

**JULY 20, 2015  
CITY OF SENOIA  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
505 HOWARD ROAD  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS:** Don Rehman, Gail Downs, Colleen Allerdice, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Baumgartner, Linda Haglar, John Thompson, Marcia Williamson, Cathie Krikland, Maureen & Jim Schueyler, Mary Provost and Sarah Campbell

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Owens, Graham, Eichorst and Grover

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Fisher

**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 JULY 6, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

C. Grover made motion to approve the July 6, 2015 City Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 7, 2015 CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

C. Eichorst made motion to approve the July 7, 2015 Called Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Consider Participation in the 2018 Coweta County Pre Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mr. Ferry stated that every 3 years an update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan is required with allows the City to apply for grants associated with emergencies and is recommending that Council authorize the Mayor to sign the document received. C. Graham made motion authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Owens. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Proposal from Coweta County and American Engineers to Relocate Water Line on Howard Road**

It was explained that Coweta County will be starting the Howard Road Project in the very near future however it has been determined that the City utilities will need to be relocated. Mr. Ferry stated that the project estimate is \$4,500 for engineering and \$30,000 for the project itself and would like the relocation to be done in conjunction with the Coweta project. C. Grover asked when Coweta plans to begin & was told sometime in August. After short discussion, C. Eichorst made motion to approve the \$4,500 cost for the engineering and that the cost estimate from the study be brought back to Council for consideration. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Consider a Renewal of the Contract with SafeBuilt for Building Inspection Services**

Mr. Ferry explained that when our former inspection service was bought out by SafeBuilt the contract used was simply a continuance of the one from MBIS. SafeBuilt has provided a contract for review. City Attorney Drew Whalen stated the only change needed is the removal of the "indemnification" clause which SafeBuilt has no problem with. Mr. Ferry then reviewed minor changes to the fees. Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe referenced a home in the City that was issued a C.O. and supposedly later was found to have major defects and asked Council to begin an independent sampling of inspections. Mr. Rehman also states that in the provision for termination of contract there is no language as to costs due the City. C. Graham asked what year the house in question was built and was told by Mr. Rehman that he could not answer at this time. Mr. Ferry stated that he too has spoken to Mr. Rehman regarding the undisclosed house, informed all that subject has nothing to do with the proposed contract, we can inspect on our own if we choose and added that "SafeBuilt has done a very good job for the City". C. Eichorst asked for the terms of the contract & was told 1-year with a 30 day termination clause. When asked, neither the City Attorney nor C. Grover know of any issues regarding quality of service. Mayor Owens made motion to approve the contract with SafeBuilt as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Consider a Proposal from Parks & Recreation Committee to Develop Phase 1 of Seavy Street Park**

Mr. Ferry stated that the original cost to reconstruct the Seavy Street Park was 1-Million however the City had an opportunity and took advantage of purchasing property for the new Leroy Johnson Park on Hwy. 16. The City now has \$500,000 to begin the Seavy Street Park and it has been recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee to develop this park in phases. Plans for Phase 1 were reviewed to include moving parking, improved drainage, the addition of walkways and fencing to the current play area,

shaded seating and restrooms. C. Eichorst added that the 12-member committee has met twice and stated that Phase 1 will also include necessary grading. C. Graham asked for an estimate on the engineering & was told not sure but we have \$30,000 for this specific expenditure. Mr. Ferry added that a storm water facility will have to be built and parking will still be available behind the Freeman/Sasser Building. After short discussion, C. Eichorst made motion to obtain an engineering proposal to be brought back to Council for consideration on Phase 1 plans as reviewed for the Seavy Street Park renovations. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

**7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-None**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- End of Summer Fireworks Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at Marimac Lakes Park

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER O.C.G.A §50-14-2Litigation-Cancelled**

**10. ADJOURN**

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the July 20, 2015 City council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry M. Owens, Mayor

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Debra J. Volk, City Clerk