

**JULY 6, 2017
CITY OF SENOIA
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
505 HOWARD ROAD
9:00 AM**

VISITORS: John Thompson

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Owens, Councilman Graham & Councilman Eichorst

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Fisher & Councilman Grover

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. PURPOSE OF CALLED MEETING-Discussion and Action

A. Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Coweta County relating to the upcoming Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the Resolution and SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement between Coweta County, Senoia and surrounding Municipalities as written. Motion was 2nd by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously. Discussion was then held as to the projects that will be submitted for the upcoming election and referendum regarding SPLOST. City Attorney Andrew Whalen informed all if passed in November, the collection will begin January 1, 2019 with the City expected to receive 3.9 million over the 6 year period for SPLOST 6. Mr. Whalen then reminded all that a priority for the City is the citywide stormwater plan (2.5 million) and Council may want to include this on the list, further stating that the City can do revenue bonds for the stormwater and sewer treatment plant projects but must show that the funds will be there for payment. City Manager Harold Simmons then reviewed the current list of projects and the estimated cost of each and suggested general categories and prioritize the projects within. Regarding the inclusion of stormwater to the list, C. Eichorst has concerns with residents not seeing a bulk on return of their taxes and stated that parking in the City is critical. Mayor Owens stated that the City has to do the stormwater project and should identify it as #1. Mr. Simmons will leave all the other project as is and will add the stormwater project and Council can prioritize thereafter. Council showed concern with the addition of another project as the estimated cost of all others will need to be decreased to accommodate. John Thompson of the Citizen informed Council that at

a recent meeting in another City, their estimated SPLOST dollars will be 20 million but their list was submitted at 29 million. C. Eichorst would like our actual numbers submitted. Mr. Whalen reminded Council that whatever the list includes, it is alright not to start a project and move those funds to another project as over the course of a few years some projects are no longer needed. C. Graham stated he was under the impression that once a dollar amount was allocated to a project that the monies could not be moved to another. Mr. Whalen assured all that you can transfer the funds to another project however once a project is started it must be completed. The final list for the City of Senoia will include the following with actual estimates:

- **Parks & Recreation**
- **Public Safety**
- **Roads, Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks**
- **Public Works**

3. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the July 6, 2017 Called Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk