

**JULY 16, 2007**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING**

**VISITORS: Sarah Campbell, John Thompson, Lee Coleman, Bob Werner, Roger Alley, Paul & Ann Price, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Bill Roy, Debbie Graham, Ken Barnard, Chief Bennett, Steven Ray, John Ray, Mary Provost, Kevin Kahl, Jim & Melinda Garver, JoAnn Utt, Robert Gregory, Jean & Elbert Williams, Chris Pittman, Adrian & Mark Bradberry and Wayne Gordon.**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

**2. APPROVAL OF JULY 2, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

C. Harrison made motion to approve the July 2, 2007 Public Hearing minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 2, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Discussion of Council Term Lengths**

Mayor Belisle stated that he wanted to get the opinion of Council and the public as to Council moving to 4-year terms and would like to place the matter on the November ballot. Mr. Whalen explained that a unanimous resolution would first be sent to the General Assembly for action who may then require a referendum along with changing the City Charter. Mr. Whalen continued to state that the City cannot place on the ballot in November for a vote. The City can however ask the residents to submit their opinions to City Hall. Mayor Belisle stated that he understood when this subject was brought up previously that it could be placed on the ballot. C. Graham also thought the public could be asked by ballot. After short discussion, C. Owens made motion to pass a Resolution asking that Council begin the process towards 4-year terms, remaining staggered as they are now. Motion dies for lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**B. Schedule Retreat Work Shop**

Mayor Belisle informed all that a retreat is needed regarding project with the current SPLOST and sewer expansion and asked all to consider scheduling. C. Owens suggested Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> as Council will be meeting at 10:00 for a public hearing and the retreat could be held afterwards. All Council agreed on date and time. Mayor Belisle asked Mr. Ferry to coordinate a site for the retreat & have advertised.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Certificate of Appropriateness- 30 Couch Street-Fence**

C. Grover made motion to approve the COA for a fence at 30 Couch Street & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Certificate of Appropriateness-Lazy Daisy Flower Shop-Sign**

C. Owens made motion to approve the COA for a sign at Lazy Daisy Flower Shop & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Variance-354 Seavy Street for Subdivision of Lot-Cancelled**

**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**

- **Any persons interested in serving on the Senoia Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Committee or Senoia Library Board can submit a letter of interest to serve**

Mr. Ferry stated that current committee members do not have to submit a letter of interest but can verbally let their wishes known.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER §50-14-3(4)-Acquisition of Real Estate**

Mayor Belisle made motion to close regular session and move into Executive Session under O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4) for Acquisition of Real Estate & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Owens. To approve motion: Belisle, Graham, Grover, Harrison & Owens.

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

Mayor Belisle then made motion to proceed with the survey and appraisal of undisclosed property & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. ADJOURN**

C. Owens made motion to adjourn the July 16, 2007 City Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.