

**JUNE 1, 2009
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Bob Werner, Sam Helfman, Melinda & Jim Garver, Mary Provost, Sarah Campbell, Martha Barksdale, Michael Resmondo, Tony Bell, Don Rehman, Stephanie Savage, Holly Killabrew, Scott Tigchelaar, Ken Etzell, Lonnie Howard, Chuck & Pat Eichorst, Joey Johnson, Scott Marr and Harry Ramos

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed all

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the May 18, 2009 City Council minutes & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Discussion of Package Store Licensing

In the absence of City Attorney Andrew Whalen, Mr. Ferry reported that the County has never held a countywide referendum prior to January 1, 1985, or issued licenses for package stores in the unincorporated County on or before that date and therefore, the City will need to hold its own referendum and conduct our own election. A **citizen driven** written petition will need to be submitted to the Municipal Election Superintendent containing the signatures of at least 35% of the registered & qualified voters of the City that were eligible to vote in the last citywide election (2008 Council elections). This petition will need to be validated and upon finding it was signed by at least 35% of the voters, the Election Superintendent will call the referendum for not less than 30 not more than 60 days after the call; provided, however, the referendum shall be held on the next Municipal general election if the petition is received not more than 90 days prior to the date for such election. Mr. Ferry also stated that the petition would need to be circulated this Summer and filed by September 1, 2009 in order that the referendum may be held in conjunction with this year's Council election in November. Mayor and Council agree that this discussion is neither a "yes or no" in favor of package store licensing, simply giving the residents an opportunity to choose.

B. Affinity Computers Contract for PD Technical Support/Maintenance

Mr. Ferry stated that we have received a quote of \$600 per month for maintenance on the Police Department computers, including 6 additional hours at no charge and \$75.00 per hour after that. C. Grover and Graham indicated that sounded a

little steep and agreed to solicit bids for the same. Tabled until meeting of July 6th where additional bids will be reviewed.

C. Report on “Keep Senoia Beautiful” Day-Bob Werner

Code Enforcement Officer Bob Werner presented a report (incl. & made part of minutes) which detailed the collection for the day and thanked all who volunteered and participated in Keep Senoia Beautiful Day.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Acceptance of Bid for Rockaway Road Trail

Mayor Belisle made motion to accept the low bid from GeoImage at \$309,669.70 for the Rockaway Road Trail project subject to a 5-day time frame for receipt of contract and legal review and approval of contract by the City Attorney to insure all interests of the City. Motion continues that if conditions are not met, award will go to 2nd low bidder Brent Scarbrough & Company. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

B. Encroachment Permit for UPS Drop Box @ Baggarly Way

Mr. Lonnie Howard representing UPS informed Council that there has been some requests for a UPS drop box in the City and is asking that Council approve the placement of one on Baggarly Way behind 48 Main Street as not to take away from the Historic Downtown. C. Graham stated that the box does not look “historic”. C. Owens asked if the property owner has a problem with its placement & was told that it would be in the City right-of-way and all that is needed will be an Encroachment Permit. C. Fisher asked if this was the best placement. Mr. Ferry stated that he’s not sure where the best place would be and C. Grover added that there is certainly a need in the downtown area for one. After short discussion, Mayor Belisle made motion that this request is forwarded to HPC for approval and was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 4-1 with C. Graham against.

C. Presentation of Plaque-2009 Historic Preservation Awards

Chair of the HPC Melinda Garver congratulated the following for receiving distinction awards for 2008:

Newnan –Coweta Habitat for Humanity: New Residential Construction at 30 Drake Street

Historic Ventures, Inc.-New Commercial Construction-42 Main Street

Jerusalem Properties-Commercial Restoration-Hutchinson Hardware Building

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve Submittal of Solid Waste Management Plan to RDC/DCA

C. Owens made motion to approve the submittal of the SWMP to RDC/DCA & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe Subdivision asked that Council help to find a solution to the limited sight distance when residents are exiting the subdivision at

the top of the hill on Rockaway. Mr. Rehman informed all that Coweta County had recently reduced the speed limit coming into Senoia from 45 to 35 MPH. C. Fisher asked if the decrease has made a difference & was told by Mr. Rehman not much who added, this is still a dangerous situation. C. Owens asked if a sight distance study was performed when the subdivision was built & was told by Mayor Belisle yes, that it would have been approved by DOT. Chuck Eichorst of Morningside Subdivision agrees with Mr. Rehman that it is a dangerous exit and the traffic hasn't slowed much with the decrease and added that there is a large distance between the signs themselves. Harry Ramos of Ivy Ridge Subdivision suggested warning lights of some kind. Mayor Belisle stated that he will instruct Chief Edens to initiate a traffic study of this area and also increase patrols for violations of speed but until these two items are completed, he is not comfortable discussing alternatives. Mary Provost of Teal Court asks that when the study is done golf cars and pedestrian traffic is also considered.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Streetscape Project to begin this week**
- C. Owens congratulated Paul and Ann Price for receiving the Excellence in Rehabilitation award from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation for their restoration of the home at 348 Seavy Street, in Senoia.**
- Mayor Belisle thanked Suzanne Helfman, Gail Downs and all involved in yet another spectacular Memorial Day Parade, festivities and fireworks display.**

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the June 1, 2009 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk