

**DECEMBER 7, 2020
CITY OF SENOIA
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
505 HOWARD ROAD
7:00 PM**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT

WORK SESSION

1. WELCOME VISITORS/CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pearman welcomed those in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to be administered during the regular council meeting.

- A. **Consider Service Alcohol Badges.** Presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons. Discussion ensued regarding issuance and fees for issuance of Service Alcohol Badges. Councilman Grover stated his concern for implementation of same when there have been no issues in the City without the badges. City Manager will poll alcohol licensees in the city to discuss necessity.
- B. **Discuss building height requirements in the City.** Presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons. Discussion ensued regarding the current height requirements per code of 34 feet, 11 inches. The City wishes to raise the height requirement for future buildings on Broad Street due to the elevation of the cityscape in contrast to the lower elevation of Broad Street. The City will research necessary county variances as well as draft the ordinance. Council was in agreement with the Community Development Director, Dina Rimi about once the height requirement is changed, the City should rezone look at rezoning Broad Street to HT as well as bring the area into the entertainment overly.
- C. **Update on Cumberland Trail cart path.** Discussion ensued with council asking the City Manager for an update regarding the cart path. The City has been unable to acquire the necessary property from property owner via simple request. Discussed possibility of eminent domain if necessary. City Manager informed council that further appraisals and surveys were necessary in an effort to move the path off certain property. City Manager further informed council that Richard Ferry of Brent Scarborough, LLC, developer of Traditions subdivision, dropped off a \$75,000 check for the city to help finish the cart path.
- D. **Pylant Street Project.** Councilman Reeder asked if there were any plans to install a streetlight at the intersection. At this time, there are no plans to install a streetlight.
- E. **Truck/Noise Ordinance:** Councilwoman Brady asked for an update on the truck noise ordinance. City Manager has no update.
- F. **Leak at Pylant and Morgan Street.** The aforementioned leak has been in place for some time. Due to the City's aging infrastructure, the City will need to shut down the entire downtown area in order to fix. This will be done after the holidays.
- G. **Paving of Travis/Johnson Street.** Travis Street will be paved this week or next by Crawford Paving. Crawford will also be paving behind Winpak. Johnson Street paving to be performed in January by Piedmont Paving.

REGULAR SESSION

WELCOME VISITORS/PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Eichorst made motion to approve the November 16, 2020, City Council minutes as presented & was 2nd by Councilman Grover. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY-Georgia Department of Public Safety has filed a claim against the Senoia Police Department, Case No. SUV2020-001293, in the amount of \$25,402 for reimbursement of training expenses. City Attorney Drew Whalen will file a response this week.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 20-08-2nd Read-2021 Proposed Operating Budget (all funds)

City Manager, Harold Simmons presented the 2nd Read of the 2021 Proposed Operating Budget. Councilman Grover made motion to approve and was 2nd by Councilwoman Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance No. 20.07-2nd Read-Land Development, Post-Construction Stormwater Management

City Manager, Harold Simmons presented the 2nd read of Ordinance No. 20.07. Mayor Dub Pearman made motion to approve and motion was 2nd by Councilman Eichorst and carried unanimously.

C. Ordinance No. 20.08-2nd Read. Land Development-Fire Hydrants

City Manager, Harold Simmons presented the 2nd read of Ordinance No. 20.08. Councilman Grover made motion to approve and was 2nd by Councilman Reeder. Motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss emergency purchase of baffle curtains

Mr. Simmons proposed moving \$100,000 from the general account to cover the emergency purchase of baffle curtains needed for stormwater project. Mayor Dub Pearman made a motion to accept moving of funds for baffle curtains as well as an additional 10% allowable if needed for labor or additional costs. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Chuck Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Walking Dead Street Closure-Michael Riley

Michael Riley addressed Council requesting the road closure of Morgan/Pylant/Broad through the end of 2021. Filming should begin February 8, 2021. Series should conclude in 2022. Mayor Dub Pearman made motion to accept the road closure & 2nd by Councilman Eichorst. 3 votes for, 0 votes against with 2 abstained from voting.

C. Proposal to Amend Fee Schedule

Proposal presented by City Manager, Harold Simmons. City Manager proposed the following amendments:

Reduce alcohol license fee from \$5,000 to \$2,500 to assist businesses due to Covid; Add American Express to list of credit cards accepted by City; and Meter replacement/part charges were increased.

Motion accepting fee increase was made by Councilman Dale Reeder and 2nd by Mayor Dub Pearman. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Consider Proposed Contract for Probation Services 2021

Probation Services Contract was presented to Council by City Manager. Motion to accept contract made by Councilman Grover and 2nd by Councilwoman Tracy Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Discuss Administrative Block Grant CDBG

Dina Rimi discussed the hiring of Carol's Consulting & Grant Management, Inc. for help writing grants for various projects throughout the City. Carol's Consulting & Grant Management, Inc. has an extensive resume. Payment for grant writing comes from the grant itself and not from the City. Councilman Eichorst requests that council be updated regularly with information of grants applied for on behalf of the City. Mayor Dub Pearman made motion to grant the City the authority to enter into a contract with Carol's Consulting & Grant Management, Inc. to assist the City in finding available funding. Councilman Eichorst 2nd the motion and motion carried unanimously.

F. Appointment to the Development Authority: Larry Richardson, Skip King and Jordan Krabel.

Motion to accept appointments made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilwoman Brady. 4 votes for, 0 votes against, 1 abstained.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of Debby Volk's 21 years of serviced to the City.

7. ADJOURN

Councilwoman Brady made motion to adjourn meeting & was 2nd by Councilman Reeder. Motion carried unanimously.