

**DECEMBER 15, 2014  
CITY OF SENOIA  
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
505 HOWARD ROAD  
7:00 PM**

**VISITORS: Commissioner Paul Poole, Don Rehman, Ken Ezzell, Bethan Adams, Danny Harrison, Sarah Campbell, Chief Edens, Valerie Burns, Officer Chance Leveillard, Officer Wes Courtois, Laura Degalski, Mike Foy, Kevin Brooks and Bob Hyndes.**

**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.

- **Recognition-Officer and Employee of the Year**

Chief Edens introduced and congratulated Valerie Burns as Senoia Police Department Employee of the Year and Officer Chance Leveillard as Senoia Police Department Officer of the Year.

**2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

C. Grover made motion to approve the December 1, 2014 City Council minutes as presented & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read-2015 Operating Budget/All Funds**

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Read of the 2015 Operating Budget for all funds & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read-Ordinance No. 14-01/Post Development Stormwater Management Regulations**

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Read of Ordinance No. 14-01 titled Post Development Stormwater Management Regulations & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read-Ordinance No. 14-02/Erosion & Sedimentation Control**

Mayor Owens made motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Read of Ordinance No. 14-02 titled Erosion & Sedimentation Control & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Alcohol Ordinance Discussion**

Mayor Owens stated that Council has been looking at small changes to the current Alcohol Ordinance. Mr. Ferry asked Council for guidance as to what changes are desired. C. Fisher began by voicing support of changes regarding permitted use at special events held at Marimac and also of wine tastings in the City, and asked City Attorney Andrew Whalen to review changes in State Law. Mr. Whalen stated that the revised regulations include less prohibitions at the State level but still requires a local license in addition to the States and tasting is also provided by local ordinance. Mr. Whalen also asked if changes are to be made, that Council keep the special events separate from the wine tastings. Mr. Whalen also added that with a State license you may taste and purchase by the bottles and if a license is held, one may consume on premises and owner can sell by the bottle. One of the biggest problems the City may face is the location of such establishments. Mr. Whalen also inquired to see if there is interest in the addition of Brew Pubs (brewed on premises-sold in facility only) and Growlers (where craft beer is purchased but not consumed on premises) to the ordinance. C. Grover is in favor of wine tasting and alcohol at special events. Sidewalk Café' with an option as well but does not include public sidewalks and must distinguish between private property. General consensus of Council is support for alcohol at special events and amending for wine tastings. C. Eichorst asks to consider a limit on the number of special events held and worries about blocking the public out. Mr. Whalen reminded all that it must be non-discriminatory and the policy must have the provision for insurance. C. Fisher also supports the Brew Pub and Growler. Council asked that Mr. Ferry and Mr. Whalen will begin work on the amendments mentioned.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None****6. NEW BUSINESS-None****7. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

**Don Rehman of Heritage Pointe** presented a draft ordinance and asked Council to consider a Senoia Senior Homestead Exemption Program and also brought up speeding on Rockaway Road.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- City Hall will close at noon December 24<sup>th</sup> until 8:00 AM Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday and will close at noon December 31<sup>st</sup> until Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> for the New Year's Holiday.

- Mayor and Council congratulated the Downtown Development Authority and all volunteers involved in another successful *Light Up Senoia*.
- Mayor Owens introduced Commissioner Paul Poole and thanked him for his support and hard work for the City and District 1 of Coweta County.

**9. ADJOURN**

Councilman Fisher made motion to adjourn the December 15, 2014 City Council meeting & was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry M. Owens, Mayor

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Debra J. Volk, City Clerk