MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2024

CITY OF SENOIA

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

505 HOWARD ROAD

6:00PM WORK SESSION

7:00PM COUNCIL MEETING

**WORK SESSION**

1. **Closing of wood bridge on Bridge Street**

Bridge closed to foot traffic and golf cart traffic for safety reasons after July 17, 2024 inspection. Bridge will reopen when repairs are made. Consultant begins design repair suggestions as of July 30, 2024. SPLOST money could be used to pay for repairs. Councilperson Grover made mention that resident Bill Harris knows someone who may be willing to donate lumber for the repairs. Mayor Pearman states he has received questions about opening wooden bridge for car traffic. It is believed the DOT would need to dictate repairs to wooden bridge if expected to open to car traffic.

Mayor Pearman made Motion to Amend Agenda to move Executive Session into the Work Session. Motion made without objection. So moved. City Attorney Ted Meeker addressed council stating that New Business E), titled Pollard Property/Silver Spring Development Agreement is actually a zoning amendment to the property. Traffic study was completed and recommendations were made.

**Executive Session-Forza Agreement Discussion.**

Mayor Pearman made motion to close work session and enter into Executive Session. Motion was 2nd by Councilperson Grover. Motion carried with three votes.

Councilperson Grover made motion to adjourn executive session. Motion 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried with three votes.

Councilperson Grover made motion to ratify agenda to add property discussions to executive session. Motion 2nd by Mayor Pearman. Motion carried with three votes.

**COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

Mayor Pearman declared this to be an open meeting duly convened under the Open Meetings Law after the City Clerk confirmed all legal requirements met legal criteria.

1. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2024, CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS AMENDED**

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried with 3 votes in favor.

1. **APPROVAL OF JULY 15, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Grover. Motion carried with 2 votes in favor.

1. **CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-County/Newberry Bluff a/k/a Silver Springs**
2. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
3. **Notice of Property Tax Increase-2nd read**

Presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons.

City Manager presented the 2024 approved budget, several pie charts. Staff proposes 4.806 millage rate. No public comment. No comments from council. 3rd read scheduled for August 19, 2024.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Fiscal year change October 1st to September 30th,** Presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons.

Motion to approve fiscal year change made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Grover. Motion carried with three votes in favor.

1. **Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds,** presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons.

Motion to approve Butler & Snow to prepare legwork to get bonds for Facilities Authority. 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion passed with three votes.

1. **Ordinance 24-04. Georgia Municipal Employee Benefits System (GMEBS) Restatement of Retirement Benefits Package,** Presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons.

No public comment. No comments from Council. Motion to approve Ordinance 24-04 made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Grover. Motion carried with three votes in favor.

1. **Phase 2, Lot 108 Keg Creek Replat**, presented by Community Development Director, Amanda Jensen. Applicant, Richard Ferry, addressed council. Lot 108 fronts on two streets, therefore giving two front setbacks, leaving the back yard short. Application request is to make this backyard more useable. Motion to approve replat made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried with three votes.
2. **Pollard Property/Silver Springs Zoning Amendment**, presented by Community Development Director, Amanda Jensen. Motion to approve recommended mitigation due to traffic study. Motion to approve made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried with 3 votes in favor.
3. **Safebuilt Fee Schedule,** presented by Community Development Director, Amanda Jensen. Fee schedule has been updated and figures based on square footage as required by law. Motion to approve made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried with three votes in favor.
4. **Charter School Agreement,** presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons. Agreement change to name of company only. Terms remain the same. Motion to approve made by Councilperson Grover and 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried unanimously.

**NO FURTHER APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. Alive After 5, August 16th
3. Porchfest, September 1st
4. Car Show, last weekend in September
5. No Alive After 5 in September
6. Volunteers needed for all events
7. **ADJOURN**

There being no appearances motion to adjourn made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Grover. Motion carried with 3 votes in favor.

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