**AUGUST 19. 2019**

**CITY OF SENOIA**

**MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**505 HOWARD ROAD**

**7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: John Nolan, Pat Eichorst, Rhonda & Robert Reed, Ken Etzell, Kevin Brooks, Nancy Roy, Suzanne Helfman Frank Zeidler, Suzanne Pengally, John Zupar, Sarah Campbell and Bill Tyre**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

Mayor Fisher welcomed those in attendance and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Fisher then declared this an open meeting duty convened under the Open Meetings Law after receiving confirmation from the City Clerk that all legal requirements have been met.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING-Short Term Work Program & Capital Improvements Element**
2. **Comments from Community Development Director**

Community Development Director Dina Rimi reviewed the projects that are included in the Short Term Work Program/Capital Improvement Element for the years 2019 thru 2023 and asked Council’s approval for submission to Three Rivers and DCA.

1. **Comments from Public-None**
2. **Council Comment and Action**

Mayor Fisher made motion to approval the submittal of the STWP/CIE for 2019-2023 as presented to Three Rivers Regional Commission & was 2nd by Councilman Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Grover made motion to approve the August 5, 2019 City Council meeting minutes as presented & was 2nd by Councilman Pearman. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None**
2. **ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**
3. **Discussion for September 2, 2019 Meeting-Cancel or Reschedule**

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, Mayor Fisher made motion to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for September 2, 2019 & was 2nd by Councilman Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Consider Ordinance No. 19-09-GA Streamlining Wireless Facilities and Antennas Act-1st Read**

City Attorney Andrew Whalen stated that Senate Bill 66 regarding wireless facilities was passed by the General Assembly and goes in to effect on October 1st and to comply with State and Federal law, adoption of Ordinance No. 19-09 will amend our current Code Chapter 58 after the 2nd read. Mr. Whalen added that part of the telecommunication bill itself encourages

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governments to allow companies the right-of-way as needed and AT&T and Verizon have already begun meeting with local governments. Mr. Whalen pointed out that there are some differences with the State and Federal wording and was asked by Councilman Pearman if the inconsistencies are with Federal or FCC. Mr. Whalen stated both however the bill will be revisited by the General Assembly in January 2020. Councilman Pearman made motion to approve the 1st read of Ordinance No. 19-09 and was 2nd by Mayor Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Consider Proposal from PUBLIQ for new Governmental Software**

City Manager Harold Simmons informed all that the City has been having ongoing issues with our current software, as it is no longer compatible with our meter read system. Numerous software has been looked at and Staff is recommending PUBLIQ software, which will work well with our new metering system. Mr. Simmons stated that the proposal is for 6 modules to include payroll, accounts payable, business license, budget prep, fund ledger and utility-cash collections for a setup fee of $5,435 and maintenance of $900 per month; one half of our current annual maintenance and most importantly, will work with the new metering system. Councilman Reeder asked for the length of the contract and is the maintenance cost locked in? Mr. Simmons stated that it is one-year contract with auto renewal thereafter and unless other modules are added in the future, the maintenance will remain at $900. Councilman Eichorst asked if the connection will be high speed and sufficient and was told by Mr. Simmons yes, that we plan to place fiber at City Hall. Councilman Eichorst then asked that the City request a duel path line. Councilman Eichorst informed all that the company had recently changed its name but has been in existence for 30 years. Councilman Eichorst then made motion to approve the proposal as presented from PUBLIQ for new governmental software. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Pearman and carried unanimously.

1. **Discussion of Date for Mayor and Council Retreat**

Mayor Fisher stated that he would like to have the Council retreat before the scheduled Town Hall meeting as there will be a number of projects to report on to include T-SPLOST, enhancements to our infrastructure, the 2020 Budget, stormwater, sewer and water upgrades to name a few. Although the public is invited to attend, retreats are normally held out of town to avoid distractions. Mayor Fisher then made motion to approve the Council retreat for October 11-13, 2019 to be held at the Dillard House Conference Center, adding Friday’s session will begin at noon and Saturday’s will be held from 8-4:00 PM. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Grover and carried unanimously. The

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None**
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
3. **Consider Proposed Burial of Cremains at Senoia City Cemetery**

City Clerk Debby Volk reported that there is a section for cremains in the newest addition to the cemetery however there are individuals using the traditional lots for the internment of cremains. Although this is acceptable, Staff has found the need for rules and regulations as to the number of burials and is requesting that Council approve no more than two burials of

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cremains in any one traditional lot (4-1/2 x 9). Councilman Eichorst stated that allowing for two is standard practice. City Attorney Whalen suggested a small mausoleum for cremains similar to what is used by other cemeteries. Currently without the budget to support a structure, Councilman Eichorst made motion to allow up to two burials of cremains in any one 4-1/2 x 9 ft. traditional lot. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Pearman and carried unanimously.

1. **Consider Amendment to Code Section 40-127-Water Supply Item 10**

General consensus of Council is for City Attorney Andrew Whalen to draft an Ordinance to amend Code §40-127 regarding specifications for a residential dual water meter supply. Mr. Whalen will have the Ordinance prepared for the September 16, 2019 meeting.

1. **APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

**Frank Zeidler of 530 Willow Dell Drive** thanked City Staff for including all documentation on the website along with the agenda, which is very helpful in following along with the meetings.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Qualifying for Post #3 and #4 will be held Monday, August 19th thru Wednesday, August 21st between the hours of 8:30 & 4:30. Qualifying Fee is set at $90.00.
* The Downtown Development Authority will host a Town Hall Meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 27th at the Senoia Senior Center located on Howard Road
* *Cruisin to the Oldies* Car Show Saturday, September 28th from 11-5:00
* Burn Ban continues thru September 30th
* Mayor and Council will host a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 PM at the Senoia Senior Center located on Howard Road
* All interested in serving on the Development Authority please submit a letter of interest.

1. **ADJOURN**

Councilman Pearman made motion to adjourn he August 19, 2019 City Council meeting & was 2nd by Councilman Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeffrey B. Fisher, Mayor Debra J. Volk, City Clerk