

**DECEMBER 4, 2017  
CITY OF SENOIA  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
505 HOWARD ROAD  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: Stacy Fisher, Michael Rimi Sheila Hayes, Dub Pearman, Tom Malone, Lu Nations-Miller, Allison & Virgil Garrett, Jim Sells, Bill Tyre, Chester Canady, Pat Eichorst, Gail Downs, Dave Buck, John Thompson, Jennifer Mears, Sarah Campbell and Suzanne Pengelly**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Owens then declared this to be an open meeting duly convened under the Open Meetings Law after receiving confirmation from the City Clerk that all legal requirements have been met.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING-Variance for Fence at 37 Couch Street (Historic District)**

**A. Comments from Applicant**

Owner of the home at 37 Couch, Jim Sells began with an apology to Council for not being familiar with the restrictions in the Historic District and asked Council to approve the variance as applied for and allow the chain link fence he has installed to remain. Mr. Sells stated that he was experiencing vandalism at the property during renovations and had the 5-ft. fence installed which allows security and can be seen thru.

**B. Comments from Community Development Director**

Ms. Rimi reviewed the acceptable fence materials for the Historic District of which chain link is not one, further stating that year's ago the residents in this area were given the choice to remain in the Historic District or not and their choice was to remain.

**C. Comments from Public-None**

**D. Council Comment and Action**

Councilman Grover asked if Mr. Sells obtained a permit for the fence & was told that he used a local company for installation and did not know. Ms. Rimi stated that she was unaware if a permit was obtained or not. C. Graham stated with Mr. Sells being a former elected official, he should have become aware of standard practices of the community and guidelines before renovations took place. C. Fisher reminded all if approved, action would set precedence and that a number of fences have been denied in the past. Mayor Owens agrees with Council and made motion to deny the variance as presented. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham and carried unanimously. Mayor Owens then made motion to give up to 30-days for the removal of the fence & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Owens made motion to amend the agenda for the addition as 5-B *January 2018 Meeting Schedule* and also as 6-A *Extension of Current Open Air Market Moratorium*. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

**3. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None****4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

C. Graham made motion to approve the November 20, 2017 City Council meeting minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS****A. Discussion-Date and Time for Volunteer Holiday Dinner**

Councilman Eichorst informed all that the appointed volunteer members Holiday dinner will be held December 19<sup>th</sup> at Senoia Coffee & Company and will begin at 6:30 PM. C. Fisher asked for the cost and was told \$12.50 per, adding that 40 invitations have been sent out.

**B. January 2018 Meeting Date**

With the New Year's Holiday, Mayor Owens made motion that the first meeting of the New Year will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****A. Extension of Current Open Air Market Moratorium**

City Manager Harold Simmons sited administrative and advertising reasons for requesting a 45 day extension to the current Moratorium. Mayor Owens made motion to extend the Open Air Market Moratorium 45-days beginning December 4, 2017. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

**7. NEW BUSINESS****A. Consider Preliminary Plat-9 Main Street**

Ms. Rimi stated that the applicant has applied for a revision to the plat that would move the lot line directly between the two buildings, the revision and structures will meet the development standards for the zoning category and the Planning Commission has recommended approval. C. Fisher asked why the request & was told that the revision will give each owner equal amount of property. C. Eichorst asked how drastic of a change this will be & was told there is not impact. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the request to move the lot line directly between the 2 buildings at 9 Main Street and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

Sheilda Hayes of 192 Johnson Street stated that the Seavy Street Park Phase 1 is "gorgeous" and asked when Phase 2 will begin. C. Fisher informed all that Park & Recreation was included on the most recent SPLOST that passed however there will be a year delay in the availability of those funds; but it will be done. C. Eichorst stated that the committee will be meeting early in 2018 and invited Mrs. Hayes to attend. Mrs. Hayes would like to see our Veterans acknowledged and suggested street names in the new subdivisions. Mayor & Council are in favor of this and C. Eichorst added that future plans are to have a Veterans Memorial placed in

either of the parks. Mrs. Hayes ended with a complement to our Police Department stating that they are doing a fantastic job!

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Candlelight Tour of Homes Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Mayor Owens complimented and thanked all those involved in a very successful Light up Senoia!

**10. ADJOURN**

With no further business, Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the December 4, 2017 City council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.