

**FEBRUARY 24, 2014
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Suzanne Helfman, Ken Hazelton, Chief Edens, Sarah Campbell, Toby McKinnon, Don Rehman, Gary Baumgardner, Jeff Meredith, Mary Provost, Jim & Maureen Schuyler, Doug Lee, Chris Croft, Oscar & Noah Neundorfer, Officer Culp and Burns.

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. 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 made motion to amend the agenda to include under New Business as #7-C the Senoia Little League Parade. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

C. Grover made motion to approve the February 3, 2014 City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by C. Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING-380 Ivy Lane/Variance on Side Setback

A. Comments from Applicant

Doug Lee of Jeff Lindsey Homes asks Council to approve the Side Setback Variance of 10.2 ft. as there is not enough room currently for the garage turnaround.

B. Comments from City Manager

Mr. Ferry asked if this was a pre-sale & was told yes.

C. Comments from Public

Jeff Meredith of 370 Ivy Lane is not in favor of the proposed as he purchased his home with expectations and this variance will diminish his side yard and possibly affect his property value.

Gary Baumgardner of Ivy Ridge informed Council that the side entry is in fact a requirement of their covenants.

D. Council Comment and Action

Councilman Grover asked if the house could be moved back and was told that it could be moved some but the width of the lot is still the same. C. Fisher asked how many homes have we allowed to encroach to this distance & was told by Mr. Ferry there have been a few but with different circumstances. C. Fisher then stated that even though we have allowed in the past it has not been to this degree and he is not in favor. Councilman Eichorst agreed and asked Mr. Lee if there is another elevation design for the house & was told there is another without a porch and fewer bedrooms. After short discussion, Councilman Eichorst made motion to deny the variance as applied for & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items

Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe Subdivision has two comments this evening. The first commends Mayor and Council on taking the initiative allowing the public to comment on agenda and non-agenda items. Second, Mr. Rehman asks that Council consider developing a policy for a public comment section that extends to all committees, authorities and the like.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

A. Budget Amendment-Police Supplies

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the amendment for the trade in and purchase of 9MM weapons for the department not to exceed \$2,500. Motion was 2nd by C. Fisher and carried unanimously.

B. Change Date of Regular HPC Meeting

Mayor Owens made motion to change the meeting date for HPC to the 2nd Monday of each month & was 2nd by C. Grover. Vote to approve was 3-2 with C. Graham and C. Eichorst opposed. Motion carries.

6. OLD BUSINESS-None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. GA Hwy. 16 Street Light

Councilman Eichorst made motion to table any action until more information can be obtained and an alternate solution be discussed with the business owner. Motion was 2nd by C. Graham and carried unanimously.

B. Appearances from the Floor Policy

After lengthy discussion, C. Eichorst made motion to approve the AFP with the following changes: the entire policy will read "Mayor or Designee" and elimination of the 1st sentence defining "Groups or Crowds". Motion was 2nd by Councilman Fisher and carried unanimously.

C. Senoia Little League Parade

Councilman Fisher made motion to approve the parade for the Senoia Little League scheduled for March 15th contingent that the route is accepted by the Chief of Police and City Manager. Motion was 2nd by Mayor Owens and carried unanimously.

8. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR+

Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe asked if items brought before the other committees and authorities could be appealed to Council and was told yes. Mr. Rehman then suggested that Council add to the AFP a requirement for public input at all committee and authority meetings.

Mary Provost of Twin Lakes asked that the agenda be published on the website.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Friday, April 11, 2014-Downtown Merchants Open House

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Owens made motion to adjourn the February 24, 2014 Council meeting & was 2nd by C. Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry M. Owens, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk