

Chief Bennett and Sergeant Resmondo reported that Municipal Court continues to be over crowded each month and presented the solution of moving to two dates a month. This would enable arraignments to be held at one session and the actual trials to be held at the other. Sergeant Resmondo also informed Council that currently on court night every officer of the department is in session leaving no patrols in the City. The change to two nights will only require 2 officers needed for arraignments and only officers testifying will be present at trial, with significant saving to the salary budget. The two sessions will require increases for the judge and solicitor of \$500.00 and \$450.00, resulting in monthly pay to Judge to be \$1,000, the City Solicitor \$900.00 and saving police salary of \$1,400 per month in overtime. C. Harrison asked if the two sessions were alright with the Judge & was told yes. Mayor Belisle made motion to approve Municipal Court moving to two dates per month & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Certificate of Appropriateness-Fence/Shed Located at 67 Coweta Street

C. Owens made motion to approve the COA for a fence and shed at 67 Coweta Street & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Conceptual Plat for Springdale Subdivision-Unit F-Postpone to June 18th

C. Preliminary Plat for Gin Street Property-Postpone to June 18th

D. Variance-Reduction Side Bldg. Separation/Newberry-Postpone to June 18th

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

- Mayor Belisle informed all that the City will no longer be mailing out late notices on water, sewer & sanitation services. All information regarding due dates, late payments, interruption of service & reconnection costs are listed on the new statements that began with the May 07 billings.
- C. Owens thanked everyone for their help and support with the Memorial Day Parade & fireworks and stated that it was again a huge success this year.
- Mr. Ferry informed all that as a customer of Coweta County Water it is mandatory that the City follow the Level 3 drought restrictions imposed by the County this weekend. Watering will be allowed on Saturday for even addresses only from midnight to 10:00 am, odd addresses Sundays only from midnight to 10:00 am.

8. ADJOURN

C. Owens made motion to adjourn the June 4, 2007 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk