

**AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Courtney Reich, Sarah Campbell, Bill Tyre, Don Rehman, Kevin Brooks, Mike Foye, Bob Hinds, Sheilda & Joe Hayes, Suzanne Helfman, Gary Baumgartner, Jack Martin, Natalie Chastain, Donnie Matusic, Megan Dohrn, Amy Emerich, Mary Chase and John Bynum

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 stated that with long travel ahead, the report from EPG on the Stormwater Utility Study will be moved to the first order of business.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Report from EPG on Stormwater Utility Study

Courtney Reich from EPG presented an update to the completion of the Phase 1 Funding Study to include drainage system and condition inventory, GIS data base, level and cost of service & funding analysis. Permit requirements were then reviewed as was the structure inventory which includes 866 structures. Of the structures there are many maintenance needs that will need addressed. The 5-year cost of service, annual expenses and funding options were reviewed. Current Georgia stormwater user fees range from \$1.40 to \$8.20, with the Southside average at \$4.80. It was suggested that Senoia impose a \$5.00 per month user fee for residential and all others will be figured by amount of impervious surface. The estimated annual revenue from residential fees will be \$122,000. Possible user fee credits were also discussed for those who reduce the City's cost to provide services. Ms. Reich stated that "education is key" and the City will need to develop a credit policy as well as adopt a Stormwater Ordinance. Mayor Owens asked for the "absolute latest" to have implemented & was told 2017. Mr. Whalen stated that once the user fee is in place the City will begin to see a revenue source. C. Eichorst asked if not completed in time will the City face fines & was told yes; possibly up to \$50,000 per day. C. Graham questioned the downtown project to Marimac & was told by Mr. Ferry that the initial portion of the engineering is underway funded from General Fund and the application should be completed by year's end. Mr. Whalen suggested July 1st as a target date.

3. PUBLIC HEARING-38 Couch Street-Variance to Reduce Required Side Building Line

A. Comments from Applicant

On behalf of the property owner, Gary Baumgartner asked Council to approve the side building line variance applied for which will decrease it to 13.4' and the front 20' to the front porch. The design of the residence was reviewed.

B. Comments from City Manager

Mr. Ferry stated that the drive on the east side of the property lines up very nicely but in order to accommodate the turn-a-round, the side line needs to be moved 6'8", adding that the standard lot is 7' more. Mr. Ferry informed all that there is no uniformity in the district and also stated that there are no stormwater concerns.

C. Comments from Public

Sheilda Hayes of 192 Johnson Street asked why certain criteria has to be followed by some and not others. Mayor Owens stated that there are no set rules for certain individuals and "we try to tailor decisions based on the whole".

D. Council Comment and Action

Councilman Graham asked Mr. Baumgartner why he didn't design the house to fit, as he is aware of the rules. Mr. Baumgartner stated that he designed based on the criteria from his client and tried to make it work in the Historic District. C. Fisher asked if a 28' turn-a-round is typical and was told by Mr. Ferry that you would not want to go any lower. C. Eichorst stated that he is not in favor of a 7' reduction and would like to see it adjusted a few feet. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to grant the Variance as applied for & was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 3-2 with C. Graham & C. Eichorst opposed.

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 17, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the August 17, 2015 City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Vote to approve was 4-0-1 (C. Eichorst absent from meeting).

5. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Determine Allocation for LMIG Funds

Mr. Ferry is recommending the LMIG funds initially intended to resurface Pylant Street be used for the Barnes Street Project to include drainage issues and street widening. Pylant Street can then be included on the 2016 LMIG project list. Mayor Owens made motion to allocate 2015 LMIG funds to the Barnes Street Project & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider October 23rd for Budget Workshop

Mayor Owens made motion to schedule the Budget Workshop for 8:30 AM on October 23, 2015 & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Second Read-Alcohol Ordinance

With no changes since 1st Read, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the 2nd Read of the Alcohol Ordinance & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Second Read-Sign Ordinance

Mr. Ferry stated that after the 1st Read, the wording regarding murals was removed and there have been no other changes. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the 2nd Read of the Sign Ordinance with the indicated change & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Warranty Deeds for Right of Way on Howard Road

Mr. Ferry explained that this project is being done by Coweta County and the purpose is to soften the curve on Howard near the Cumberland Subdivision entrance however, Warranty Deeds are needed from the City in order to complete culverts on both sides of the road. The City's utilities will be relocated in conjunction with this most important project. After short discussion, Mayor Owens made motion to approve the issuance of Warranty Deeds to Coweta County on the Howard Road Right of Ways & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Request from Home Builders Assoc. to close Clark Street November 6th

Representing the Home Builders Association, John Bynum is asking Council to approve the closure of Clark Street from 6 AM to 9 PM for an invite only fundraiser. Mr. Ferry asked if parking had been worked out & was told that SUMC has been contacted. Mr. Bynum was asked how many attendees are expected & was told 200 or so. C. Eichorst asked if alcohol would be serviced & was told yes when C. Eichorst added that Mr. Bynum is to make sure no alcohol is carried to the street at which time he said he would. C. Eichorst stated that he does not see the need to close the street. Councilman Fisher made motion to approve the closing on Clark Street on November 6th from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM for the Home Builders Association event. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and vote to approve was 4-1 with C. Eichorst opposed.

C. Consider Proposal from ECHS to close Main Street for Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally on October 15th

Natalie Chastain & Megan Dohrn asked Council to approve the request to close Main Street for the upcoming parade from 4-8:00 PM. Ms. Chastain that the parade will stage half on Barnes Street & half on Baggarly to meet at Main Street for the parade. Mr. Ferry stated that this will create a better flow than in past years. Ms. Chastain also stated that she and the volunteers from ECHS will work the parade along with the School Resource Officers. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the closing of Main Street on Thursday, October 15th from 4-8:00 PM for ECHS Homecoming Parade. Motion was 2nd by C. Grover and carried unanimously.

8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe Subdivision disclosed that it was his residence that was the one referenced in previous meetings with major defects when discussion was held regarding approval of the Safebuilt contract. Mr. Rehman continued that 4 trusses were defective on installation as he had this confirmed by a certified inspector of which Mr. Ferry has a copy of the report. Mr. Rehman stated that no City should put 100% trust in a business and offered suggestions for the City to follow in the future. Mayor Owens asked Mr. Rehman to pass his suggestions to Mr. Ferry for consideration.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Cruisin' to the Oldies* Car Show September 26th from 11:00-5:00 PM

10.ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the September 21, 2015 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

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