

**JANUARY 3, 2011
CITY OF SENOIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Tray Alverson, Paul Noble, Chip Gjertsen, David & Rhonda Moye, Don Rehman, Ken Bernard, Pat & Chuck Eichorst, Scott Tigchelaar, Bob Werner, Ken Hazelton, Ben Nelms, Susanne Helfman, Mary Provost & Sarah Campbell

COUNCIL PRESENT: Belisle, Fisher, Graham and Grover

COUNCIL ABSENT: Owens

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the meeting to order, wished all a Happy New Year and C. Fisher led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance

• **Presentation by Scott Tigchelaar**

Mr. Tigchelaar presented City Council and the Senoia Downtown Development Authority a framed plaque including the Southern Living Magazine cover, pictures of the ideal house and a letter from Southern Living expressing appreciation for all the work down by the City and DDA in conjunction with the very successful Southern Living Ideal House.

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the December 6, 2010 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Contract-Mactec

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the contract as presented with Mactec for the Parks & Recreation master plan & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Affirmation of City Fees

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the increases to the Fee Schedule as proposed to include the minimum Building Permit at \$50 to include all trades, a Reinspection fee will be escalating; \$50, \$75, \$100 and Text Amendment is now \$300. For those who have irrigation meters, there will be a seasonal use fee of \$25/visit. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

C. Village West Annexation Application

Before any action by Council on the Annexation Application received, Mayor Belisle made motion to refer the proposed plans to the Planning Commission for review. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Animal Control Ordinance

Mr. Ferry presented a model ordinance from the City of Sandy Springs for review which includes each premises where there are four or more dogs be considered a kennel and the owner in possession shall be required to apply to the City for a special permit with an annual fee suggested at \$25.00. Mr. Ferry added that as part of our ordinance,

commercial kennels should be added to the Permitted Use chart in the zoning ordinance as an approved use in the Industrial and Commercial zones. Mayor Belisle stated that he is not comfortable charging a fee and added that as part of the Service Delivery Strategy we should be getting animal control service from the County as our residents are paying for it through their taxes. Ken Bernard of Couch Street says charging a fee and obtaining a permit may control the problem especially in his neighborhood with one residence housing up to 27 dogs that roam and bark continuously. Mr. Bernard continued to state that numerous neighbors including himself, have complained for years and nothing has been done. Mayor Belisle stated that we do have a nuisance ordinance and asked for documentation so that charges can be filed. Mr. Bernard was encouraged to call City Hall or the Police Department after hours to file complaints. Mr. Ferry added that in order to get County service inside the City Senoia would have to adopt the County ordinance. C. Grover stated that “we are not ready for this” and made motion to review the proposed ordinance further and take a hard look at adopting the County ordinance. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendment-Accessory Structure

Mayor Belisle made motion to approve the changes for Accessory Structures as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion to approve was 3-1 with C. Graham against.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment to Parks & Recreation Steering Committee

If accepted, Mayor Belisle made motion to appoint Vanessa Walsh, Amy Smoak, Chuck Eichorst, Rhonda Moye & Stephanie Grover as the City Parks & Recreation Steering Committee. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham & carried unanimously.

B. Discussion-Second Scheduled Meeting of the Month

After short discussion, Council will hold their second meeting of the month on Monday, January 17th as scheduled.

6. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS-None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION under O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (4) Real Estate

Mayor Belisle made motion to enter Executive Session under §50-14-3 (4) and was 2nd by C. Fisher. To approve motion: Belisle, Fisher, Graham & Grover.

Mayor Belisle made motion to return to regular session & was 2nd by C. Grover. To approve motion: Belisle, Fisher, Graham & Grover.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Belisle made motion to adjourn the January 3, 2011 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk

