

**AUGUST 17, 2009
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Don Rehman, Harry Ramos, Scott McGinnis, Jeremy Whitaker, Mike Campbell, Suzanne & Sam Helfman, Paul & Ann Price, Jason Edens, Bob Werner, John Mumford, Mary Moore, Chuck & Pat Eichorst, Mary Provost, Stacy Fisher, Stephanie Grover, Tony Bell, Paul Lombardi and Sarah Campbell

COUNCIL PRESENT: Belisle, Fisher, Graham and Grover

COUNCIL ABSENT: Owens

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 3, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the August 3, 2009 City Council minutes & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. JMA Construction Management Agreement

Mr. Ferry informed all that no one at the City is qualified to oversee construction management on the new complex project & the architect who designed the building has submitted a contract for this purpose. The contract is in the amount of \$39,576 with a \$3,000 allowance for unforeseen additional. Mr. Whalen stated that it can be paid back thru the loan, adding that the project can begin any time as we have completed all closing requirements. Mr. Ferry stated that the cost including the above contract will be 1,090,000; below the original of \$1,300,000. After short discussion, C. Grover made motion to approve the contract as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 09-12 Approving Annual Update to STWP/CIE

C. Graham made motion to approve Resolution No. 09-12 for the submittal of the annual update to the STWP/CIE. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

C. Resolution No. 09-13 Setting the Millage Rate

C. Grover made motion to approve Resolution No. 09-13 to set the millage rate at 6.11. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

D. Downtown Development Report/Update

Suzanne Helfman informed Council that the concert held on Main Street July 16th had approximately 700 people attend. An art camp held July 27-30th had two sessions a day with 50 at each session. Lunch was donated on the last day by McGuire's and all instructors donated their time for this event. Lot #4 at the old Brantley Institute is under contract and should close August 31st. Movie night this past Saturday was well received with an estimated 400 showing up.

Bruce Green of Georgia Department of Economic Development was in town on July 24th and was amazed with all the changes taking place in the City. Ms. Helfman then informed Council that all members of the DDA will rotate for these monthly reports.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. COA for Addition at 35 Broad Street

C. Grover made motion to approve the COA for an addition at 35 Broad Street & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

B. COA for a Porch at 61 Main Street

C. Grover made motion to approve the COA for a porch at 61 Main Street & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Wellsprings Church-Freeman Sasser Building Use

Pastor Scott McGinis stated that Wellsprings Church opened in Senoia 2 years ago and continues to grow. The Church is needing a meeting place for their youth on Wednesday evenings and the F/S Building could serve this purpose. Pastor McGinis asked Council to approve a yearly rate of \$4,000 for its use. Mr. Ferry informed all that the building sits vacant on Wednesdays. Mr. Whalen asked if we have a policy for long term on this building & was told no. Mayor Belisle asked if there was a general policy put in place could the City rent it long term & was told yes. Mayor Belisle instructed Mr. Ferry to construct a general policy and once in place, made motion to approve the use of the F/S Building to Wellsprings Church every Wednesday night for an annual fee of \$4,000. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Ethics Board

C. Fisher commented that there have been some things going on in the community recently of which he has not been able to voice his opinion. C. Fisher continued that he has remained silent to this point but would like to tell his constituents that "I would be very disappointed if I did not get my full say." C. Fisher stated the City has a policy and procedure that's been in place but has not yet been tested and thinks this is absolutely the staging front for this type of grounds. C. Fisher then removed himself from any and all discussion regarding the appointment of the Ethics Board. Mayor Belisle informed all that the Ethics Ordinance clearly states an Ethics Board is appointed and Council has met their obligations to submit their names to Mr. Ferry. Mayor Belisle then made motion for Mr. Ferry to proceed with drawing the 5 names from the box & was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 3-0. The names drawn are Mendi McDowell, Bill Wood, Paul Ferguson, Debra Mello and Steve Ireland. Mr. Ferry will contact these 5 and set up a meeting with the Mayor who will set out the directives.

5. OLD BUSINESS-None

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Qualifying for Mayor and 2 Council Seats will be held Monday August 31st thru Friday September 4th from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday and until 12:00 Friday September 4th. Qualifying Fee for Mayor is \$360.00 and Council \$90.00**
- Any interested in volunteering at the Welcome Center please notify City Hall**

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the August 17, 2009 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.