

**JULY 27, 2007
CITY OF SENOIA
PUBLIC HEARING
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
10:00 AM**

VISITORS: John Thompson, Lee Coleman, Sam & Suzanne Helfman

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the Public Hearing to order & welcomed all.

2. PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To present and receive comments on a proposed increase in the millage rate.

Mayor Belisle then stated that the City is not increasing taxes but simply holding the same millage as last year.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

At the last Council meeting, a resident had asked what services the City provides for the taxes that are paid. Mr. Ferry presented and reviewed a comparison between Senoia and the County regarding services, including library, the police and animal control to name a few. Mr. Ferry stated that after speaking with the City of Newnan he was informed that they have a residential tax base of approximately 55 %, where Senoia's is 80-85%. Mr. Ferry then added that until the City builds our tax base we will remain a residential community.

4. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC-None

5. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

C. Owens asked for an explanation of the animal control difference between the Senoia and Coweta. Mr. Ferry stated that we have an agreement through Service Delivery Strategy (HB9) indicating that animal control is one service provided but the County will not come into the City for animal control. C. Graham stated that we need to look at deducting from what our residents pay to the County for this "service". C. Grover thanked Mr. Ferry for the presenting the reports and the research involved.

6. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the July 27, 2007 Public Hearing & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk

