

**FEBRUARY 2, 2009
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Richalle Ward, Randy Brown, Ben Nelms, Don Rehman, Scott Tigchelaar, Bob Werner, Jason Edens, Kevin Resmondo, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Jason Ercole, Randall Burns, Martha Barksdale, Aaron Fennimore, Stephanie Savage, Judge Sharon Pierce, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bell and Sarah Campbell

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the January 26, 2009 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Discussion-Ordinance Chapter 46/Offenses & Miscellaneous

Capt. Jason Edens explained that he would like to see some amendments to Chapter 46/Offenses-Miscellaneous, to include loitering, disorderly house and public defecation/urination. Capt. Edens continued to state that the State laws are rather vague and having our own that are specific to Senoia would be easily enforceable and in some cases, much needed. No. 46-14 on Loitering would include any public place, businesses and parking areas. No. 46-15 on Disorderly House would enable the department to enforce homes or businesses that get numerous calls and would not only include the individuals at hand but also the property owners who otherwise might be unaware. No. 46-16 on Public Defecation/Urination will be clear-cut and defined. Mr. Ferry reminded all that this is only discussion to see if Council wants ordinance changes to include these mentioned. C. Owens agrees that the City needs to head in this direction. Mayor Belisle agrees but informed all that the City Attorney has not had a chance to completely review, is concerned a bit with wording so far and will need to “fine tune” some of the proposed. Mayor Belisle then made motion to forward the three proposed ordinance amendments to the City Attorney for revisions. C. Harrison asked if the Disorderly House would include the property owner & was told by Capt. Edens that it would include the person with actual physical control of property at that time but would also put the property owner on notice. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senoia Little League Parade

Special Events Coordinator for Senoia Little League Richalle Ward presented Council for proposed route for their March 14th opening day parade and stated that the only change from last year is that S.A.L.L. is requesting that the teams

line up at the park instead of the Methodist Church due to traffic congestion. Mayor Belisle suggested having the parade begin and end at the ball field thus eliminating traffic problems and both Ms. Ward and Randy Brown like the suggestion. Mayor Belisle insists that there be no candy thrown as in years past and asked that all is coordinated with the Police Department in the next few weeks for street closings and times. Another condition and Council agreed that S.A.L.L. create and distribute flyers to downtown merchants informing them of the event and the times that the businesses may be impacted. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion to approve March 14, 2009 for the opening day parade based on the conditions stated. This motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously. Mr. Ferry asked for a clarification of the date & time and was told Saturday, March 14th to begin at 9 AM.

5. OLD BUSINESS-None

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Don Rehman of Heritage Point reminded Council that after their decision to deny the annexation/rezoning on Rockaway Road he was committed to seeing the 4 acres cleaned up and with the help of Morningside, Twin Lakes and Heritage Pointe subdivisions, this was accomplished. Before and after pictures of the property were reviewed. A problem that existed for a number of years was resolved and Mr. Rehman thanked property owner Harry Mitchell and all of the households involved in helping to clean up this section of Rockaway Road. Mr. Rehman then thanked Council for their actions regarding the applications for this property in December 2008. C. Owens thanked Mr. Rehman for all of his efforts.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senoia Clean Up April 18th @ Howard Rd. and Andrews Parkway
- Public Hearings on February 16th at 7 PM for Solid Waste Ordinance, Traffic Speed Limits, Rules and Regulations for Park Use and Amendments to Offenses and Miscellaneous Ordinance.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (6) FOR PERSONNEL

Mayor Belisle made motion to close regular session and enter Executive Session for personnel & was 2nd by C. Graham. To approve motion: Belisle, Owens, Graham, Grover and Harrison.

Mayor Belisle made motion to open regular session & was 2nd by C. Graham. To approve motion: Belisle, Owens, Graham, Grover and Harrison.

Mayor Belisle introduced Stephanie Savage who was hired as Downtown Development Coordinator and welcomed her to the position.

Mayor Belisle then announced that Jason Edens has been selected as the new Police Chief for the City and introduced Judge Sharon Pierce who requested that she be allowed the opportunity to administer the oath of office. Judge Pierce administered the oath and then congratulated Chief of Police Jason Edens

9. ADJOURN

C. Graham made motion to adjourn the February 2, 2008 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk