

**City of Dawsonville**  
**October 4, 2004**  
**Regular Meeting of the City Council**

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Those present were Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council Members Jonathan Cox, Tim Wimpey, Mike Sosebee and Mike Wilson, Kim Cornelison, Dana Miles and concerned citizens of the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

**Invocation and Pledge:** Mayor Cox led the invocation and pledge.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of the September 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

City Clerk: Oath of Office: City Attorney Dana Miles officiated the swearing in of Kim Cornelison as the City Clerk.

Personnel Manual: Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the second reading of the Personnel Manual. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion to approve the second reading passed unanimously.

Policy on Meeting and Expense Reimbursement for Mayor, Council and Planning Commission: Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the second reading of the referenced policy. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion to approve the second reading passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Parade/Public Assembly Application – Kare for Kids, Inc.: Motion to approve the application by Kare for Kids, Inc. for the annual Mountain Moonshine Festival to be held October 22, 23, and 24, 2004 was made by Jonathan Cox and seconded by Mike Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Parade/Public Assembly Application – Dawson County High School: Motion to approve the application by Dawson County High School to hold a home coming parade to be held October 28, 2004, was made by Tim Wimpey and seconded by Mike Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

Alexander, Almand & Associates – 7 month audit recap: Warren Almand addressed the Council regarding this matter. Warren clarified that they have provided a compiled financial statement. Jeremy Perry presented their findings. Warren Almand expressed

several concerns regarding the existing accounting process. Warren told the Council that Jeremy Perry will be working with Kim Cornelison to set up the new software procured by the City and to set up clear accounting practices to efficiently maintain the accounts and back up documentation. Stating that governmental accounting is the hardest accounting, Mr. Almand stressed the importance of having uninterrupted, quiet time for the City Clerk to properly perform these tasks. Lastly, to be better protect the funds that are restricted, Mr. Almand suggested separate accounts for such funds.

Mayor Cox addressed Warren Almand and asked him to report if all funds were accounted for and about the payroll issues the City had. Warren affirmed that the cash accounts were in line; nothing indicated that anything inappropriate happened with the exception that there were a lot of errors on the books that they had corrected. Mr. Almand affirmed that there were errors in the payroll and that fines were assessed against the City. Mr. Almand also stated that his firm does not recommend software and clarified that the existing software was not purchased at the recommendation of his firm.

Mayor Cox made the point for the benefit of those present that when an employee is terminated from the City there is a basis for the termination.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to send the monthly budget to Alexander, Almand & Association to review and make sure funds appear reasonable, then present to the Council. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to accept the compellation prepared by Alexander, Almand & Associates. Tim Wimpey Seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rainhill Subdivision: Wayne Melton, on behalf of the Planning Commission presented the plans on the Rainhill Subdivision to the Council. Wayne said the plans were in good shape and all corrections have been made as requested. Wayne did note that the wetlands delineation were not on the plans. Wayne recommended that the City Council approved the final plans.

Kim Cornelison stated that the Louise McPherson from Soil Conservation has not picked up the final plans nor given her final approval. If the Council approves they should include that as a stipulation.

Mayor Cox made a point of stating that the Council does not need to see any more conceptual plans. The Planning Commission needs to review all of these plans and when they are final they can be brought to the City Council for final approval.

Wayne Melton made a point of stating that the Council will need to enforce the regulations especially in regards to sidewalks so that this infrastructure is put in place.

Jonathan Cox made a point of stating that the City Council needs to meet with the Planning Commission to make sure that all regulations are covered or to adopt changes or new regulations as needed.

Tim Wimpey made a motion to approve the final plans with the stipulations that the wetlands be delineated and that Soil Conservation approval be given before Land Disturbing permits are issued. Jonathan Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Legal Organ: The Mayor opened the floor for discussion regarding the legal organ. Dana Miles addressed questions from the Council and stated that the legal organ can be changed at any time by the Council. Mike Sosebee made a motion to change the legal organ to the Dawson Community News; Jonathan Cox seconded the motion. The council was tied: Sosebee/Cox for and Wimpey/Wilson against. Mayor Cox broke the tie in favor of changing the legal organ to the Dawson Community News.

Travel Host Magazine: At the Chamber's request, Kim Cornelison presented the magazine to show the council that the Chamber is looking at advertising opportunities to promote our City.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Executive Session:**

At 8:06 p.m. Tim Wimpey made a motion to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of Land Acquisition and Personnel. Mike Wilson seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

At 8:35 p.m. Mike Wilson made a motion to return to regular session. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Wimpey made a motion, seconded by Mike Wilson, to authorize the Mayor to make an offer to the Planning candidate discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to enter into a lease agreement with Phoenix One for the TRUSA building for one dollar per month and to authorize the Mayor to move forward with negotiations, verify insurance and cost issues, to execute a lease agreement good through the end of December 2004. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business of the City of Dawsonville, Mike Sosebee a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

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Councilman Jonathan Cox

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Councilman Tim Wimpey

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Councilman Mike Sosebee

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Councilman Mike Wilson

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk

**City of Dawsonville**  
**October 4, 2004**  
**Executive Session of the City Council**  
**Minutes**

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

**Those present:** Joe Cox, Dana Miles, Jonathan Cox, Tim Wimpey, Mike Sosebee, Mike Wilson and Kim Cornelison.

Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussion and deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(6); and

Discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4).

After discussing the matters specified for executive session, at 8:35 p.m. Mike Wilson made a motion to return to regular session. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

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Jonathan Cox, Councilman

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Tim Wimpey, Councilman

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Mike Sosebee, Councilman

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Mike Wilson, Councilman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk