

**NOVEMBER 2, 2015
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Gail Downs, Ken Etzel, Mike Volk, Ray Adams, Nancy & Steve Mader, Charlie & Susan Gillespie, Sheilda & Joe Hayes, Bill Tyre, Suzanne Helfman, John Thompson, Seth Zimmerman, Mary Provost, Danny Harrison, Robert Stokley, Sarah Campbell, Rebecca Neill, Mrs. Baumgartner, Don Rehman, Logan Williamson and Richard & Doris Chappell

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.

• **Proclamation-National American Indian Heritage Month**

Mayor Owens read the Proclamation declaring November as National Native American Indian Heritage Month and representing the DAR, Susan Gillespie encouraged all to celebrate the moment.

• **Proclamation-World Pancreatic Cancer Day**

Mayor Owens read the Proclamation declaring November 13th as World Pancreatic Cancer Day. Nancy Mader thanked Mayor Owens and all were encouraged to wear purple on November 13th and become educated.

2. PUBLIC HEARING-Variance/Section 74-233 (e-6) to Renovate an Existing Detached Garage into a Relatives Residence in a Single Family District-Cancelled by Applicant

3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

C. Fisher made motion to approve the October 19, 2015 Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2015 COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

C. Graham made motion to approve the October 23, 2015 Council Work Session minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None

5. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Review Amendment to the Procurement Policy

Regarding Page 3-paragraph 4, Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe feels that initials should never be used in policy as they could have multiple meanings, thinks definition of terms needs to be listed and asked that Council delay action for further consideration. C. Eichorst stated there

should be no confusion as to the "RFQ" meaning when the title lists the entire wording and only further in the paragraph are the initials used to simplify. Mr. Ferry stated that the amendment was mandated by GDOT. C. Graham asked if the amendment verbiage was provided by GDOT & was told yes, that they submitted from another City and our policy was tailored for Senoia. C. Graham then made motion to approve the amendment to the Procurement Policy as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Proposal from Bonfire Creative Group to Develop "Senoia 150" Logo

With Senoia turning 150 in 2016 Mr. Ferry is asking Council to approve the proposal from Bonfire Creative Group which will incorporate our current logo to create drafts of a "Senoia 150" special logo. Mr. Ferry continued that this new logo will be available for all committees and authorities to use. The drafts will be brought back for selection and approval. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the proposal and quote from Bonfire Creative Group of \$260-\$360 for the development of drafts of the 2016 special logo. Motion was 2nd by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Request from Parks & Recreation Committee to Seek Specific Equipment for the Seavy Street Park

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the purchase of equipment for the Seavy Street Park using a specific supplier. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

B. Consider Request from Stalwart Films To Close Seavy St. from Hwy. 85 to Johnson St. On November 6th for Filming

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the request of Stalwart Films to close a portion of Seavy St. from GA. Hwy. 85 to Johnson St. on November 6th for 2 hours of intermittent filming. Motion was 2nd by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Don Rehman of Heritage Point previously asked Council to list as an agenda item, the return of utility deposits back to the residents after a certain period of time as currently, they are only refunded when one moves or has it applied to an outstanding bill. Mayor Owens stated that accountability is not a concern.

Robert Stokley of Sharpsburg stated that he had read in the paper that one of our current Candidates has voiced his opinion that the fireworks held in the City on Memorial Day should be stopped. Mr. Stokley feels Memorial Day is a "day of celebration" and needs to continue, adding that the Holiday is a day to celebrate all those who gave of themselves for us to enjoy the way of life we share. Mr. Stokley then stated that his Son, who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this Country would want us all to celebrate and would want the fireworks to continue.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Municipal Election for Post 4 will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the Senior Citizens Center located on Howard Road. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.
- Downtown Merchant Holiday Open House Friday Evening, Nov 13th-5-8:00 PM
- Light Up Senoia will be held Saturday, December 5th from 4-8:00 PM

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(B)(2) FOR PERSONNEL

Mayor Owens made motion to enter Executive Session under O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2) for Personnel & was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve was Owens, Graham, Eichorst, Fisher & Grover.

Mayor Owens made motion to return to regular session & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Vote to approve was Owens, Graham, Eichorst, Fisher & Grover.

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the November 2, 2015 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk