MINUTES

MAY 24, 2024

CITY OF SENOIA

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

505 HOWARD ROAD

8:30AM MEETING

**SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

**COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Pearman, Councilpersons Grover, Foust and Reeder**

**STAFF PRESENT: Chief Jason Edens, Public Works Director, Jimmy Hall, Finance Director, Kathy Storey, City Clerk, Lynn Carter**

**INVITED GUEST: Bill Camp**

**PUBLIC PRESENT: Mary Provost**

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

Mayor Pearman declared this to be an open meeting duly convened under the Open Meetings Law after receiving confirmation from the Assistant City Manager that all legal requirements were met. Mayor Pearman also stated that no voting will take place. This meeting is for discussion purposes only.

1. **NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION**
2. **Stonebridge/Seavy Street Park Trail**

If the City uses the boardwalk, no need for EPD permitting. However, if you don’t use the boardwalk, you will have to get EPD permits and will delay the project for a year or more. Councilperson Grover mentioned the need for perpetual upkeep if using a boardwalk. The City would like to start the Stonebridge portion ASAP. Council would like for the City to move forward.

1. **Courtroom Audio/vision for PD**

Solutionz proposal for audio/visual upgrades to Courtroom. Proposal is $96,000-$100,000. PD is also a Centralized Emergency Command post and needs upgrades. All hardwire, not wireless. Should take 2 months to finalize the upgrades. SPLOST PROJECT.

1. **Freeman Sasser Building**

Meet with a designer to renovate and redesign the building. Cost approximately a little over $240,000. The DDA has not been consulted in this process. Attached is the design layout**.**

1. **Barnes Street paving**

Council is ready to proceed with the paving. Cost is approximately $250,000.

1. **Seavy Street Paving/Widening, Water Main, Forza**

LMIG and SPLOST dollars to help with cost of project. Approximate cost is $156,500. Councilperson Grover wants to match what Mr. Ferry pledged to pay at Keg Creek. Approximately 1 million. Minimum of 10 feet. No less. Water main upgrades to begin approximately the same time so as to not double work efforts. .

1. **Sewer plant security-** approximately $57,945; **Water plant security**- approximately $15,615.
2. **Parking-Phase 3 of Storm Water Project**

Hold off on paving. Maybe golf cart parking only.

1. **Baggerly Way**

Use LMIG funds but won’t be enough. This project will affect when the Welcome Center is started. Need to widen/pave to keep water flow and so that it won’t affect the new building. Hold off on Welcome Center to figure out what we are going to do on Baggerly.

1. **Sewer Plant**

Need to upgrade 6 lift stations for approximately 8 million. This figure is not including adding another carousel. Bill Camp explains the difference between obtaining bonds to pay for the cost or getting a GEFA loan. GEFA Loan has a lower interest rate. Bonds can use sales tax but goal is to get the department solely responsible for payment. Bonds you can pay off early.

1. **Water Plant**

Cost is approximately 1 million to become EPD Compliant.

1. **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried with 4 votes in favor.

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City Clerk, D. Lynn Carter, MMC Mayor, William “Dub” Pearman, III