

**FEBRUARY 3, 2014
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Ben Nelms, Ken Etzell, Ken Hazelton, Don Rehman, Suzanne Helfman, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Baumgardner, Mary Giles and Sarah Campbell

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order, welcomed all and C. Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor 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 made motion to amend the agenda moving Appearances from the Floor to after New Business and add Public Comment for Agenda Items as #3. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion was made by C. Grover to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2014 as presented & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS-None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS-None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Senoia/Peachtree City Trail

Mr. Ferry stated that this will be a preliminary discussion of a few options in the event the multi-use/multi-jurisdictional trail project is approved. This Thursday, Peachtree City will discuss funding of the joint project. Although Coweta County is in favor of the project we have been notified that they will not contribute financially. Council was also reminded that SPLOST or Impact Fee dollars cannot be spent outside of our jurisdiction. One plan has the trail starting at Mead Park and continuing over the creek and connecting on Rockaway. The second begins at Mead Park, down Rockaway to Legacy Church crossing, and connecting at Morningside and the third, beginning at Mead Park across to the softball complex and enter Heritage Point, eventually connecting at Twin Lakes. Mr. Ferry added that we will face significant construction in the unincorporated area, utility interference and ROW acquisitions to name a few. C. Fisher stated that he

will not commit until he knows how the others feel. Mr. Ferry asked what is the demand and desire for the connection. C. Eichorst stated that there is desire; however the desire to complete the paths within the City is greater. Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe is not in favor of the third option which constructs the paths thru Heritage Pointe. Ken Hazelton is opposed to the connection and feels that we need to concentrate our efforts on the uncompleted cart paths already planned for the City.

B. Ethics Board Appointments

Mayor and Council submitted the following names for appointment to the Ethics Board:

Councilman Grover: Steve Walsh and Derek Bittman

Councilman Graham: Jack Merrick and Harry Ramos

Mayor Owens: Gene Mullinax and Charles Bartlett

Councilman Eichorst: Ralph Simmons and Kevin Marais

Councilman Fisher: Robert Hynds and Gayle Noble

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Winter Storm Preparedness

Regarding the recent snow and ice storm, Mr. Ferry informed all that although our treatment of main thoroughfares is effective, it remains insufficient and feels the City can do more. Mr. Ferry asked Council what changes they would like to see. C. Grover stated that we can do more thru financial commitment and all of Council is in favor of purchasing and storing equipment and supplies. Mr. Ferry priced *Hoppers* that range in price from \$5,000 to \$10,000 that fit in dump truck beds and also smaller ones for pick-ups, to spread materials. and informed Application will also be made for 50/50 grants available this June for the equipment purchase. Mr. Ferry stated that the materials will need to be stored in doors, and recommends getting with Public Works regarding storage and to see which vehicles are suitable. Chief Edens will check inclement weather policies already in place in other jurisdictions for adoption.

B. Southern Living Restroom Acquisition

Motion was made by C. Graham to accept the Southern Living restrooms into the City inventory & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR-Non-Agenda Items

Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe asked that Council consider a Senior Homestead Exemption for those 65 years and older

Ken Hazelton of Willow Dell thanked Mayor and Council for their efforts in obtaining the Early Warning Sirens for the City and suggested that DDA and SABA construct a plan for the downtown area.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The 2nd meeting of Mayor and Council for the month of February has been scheduled for Monday, February 24th at 7:00 PM

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the February 3, 2014 City Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk