

**FEBRUARY 1, 2016
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Courtney Reich, Sarah Campbell, Ken Etzell, Scott Tigchelaar, Don Rehman, Vicki & Chase Jarck, Jamie Kaygrubb, Morgan James, Suzanne Helfman, John Thompson, Maureen & Jim Schuyler and Mrs. 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.

Mayor Owens then welcomed Vicki Jarck and Flint River Academy Students Chase Jarck, Jamie Kaygrubb and Morgan James to this evenings meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARING-STORMWATER UTILITY ORDINANCE

A. Comments from City Manager

City Manager and Courtney Reich of EPG outlined the proposed Stormwater Utility Ordinance, stating that the proposed Ordinance is a culmination of the past 2 years work since being designated as a MS-4/Phase 2 Permittee. Ms. Reich stated that the City must have the program fully implemented by 2017 and reviewed steps taken thus far to accomplish this. Future expenses were reviewed as well as extent of services, compliance, funding, the fee itself and credits. The average monthly stormwater utility fee is \$4.80 based on services received and EPG is recommending Senoia implement \$5.00 residential based on the average 4,400 sq. ft. of impervious surface. If adopted and after the 2nd read, the City will begin the education process and training of staff with a proposed billing cycle to begin in July 2016.

B. Comments from Public

Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe feels the Ordinance should be made available to the public for review and comment before the 1st read and feels the fee should be charged to owners who rent their homes as well as vacant land, as currently written the ordinance only charges owners with impervious surface and there is no provision for non-payment. Mayor Owens asked that Mr. Rehman email his concerns and suggestions to the City Manager before the scheduled 2nd read for consideration.

C. Council Comment & Action

Councilman Graham stated that we have had multiple meetings and Mr. Rehman has had every opportunity to submit concerns and comments to Council. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the 1st Read of the Stormwater Utility Ordinance & was 2nd by C. Fisher.

Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Owens then thanked EPG, Ms. Reich, Mr. Ferry and Staff for a job well done.

Mayor Owens made motion to amend the agenda for the addition as *7-B Moratorium on Accepting Commercial Proposals in the Historic Commercial District*. Motion was 2nd by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Councilman Grover made motion to approve the January 18, 2016 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Vote to approve was 4-0-1 (C. Eichorst absent from meeting).

4. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None

5. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Resolution to Appoint Members to the City of Senoia Ethics Committee Board

Mr. Ferry read the following names submitted by Council to serve on the Ethics Board. They are David Felton, Spencer Stoleson, Robert Hynds, Gayle Noble, Adam Gardner, Spencer Martin, Charles Bartlett, Michelle Etzel, Kevin Marais and Ralph Simmons. Mr. Ferry added that all have been contacted and have agreed to serve.

Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe feels the selection process is secretive and the public was not given the chance to volunteer. City Attorney Andrew Whalen stated that we are indeed following the rules of the State. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the appointment to the City of Senoia Ethics Board as presented. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

B. Resolution to Appoint Member to the Historical Preservation Commission

Mayor Owens made motion to appoint Suzanne Sterns to the HPC with a term of 02/01/2016 thru 12/31/2019. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consider Proposal from Senoia Enterprises seeking a Sidewalk Encroachment onto Main Street and Barnes Street

Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe asked if the proposed balcony's will be fully functional or just decorative and wonders what will happen if something should fall from the balcony. Mr. Rehman then asked if the lofts are for sale or rent. Mr. Tigchelaar stated that all will be constructed to building code and be structurally sound, further stating that the lofts will be rented. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the sidewalk encroachment onto Main & Barnes Streets as proposed & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Howard Road Realignment Project-Relocate Water Line

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the bid from Coweta County to relocate the water lines on Howard Road at a cost not to exceed \$80,000. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

B. Moratorium on Accepting Commercial Proposals in the Historic Commercial District.

Mayor Owens made motion to approve a 90-Day Moratorium on accepting all proposals in the Historic Commercial District and was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Called Council meeting Thursday, February 11th at 6:00 PM to discuss future sewer plans for the City. The meeting will be held at 505 Howard Road at the Municipal Complex.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the February 1, 2016 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk