**OCTOBER 21, 2019**

**CITY OF SENOIA**

**MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**505 HOWARD ROAD**

**7:00 PM**

**Visitors: Suzanne Pengally, John Thompson, Sarah Campbell, Suzanne Helfman, Bill Tyre, Rhonda Reed, Cylista & Bob Borchela, Keith Neal, Michael & Dina Rimi and Chester Cannaday**

**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. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Councilman Grover made motion to approve the October 7, 2019 City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by Councilman Pearman. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11-13, 2019 COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES**

Mayor Fisher made motion to approve the October 11-13, 2019 Council Retreat minutes as presented & was 2nd by Councilman Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None**
2. **ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**
3. **Intergovernmental Agreement-Coweta County Jail Contract**

City Manager Harold Simmons stated that the only change from prior jail contracts is to reflect the name of the recently elected Sherriff. Mayor Fisher made motion to approve the IGA Jail Contract with Coweta County as presented. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Eichorst and carried unanimously.

1. **Discussion-Alcohol Ordinance**

Mayor Fisher asked that Council consider a revision to our Alcohol Ordinance, specifically section 6-17 where it states in part “No member of the mayor and council shall hold any interest, directly or indirectly, in any establishment licensed by the city to sell, distribute, or otherwise deal in alcoholic beverages”, as this statement has kept a number of very good candidates from qualifying. Mayor Fisher suggested having this line removed and asked for Council’s opinion. Councilman Grover agreed, as there have been qualified individuals who could not run. Councilman Reeder stated as long as a future elected official recuses him or herself on any matters relating, he sees no problem with removing the wording. Councilman Eichorst and Councilman Pearman agree. City Attorney Andrew Whalen stated that the amendment to the ordinance would require two reads if Council decides to amend.

1. **Resolution No. 19-13 to Approve the Annual Update to the STWP-CIE**

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Councilman Pearman made motion to approve Resolution No. 19-13 approving the annual update to the STWP-CIE. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Grover and carried unanimously.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
2. **Consider Ordinance No. 19-10 Water Supply 1st Read**

Councilman Reeder made motion to approve the 1st Read of Ordinance No. 19-10 & was 2nd by Councilman Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Discussion-Proposed Revision to the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District’s Model Ordinance for Post Construction Stormwater Management**

City Attorney Andrew Whalen stated that in 2002 the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District was created to implement environmental standards. The City falls within metro-Atlanta and therefore, adopted the standards in 2007. MNGWPD are now revising these standards to include mandatory stormwater detention on 1 acre or more and raising the retention amount from 1 inch to 1.2 inches, which will be tougher to enforce. Mr. Whalen feels that the smaller acres cannot get capacity and compliance cannot be done in-house and will most likely require engineering services. Also proposed is all developments prior to 2007 will be forced to comply. A comment period has been ongoing and Mr. Whalen stated that he has responded that the proposed revisions will place a hardship on the smaller communities. The revisions are scheduled to be heard at their meeting on December 4th. Councilman Grover asked if this would apply to all properties greater than 1 acre at which time Mr. Whalen responded “yes”. Councilman Pearman stated he is not an engineer but wonders if they cannot handle 1 inch, how will they handle 1.2 inches.

1. **APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None**
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER O.C.G.A. §50-13-2 Attorney/Client-Pending/Potential Litigation-Cancelled**
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Mayor Fisher encouraged all to get out and vote on November 5, 2019
* Any wishing to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission are asked to submit a letter of interest to the City.
* All interested in applying for the position of Manager of the Senoia Welcome Center may obtain an application at City Hall
* A Budget Worksession will be held Saturday, October 26th beginning at 8:00 AM at the Municipal Complex located at 505 Howard Road
* Councilman Grover thanked the Downtown Development Authority for coordinating *Bluegrass and Bales* that was held this past Sunday, adding that it was “another great event”.

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1. **ADJOURN**

Mayor Fisher made motion to adjourn the October 21, 2019 City Council meeting & was 2nd by Councilman Pearman. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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