

**JUNE 1, 2015  
CITY OF SENOIA  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
505 HOWARD ROAD  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: Don Rehman, Suzanne Helfman, Rod Wright, John Thompson, Joe & Shelda Hayes, Mary Provost, Colleen Allerdice, Bill Tyre, Sarah Campbell, Paul Snellings, Ray Adams**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESEST**

**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 3.33 AC Horseshoe Bend/Johnson from R-40 to RH**

**A. Comments from Applicant**

Developer Rod Wright asked Council to approve the rezoning of 3.33 AC from R-40 to RH. Mr. Wright stated that 5 lots are planned, is prepared to fix the existing asphalt, deed the ROW to the City and will lay all water & sewer. The Planning Commission suggested that the first home face Johnson however it will give them a view looking straight down the tracks and he would like it as originally submitted. Mr. Wright then stated that the railroad would be removing their spur.

**B. Comments from City Administrator**

Mr. Ferry informed all that Horseshoe Bend is actually an easement and asked how the Bell property will be accessed? Mr. Wright stated that it will be accessed via Horseshoe Bend. Mr. Ferry then stated that the storm water management plan will be looked at during the preliminary platting.

**C. Comments from Public-None**

**D. Council Comment and Action**

Mayor Owens recommended that Mr. Wright secure in writing that the railroad will be removing the spur as it has been our experience that they have been slow to act. After short discussion Mayor Owens made motion to approve the rezoning of the 3.33 AC at Horseshoe Bend and Johnson from R-40 to RH and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF MAY 4, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

C. Grover made motion to approve the May 4, 2015 City Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Utility Rate Study Discussion**

During the 2014 audit it was found that due to one of our largest water customers streamlining usage, the City is not meeting our bond revenue obligations and a rate study was asked for. Mr. Ferry presented the Utility Rate Study prepared by GBT Engineers and reviewed the 4 options. Mayor Owens asked Council to decide on a date to hold a workshop to determine the best option.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Preliminary Plat-Morgan Farms**

Councilman Grover made motion to table action on the Morgan Farms Preliminary Plat & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Preliminary Plat-Senoia Hollows**

Mayor Owens made motion to table action on the Senoia Hollows Preliminary Plat & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

**Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe Subdivision** presented Council with his suggestions regarding revisions to the Land Development Ordinance and suggested a workshop to include Council and residents. Mayor Owens informed all that there are currently legal issues being looked at concerning changes and thanked Mr. Rehman.

**Shelda Hayes of 192 Johnson Street** voiced concerns over the Seavy Street Park as it “seems we are taking things away”, adding that the City needs to add back for the kids. C. Eichorst informed all that a Parks & Recreation Committee was recently formed and the kick off meeting is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. C. Eichorst continued that we are all excited and a large focus will be the Seavy Street Park.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER O.C.G.A §50-14-3(b) (1) for Real Estate**

Mayor Owens made motion to enter Executive Session under O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b) (1) for Real Estate & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. To approve motion: Owens, Graham, Eichorst, Fisher and Grover.

Mayor Owens made motion to return to regular session & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Grover. To approve motion: Owens, Graham, Eichorst, Fisher and Grover

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Visit the newly designed City website at [www.senoia.com](http://www.senoia.com)
- Mayor Owens thanked the DDA and volunteers involved with another successful Memorial Day Parade and festivities.

**11. ADJOURN**

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the June 1, 2015 City Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry M. Owens, Mayor

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Debra J. Volk, City Clerk