

**OCTOBER 5, 2015  
CITY OF SENOIA  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
505 ROCKAWAY ROAD  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS:** Kent Klaus, Rod Wright, Logan Williamson, Hugh Taylor, Greg & Ellis Crook, Syndie Wagner, Amanda Dunn, Joe & Sheilda Hayes, Don Rehman, Richard & Doris Chappell, Mikki Lewis, Cerra Smith, Beverly Owens, Ken Etzell, Chris Kimner, Stephanie Grover, Nancy Roy, Stacy Fisher, Nelson Bingel, John Thompson, Sarah Campbell, Richard & Kay Gorman, April Parker, Brenda Hughes, Suzanne Helfman and Alice McKnight Ramsey

**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-Rezoning of 0.954 AC (formally 86 Couch) Postpone to 10-19-2015**

**3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

C. Grover made motion to approve the September 21, 2015 City Council meeting minutes & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL**

**A. Capital Improvement Element-Approval Resolution**

Mr. Ferry stated that the City has prepared the annual update for the CIE and STWP of 2014 in accordance with the Development Impact Fee Compliance requirement & the Minimum Planning Standards & Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning and asked Council to consider approval of Resolution No. 15-07 which approves the annual update of the CIE & STWP covering 2015 thru 2019. **Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** asked Council to amend the current update and move the Heritage Pointe entrance at Rockaway Road project to 2015-2016 as it is currently listed as a project for 2019 and not beginning sooner could endanger the lives of many. Mayor Owens asked if we are bound by the schedule listed & was told by Mr. Ferry that they are not "set in stone" but changing the particular to 2015 would be hard to do and reminded all that if not adopted for submission, could threaten our local government status. C. Fisher stated that approving Resolution No. 15-07 does not in any way heighten safety issues and then made motion to approve Resolution No. 15-07 as written. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst and carried unanimously.

**B. Consider Proposal from ISE for Engineering of Downtown Drainage Master Plan**

Mr. Ferry explained with Phase 1 complete and Phase 2 in early states, it is now time to move forward with the design that is ready for permitting. The estimated cost will be \$1,548,000 (breakdown reviewed) and the process has begun to obtain a low interest loan through GEFA with repayment from a Stormwater Utility or through a millage rate allocation. Mr. Ferry is recommending approval of the proposal from ISE for the engineering and design, noting the proposal of \$149,590 is for the whole project, but there are several interim steps for Council decisions worked into the proposal. Mr. Ferry then noted that any money spent prior to approval of the GEFA loan is not reimbursable. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the ISE proposal for engineering & design as presented at a cost of \$149,590. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

**C. Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation**

Mayor Owens invited all those present who are survivors of breast cancer and family members affected, to join him as read the *Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation* recognizing the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to “celebrate successes and memorialize lost battles”. Those present included Stephanie Grover, Stacy Fisher, Kay Gorman, Alice Ramsey, April Parker, Nancy Roy, Brenda Hughes & Doris Chappell. Alice Ramsey thanked the citizens and City Council for the Proclamation.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Request from Park & Rec Committee to Fund Phase 1 of the Seavy Street Park Improvements**

Nelson Bingel of the Park Committee reviewed Phase 1 of the park improvements to include drainage, restrooms and the reconfiguration of the entire play area. Mr. Ferry added that the group has met several times over the summer and once improvements begin the park will be closed for 3-6 months. Mr. Ferry informed all that Council initially approved \$350,000 for Phase 1, however costs have been estimated to exceed that by \$115,000 and does not include any equipment. Mr. Ferry then suggested putting the project out to bid in hopes that costs come in lower. **Doris Chappell of Morgan Street** stated that she was unaware of funding but feels the park definitely needs improved. C. Eichorst thanked the Committee for their outstanding job with the plans and mentioned that Phase 1 will include a state of the art surface and the key expense will be putting in the infrastructure. C. Grover asked if the swings & merry-go-round for the older kids will remain & was told no. After short discussion, C. Grover made motion to put Phase 1 out to bid & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Consider Crook Sign Appeal**

Greg Crook informed Council that although the proposed does not conform to Code, is asking they consider his Sign Appeal to replace the existing sign with a 6’ monument sign with a sign face of 8’ X 4’. Mr. Crook stated that there are exceptions to everything and this would not be an eye-sore, but an upgrade. Mr. Ferry stated that the application was made prior to adoption of the new sign ordinance & was reviewed in accordance with those regulations. **Doris Chappell of Morgan Street** stated she sees no problem with the sign as it will improve the look

of the store and feels Council should “grant the permit”. Hugh Grant asked if Council would consider hanging a banner with lettering or have plastic lettering if sliding letters are the issue. Mr. Crook stated that if Council does not approve the changeable letters the old sign will remain. C. Fisher does not want to set precedence, adding that it must fall under the current Ordinance. Mayor Owens personally feels the sign looks great but is too big with interchangeable lettering and sees no way around the Ordinance. After much discussion regarding the sign presented not meeting City Ordinance, the applicant withdrew his request.

**C. Preliminary Plat for Johnson’s Landing**

Developer Rod Wright is asking Council to approve the Preliminary Plat as presented. Mr. Ferry stated that the Planning Commission has approved the Preliminary Plat with 3 recommendations to include an accessible drive from the Bell property, the railroad side track will be removed at no cost to the City and Lot #5 to design the corner porch at an angle with the front door facing Johnson Street. All changes have been made by Mr. Wright and are in accordance with §40-55 of the Land Development Ordinance. Mr. Ferry then added that all costs regarding installation of water and sewer will be at the Developers expense. Mayor Owens asked if the City has received proper paperwork from the railroad stating that they have no ownership of the side track & was told yes. C. Eichorst asked about the size of the detention pond & who will be responsible. Mr. Ferry stated that it will not be your typical detention pond by size, but a detention area & the 5 Lots will be responsible for its maintenance as it will be written into the HOA. C. Eichorst is not in favor of the plans for maintenance. **Doris Chappell of Morgan Street stated** that she had a hard time hearing & asked if the railroad will be moved at the City’s expense and was told no. Ms. Chappell then stated that if the 5 lots are maintained with “what Senoia needs”, to be considerate to all. After short discussion, C. Fisher made motion to approve the Preliminary Plat as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 4-1 with C. Eichorst opposed.

**D. Consider Proposal from MCCA (Municode Advantage) for Utility Bill Printing & Mailing**

Although signed up to speak, Doris Chappell declined comment. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the proposal from MCCA to print and mail the City utility bills & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Consider Proposal from Mikki Lewis to Close Roads on February 6, 2016 from 6:30 to 10:00 for the Purpose of a Road Race**

Although signed up to speak, Doris Chappell declined comment. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the road closures for the Cupid Chase to be held on February 6, 2016. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

**8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

**Sheilda Hayes of Johnson Street** stated dogs should not be allowed at downtown functions as the owners are not cleaning up after and feels that yard sales should be prohibited during City events as well.

**Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** feels the notice advertised by the City of Turin on their upcoming Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Update is the “best I’ve ever read” and believes unlike Senoia, they are fully compliant.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10. ADJOURN**

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the October 5, 2015 City Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.