

**MARCH 7, 2016
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Bill Tyre, Don Rehman, Tom Crymes, Paul Cook, Jackie Long, Lynn & Bill Horton, Mike & Dina Rimi, John Thompson, Maureen & Jim Schuyler, Suzanne Helfman, Colleen Allerdice, William Pearman, Sarah Campbell, Joey Pendley and Mr. & Mrs. Gary Baumgartner

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. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the February 15, 2016 City Council meeting minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Graham. Vote to approve was 4-0-1 (Grover absent from meeting).

3. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Consider Contract from Tomco Construction for the Improvements of the Seavy Street Park

Mr. Ferry explained that bids were received in January for revitalization of the Seavy Street Park and the low bid received from Tomco Construction was \$748,500, \$148,000 higher than the \$600,000 the City had approved for the project (\$450,000 from SPLOST and \$150,000 donation from AMC). The City met with Tomco who was able to work the cost of the project down to \$594,498.00 and Mr. Ferry is recommending approval of the contract. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the contract received from Tomco Construction for the Seavy Street project not to exceed \$600,000. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

B. Proposal to Increase Daily Per Diem from \$25.00 to \$50.00

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the increase in the per diem for expenses when traveling on City business from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per day. Motion was 2nd by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2nd Read-Utility Accommodations Ordinance

City Attorney Andrew Whalen explained that the Ordinance sets permitting procedures for utilities in the City right-of-ways. Mayor Owens then made motion to approve the 2nd read of

No. 16-04 *Utility Accommodations Ordinance* & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Request from Jackie Long for a Section 39-68: Undue Hardship Exception

Mr. Ferry explained that on December 14, 2015 a log truck rolled on to a property on Crook Street destroying the single family dwelling, further stating that the resident has been living in a motel since the accident. The insurance company initially wanted to replace what was damaged but has agreed to build according to City guidelines with the exception of cement board siding as it is too expensive to transport. Mr. Ferry stated that this situation is no fault of the property owner, should be considered as an emergency and is recommending approval of the hardship exception that will consist of the 2 sides and rear of the structure to be vinyl instead of the cement board siding. The insurance company is waiting on action by Council to move forward. C. Eichorst asked for the pitch of the roof & was told that all conditions have been met and the structure will comply with the guidelines. After signing up to speak, **Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** withdrew his request. With general consensus of Council for approval, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the Undue Hardship Exception as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Miscellaneous Police Department Purchases

Chief Edens informed all that he was contacted by an individual who is interested in making a donation of \$8,750 to the Police Department for the purchase of equipment of their choice. The department has decided on body cameras and 5-Bushmaster AR 15's. Chief Edens stated that he will need to update the server as well as each camera has its own software license with a one-time purchase for the license, adding that all associated with the body cameras will be maintained in-house. The additional cost for the server will be \$1,500 that can be paid for from the Abandoned Property account. The cost of the cameras and AR 15's will leave a balance after the donation of \$1,177.82 which can also be paid for out of the Abandoned Property account, having no budgetary impact on the City. Mayor Owens asked Mr. Whalen if there are any legal concerns & was told that the City will need to adopt a policy for storage. C. Eichorst asked what the warranty is on the cameras and if we will need to renew each year. Chief Edens stated that it is a standard 1-year warranty and based on the cost it will be just as effective to buy new if needed. C. Fisher asked if this individual is present tonight & was told by Chief Edens that he voiced that no recognition is necessary. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the purchases as described & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Comprehensive Plan Open House March 31st at 505 Howard Road @ 6:30 PM**
- **Senoia Area Clean Up Saturday, April 23rd from 8-4:00 PM on Howard Road**

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the March 7, 2016 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk