

**OCTOBER 6, 2018
CITY OF SENOIA
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FY 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP
140 PYLANT STREET
STONE LODGE
8:00 AM**

PRESENT: Harold Simmons, Debby Volk, Jason Edens, Alyson Leveillard, Randall Burns, Dina Rimi, Curtis Hindman, Jack Burnside and Jim Schuyler

1. WELCOME VISITORS/CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fisher welcomed those in attendance and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Fisher then declared this an open meeting duly convened under the Open Meetings Law after receiving confirmation from the City Clerk that all legal requirements have been met.

1. FY 2019 BUDGET WORKSESSION WITH MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A. City Manager and Department Heads present proposed FY 2019 Budget-All funds

Project Consultant Jack Burnside informed Council that during the design phase of the Pylant Street project the City decided to replace the existing bridge and the bids came in higher than the engineer anticipated and we are 1 million over budget. The Atlanta Regional Commission was asked for \$500,000 to help cover the short fall however, they could not commit this late in the year. Mr. Burnside stated that the ARC will receive more funds with the new budget year and have always come thru in the past. Councilman Grover asked how long it will prolong the project if we redesign & was told it will add another 2 years to the project, which is not practical. Piedmont Paving was the low bidder. Mayor Fisher stated that the project was grossly underestimated however, we cannot put a price tag on safety and asked with two major projects in the works could we ask for a delay in the trail project. Mr. Burnside suggested to "slow walk" the trail project and not ask for a delay. General consensus is to inform DOT that Senoia will have the funding, as our Auditor will be setting up an amortization schedule so that the City can use reserves to cover the shortfall. Also, once the project starts we will have 6 months to send out the first check. Councilman Pearman asked if the ARC does not come thru, what happens then & was told if no addition funding is received from ARC it will only affect our SPLOST. Mayor Fisher asked for the normal turn around on reimbursement requests & was told usually in by the 10th of each month and received back by the first of the following. Mr. Burnside then reminded all that there is still scoping funding available for Main and Broad and Seavy Park to trail for \$10,000. Also streetscape from Broad to Hwy. 16. Councilman Grover reminded all that for a beautification project the City is responsible for relocation of utilities but realignment, the utility companies pay. Mr. Simmons is in favor of the scoping even if the City puts it on the shelf for a while and will discuss with Council to decide. Council thanked Mr. Burnside for attending. Mr. Simmons then presented the FY 2019 proposed Operating Budget for all funds, which includes a 4% increase across the board for employees and additional equipment for Public Works. Councilman Pearman asked if the 4% includes a COL increase & was told no. Councilman Grover asked how far out we are with the design phase in storm water & was told 1 year. Councilman

Grover then stated that we will need to have our storm water in place when the wall is removed at the Gin Property. Mr. Simmons informed all that obtaining the easements and the testing has been completed. Mr. Simmons then presented the proposed 5-year forecast and asked Council for any changes. Mayor Fisher feels the downtown Truck Route project is necessary but the City cannot currently afford it. Councilman Graham suggests removing the truck route from the Forecast however, Mr. Simons will move it out to FY 2022. Councilman Grover asked if we couldn't push the developer to complete the trails from Fieldstone to the Cumberland property and were reminded by Councilman Pearman that this should also include trails from Fieldstone to the ballfields. Councilman Eichorst brought up the T-SPLOST vote that will be coming up but in 2019.

2. ADJOURN

Councilman Pearman made motion to adjourn the October 6, 2018 Budget Work Session & was 2nd by Councilman Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey B. Fisher, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk