

**MARCH 16, 2015
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Courtney Reich, Don Rehman, John Thompson, Pat Eichorst, Claude & Brenda Raptis, Sarah Campbell, Danny Harrison and Adam & Karen Secor.

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. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

C. Fisher made motion to approve the March 2, 2015 City Council Minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Presentation from EPG regarding the Creation of a Stormwater Utility in Senoia followed by Council Discussion

Courtney Reich of Ecological Planning Group presented Council with the steps needed regarding coming in to compliance with our MS4 Permit and developing storm water facilities. Requirements included public education and involvement and additional staff to name a few. Ms. Reich stated that funding will be an issue and suggested obtaining thru taxes or regulatory fees and presented some storm water fees being assessed by surrounding jurisdictions as an example (based on impervious surface). The average rate would be \$3.75 to \$4.50 per unit. Needed would be a full assessment, revenue projections, education staff training, ordinance and resident notification. Mr. Whalen stated that all revenues received from the new utility can only be used for storm water and suggested GEFA for loan however we will need to have the means to repay.

Revenue is projected to begin around \$125,000 annually. Ms. Reich then announced that we will have until 2017 to come in to compliance. Mr. Ferry is concerned with the extremely tight schedule in completing and the money for both the program and debt service and was told by Ms. Reich that the City may consider a watershed surcharge. C.

Fisher asked how long to accumulate all that is needed for the assessment & was told 2-3 months. Mr. Ferry then recommended that Council request a proposal from EPG to set up the program. Council agreed. Ms. Reich and EPG will begin the proposal and have ready for the April meeting.

B. FY 2014 Budget Amendments to the General, Water and Sewer Funds

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the FY 2014 Budget Amendments as presented & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion of Mayor and Council Work Session

General consensus is that Council will look at their schedules and plan a work session for a future Saturday.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2nd Read-Ordinance No. 15-01 City of Senoia Alcohol Ordinance

With Legislators still in session and changes anticipated in State law, Council will postpone the 2nd read until all at the State level is finalized.

B. 2ND Read—Ordinance No. 15-02 Annexation of 35.63 AC on Morgan Road & Old GA Hwy. 85 for the purpose of Residential R-40/C Development

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the 2nd Read for Ordinance No. 15-02 for the Annexation of 35.63 AC on Morgan Road & Old GA 85 to include the condition that a multi-use trail is constructed within the development. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and vote to approve was 3-2 with Graham and Eichorst against.

6. NEW BUSINESS-None

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe presented Council with a Senoia Homestead Example and stated that he will be contacting all eligible seniors regarding same for support. Mr. Rehman then informed all that the County placed his requested signage near the Heritage Pointe Subdivision on Rockaway Road. Mayor Owens stated that he appreciated the information.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Those wishing to serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee are asked to submit a Letter of Interest by April 30th.
- Senoia Clean Up will be held Saturday, April 18th from 8-4:00 PM at the Senoia Ball Field parking lot located on Howard Road

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the March 16, 2015 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk