

**AUGUST 21, 2017  
CITY OF SENOIA  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
505 HOWARD ROAD  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: Ken Etzell, Suzanne Helfman, Robert Lyons, Chester Canady, Suzanne Pengally, Jim Preece, Jennifer Wood, Tom Malone, John Thompson, Bill Tyre, William Pearman, John Barrow, Stacey Fisher and Dianne Cleveland.**

**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-Short Term Work Program/Capital Improvements Element**

**A. Comments from Community Development Director**

Dina Rimi asked Council to approve Resolution No. 17-11 for the transmittal of the STWP/CIE to the Three Rivers Regional Commission.

**B. Comments from Public-None**

**C. Council Comment and Action**

Mayor Owens made motion to approve Resolution No. 17-11 for the transmittal of the 2017-2021 STWP/CIE to Three Rivers Regional Commission. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Councilman Grover made motion to approve the August 7, 2017 City Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-NONE**

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Consider Proposal from EPG for MS4 Permit and Audit**

Community Development Director Dina Rimi stated that the City has been working with EPG since the onset of our stormwater utility and is asking Council to approve their proposal which includes assisting the City with permitting, mandatory reporting, the annual audit and also additional staff training. The cost of the proposal is \$12,000. Mayor Owens informed all that the MS4 permit and auditing is State mandated and made motion to approve EPG's proposal as presented. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

**B. Appointment to the Coweta County Joint Transportation Committee**

City Manager Harold Simmons explained that cities within the County, along with Chattahoochee Hills have been asked to appoint a representative to the County Transportation Committee. This will ensure that all issues, concerns and ideas from the numerous municipalities are brought to the table. Councilman Grover made motion to appoint Councilman Bobby Graham to the Coweta County Joint Transportation Committee & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Vote to approve was 4-0-1 (C. Graham abstained from vote).

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Main Street Clock

Councilman Fisher informed all that there has been a recent push on Facebook in conjunction with a Go Fund Me page to raise \$11,000 for the estimated repair of the clock at the corner of Main and Seavy Streets and continued that the City would like to supplement the repairs however, cannot as the clock does not belong to the City. John Barrow of *A Better Way Ministries* approached Council and stated that at this time he would like to officially donate the clock to the City providing *A Better Way Ministries* is listed as donor. After thanking Mr. Barrow, C. Fisher stated that the City can now get involved and would like to personally see the City match funds for the repairs up to \$5,000 Jim Preece stated that the clock belonged to a bank and had survived Hurricane Katrina however the bank that itself did not. The clock was then given to Mr. White who has maintained it since. Mr. White then donated the clock to A Better Way in honor of his nephew who had successfully attended their program. Mr. Preece then stated that the topic of the clock has been viewed on Facebook 2,575 times, liked 127 times and has received 29 donations in the amount of \$5,037. It was also mentioned that the clock works independently of the chimes and can be programmed to play anything. C. Grover stated that Mr. White says a new system will last a lifetime and he has offered to maintain it at no cost. C. Fisher then made motion that the City offer to supplement the repairs to the clock not to exceed \$5,000, maintain and not alter the clock in any way. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

### B. Heritage Pointe Decorative Swing Replacement

Robert Lyons of Heritage Pointe Subdivision informed all that the original plans called for a decorative swing but after placement, it was removed due to the complaints of one resident who has since moved out of State. D.R. Horton replaced the swing to the original position but once again received complaints from afar from this former resident and again it was removed. Mr. Lyons stated that if Council has no objection, he will once again ask D.R. Horton to place the decorative swing back to its original position. C. Graham stated that he is sorry that the swing had to come down in the first place and made motion to approve the replacement of the swing to Heritage Pointe. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

## 8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

**Dianne Cleveland of 549 Seavy Street** stated that at a previous meeting the City approved a contract for 136 parking spaces and has only counted 31 from Barnes to Clark Street and 15

from Main to Pylant Street, asking what has happened to the others. Mr. Simmons informed all that after measuring, the planned spaces would make the roadway very narrow causing a safety issue. Ms. Cleveland then asked what happened to the initial contract & was told that it will be renegotiated. When renegotiated, Ms. Cleveland would like it brought to the public and asked if any residents were contacted that the spaces were being put in. C. Grover stated that he does not know if anyone was personally contacted but the additional spaces were in response to residents and business owners alike who have been requesting additional parking. Ms. Cleveland voiced concern with Council matters not being brought before the public along with how decisions are being made and was told by C. Grover that "we are listening to the public". Ms. Cleveland then pointed out that the spaces on Seavy Street end at one City employee's residence. Mr. Simmons stated this is due to placement of the spaces are following the bike lane from beginning to end. There is also an issue with the location of some mailboxes. C. Grover added that this was a posted project from Pylant to Clark Street.

Ms. Cleveland then addressed an "enormous amount of power" she feels the DDA has achieved, questioning the terms of 3 of the long serving volunteers and specific qualifications outlined by the State. Mayor Owens stated that the qualifications are followed to the extent possible however when no one volunteers, the positions cannot be filled. Ms. Cleveland asked if the vacant positions are advertised & was told by Mayor Owens they are, but some individuals don't qualify. Mr. Simmons asked Ms. Cleveland if she might be interested in serving & was told that she is not a business owner.

**Suzanne Pengally of McIntosh Trail** informed all that she had acquired the DDA minutes and the striping of Main Street was brought up at their June 2017 as well as July 2017 minutes, adding that it's brought up and Council acted at their August 7, 2017 meeting without informing the citizens.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Qualifying continues for Mayor and Council thru Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM. The Qualifying fee for the Mayor's seat is \$360.00 and for Council Post 1 and Council Post 2 is \$90.00.
- Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the regular meeting of Mayor and Council scheduled for Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual *Crusin to the Oldies* Car Show Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 11-5:00
- Burn Ban continues through September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- William Pearman invited all to the Senoia Historical Society's Ice Cream Social to include live music from Line Creek Bluegrass Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-4:00 PM.

## 10. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the August 21, 2017 City Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

