MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2023

CITY OF SENOIA

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

505 HOWARD ROAD

7:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**ALL COUNCIL PRESENT**

1. **WELCOME VISITORS/CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pearman 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 were met.

1. **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2023, CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Brady. Motion carried with 5 votes in favor.

1. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes made by Councilperson Brady and 2nd by Councilperson Reeder. Motion carried with 4 votes in favor.

1. **CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-NONE**
2. **PUBLIC HEARING-NONE**
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
4. **Ordinance No. 23-10 Regulations for Alcoholic Beverages so as to provide for tasting events for distilled spirits in accordance with Georgia law**

Second reading. Presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons. No comments from public. No comments from council. Motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 23-10 made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Grover. Motion passed with 5 votes in favor.

1. **Ordinance No. 23-05 Portable on demand storage units (PODS)**

Presented by City Engineer, Dana Johnson. Councilperson Reeder would like to adjust permit time to 6 months and must request additional time from admin/staff to extend the time frame; further, Councilperson Reeder would like to do away with the 2nd permit charge. No further comment from council. No comment from public. Motion to amend Ordinance 23-05 Portable on Demand Storage Units (PODS) to permit time of 180 days with the ability to extend permit time an additional 180 days with approval of administration/staff, with one fee upfront and no additional fee for extension made by Councilperson Reeder and 2nd by Councilperson Grover. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve first read of Ordinance 23-05 as amended made by Councilperson Grover and 2nd by Mayor Pearman. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Ordinance No. 23-06 Compliance with the Zoning Procedure Laws**

Presented by City Engineer, Dana Johnson. No comments from public. No comments from Council. Motion to approve first read of Ordinance 23-06 Compliance with the Zoning Procedure Laws made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried with 5 votes in favor.

1. **Ordinance No. 23-07 Commercial Corridor Overlay**

Presented By City Engineer, Dana Johnson. No comments from public. No comments from Council. Motion to approve first read of Ordinance 23-07 Commercial Corridor Overlay made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Brady. Motion carried with 5 votes in favor.

1. **Ordinance No. 23-08 FOG Amendment**

First Read. Presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons. No comment from public. Councilperson Reeder asked about City’s public education program. Mayor Pearman has recently met with ARC about new material to disseminate to public. Motion to approve first read of Ordinance No. 23-08 FOG amendment made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Reeder. Motion carried with 5 votes in favor.

1. **Ordinance No. 23-09 Fence Standards**

Presented by City Engineer, Dana Johnson. Councilperson Foust asked for examples of allowable fencing. City Engineer proffered wooden picket fencing, ornamental steel fencing for example. Chain link can be used only if not visible from the public right of way. Mayor Pearman has safety concerns. Councilperson Brady noted that typically HOA’s prohibit chain link fencing in subdivisions that are outside of the historic district. No comments from public. Motion to approve first read of Ordinance 23-09 Fence Standards with minor tweaking from City Engineer, made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried with 5 votes in favor.

1. **Ordinance No. 23-11 Moratorium on Preliminary Plats**

Presented by City Engineer, Dana Johnson. No comments from public. No comments from Council. Motion to approve first read of Ordinance No. 23-11 Moratorium on Preliminary Plats made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Resolution No. 23-13 2024 Fee Schedule**

Presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons. Councilpersons Grover and Reeder requested details on the fee for retaining walls. City Engineer defined retaining wall and explained that the new fee is something charged by similar and local municipalities and suggested by Safebuilt. Councilperson Brady questioned the raising of water/sewer rates. City Manager stated fees are raised based on prior resolution. Counsilpersons Grover and Foust requested further definition of “structure” for the permit fee for moving a structure. City Engineer agreed to further defined structure as a home/house or mobile home in fee schedule by designating square footage or size. No further comment from Council. Motion to approve 2024 Fee Schedule made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Reeder. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Resolution No. 23-14 Amending Stormwater Fee**

Presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons. Stormwater fee to be raised per study provided by Raftelis. No comment from Council. Motion to approve Resolution 23-14 Amending Stormwater Fee by Councilperson Foust and 2nd by Councilperson Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Lot 1 Village West-Final Overlay**

Presented by City Engineer, Dana Johnson. Planning Commission voted to approve final overlay. Councilperson Grover asked about the reference to the down lighting. City Engineer stated this approval is for the final overlay and Council is not approving lighting. A separate sign plan will be proffered at a later date in which signage will be addressed. No further comment from Council. No comment from public. Motion to approve Lot 1 Village West-Final Overly made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Reeder. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tour of Homes December 10, 2023

Alive After 5 December 15, 2023

Mayor Pearman and Council thanks all the volunteers, participants, and all involved for all the hard work in making Light Up Senoia a huge success.

Council meetings for the month of January 2024 are cancelled. No comments from the public. No comments from Council. Motion to cancel both January 2024 council meetings made by Councilperson Grover and 2nd by Councilperson Foust. Motion carried with 5 votes in favor.

1. **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Brady. Motion carried with 5 votes in favor.

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City Clerk, D. Lynn Carter, MMC Mayor, William “Dub” Pearman, III