

City of Dawsonville
August 2, 2004
Council Meeting Minutes
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Those present were Council Member Jonathan Cox, Council Member Tim Wimpey, Council Member Mike A. Wilson, Council Member Mike Sosebee, City Clerk Betty Cloer, Fred Youngman, Jessie Layne, Gary Barr, Kim Cornelison, and Attorney Dana Miles.

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

Jonathan Cox made a motion to amend the agenda to include the existing Timber Contract. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney asked the Council to amend the agenda to include two items:

1. Create the position of Planning and Zoning Director.
2. Audit for the Joint Development Authority.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to amend the agenda to include creating the position for a Planning and Zoning Director and the Joint Development Authority audit. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

July 19, 2004 Minutes: Tim Wimpey made the motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2004. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Jonathan Cox made a motion to table the variance request for Marathon Land Company until the next Council meeting. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New business: Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the business license for Westside Pizza upon the fire Marshal's approval. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the sign permit for Dawsonville Baptist Church. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney opened the public hearing for the first reading of an Ordinance to Prohibit Through Truck Traffic on Local Streets. The City Attorney read the Ordinance and no one spoke in favor or against. Tim Wimpey asked if this would prohibit anyone from driving their truck home each night and parking it. The City Attorney stated that the purpose of the ordinance was to keep through truck traffic from using the local streets. Parking a truck at home each night will be allowed. The City Attorney stated that Highway 9, Highway 53, and Perimeter Shoal Creek Road would be approved routes for thru truck traffic. If other streets are to be added as approved routes for thru truck traffic it must be done before the second reading. The Mayor suggested adding Shoal Creek Road to the approved list.

Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to Prohibit Through Truck Traffic on Local Streets with the addition of Shoal Creek Road to the approved list for truck traffic. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Cox stated that he had five calls from citizens stating that timber was being hauled off of the spray field site as late as 2:00 a.m. Councilman Cox asked the council to halt all timber movement until an audit could be completed on the site to determine if the City is adequately being compensated for the timber removed.

Councilman Wimpey made a motion to halt all timber movement until an audit could be completed and to authorize the City Attorney to obtain a timber audit from a qualified professional. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and after discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Cox reported on the Downtown Development Authority stating that the DDA has provided advertising assistance to local merchants in the City for advertising on maps of the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

Councilman Cox also reported that the DDA has been made aware of radio personality Ludlow Porch's desire to bring his radio show to downtown Dawsonville. Mr. Porch had requested that the DDA provide him space to do his broadcast from in exchange for commercial promotion of Dawsonville on his radio broadcast. The DDA does not have the funds to lease any space, but is looking into space that could be obtained at little or no cost.

Lastly, Councilman Cox reported that he had just received a check for the DDA from the hotel/motel tax proceeds collected by the City.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Cox made the Council aware of a vacancy left by retired councilman David Cox on the Lake Lanier Watershed Governance Council. Mayor Cox asked the board to appoint someone to this council. Following a motion by Mike Sosebee and a second by Jonathan Cox, the Council unanimously consented to have Mayor Cox serve.

Mayor Cox reported that the City's engineer, G. Ben Turnipseed, has made a suggestion to add an aerator to the water treatment facility's pond at Flat Creek. The addition of the aerator will purportedly help with the odor that the pond currently generates. The aerator was already an improvement planned and budgeted for in this year's budget. Water and Sewer Director Gary Barr was instructed to move forward with the purchase and implementation of the aerator.

Public Comment: Citizens from the Burt's Crossing subdivision asked the City to send a representative to their homeowners association meeting to discuss what the City is doing about the odor they are experiencing from the spray fields. Mayor Cox suggested that the new aerator should help reduce the odor. The Mayor asked Gary Barr to attend the homeowners meeting to respond to any other questions they may have.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to temporarily adjourn the regular meeting to go into Work Session for a tour of the Thunder Road facility. Councilman Sosebee seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tim Wimpey made a motion to conclude the work session and to go into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss personnel and land acquisitions. The motion was seconded by Mike Sosebee and carried unanimously.

Executive Session: Motion was made by Councilman Cox to come out of Executive Session and go into the regular meeting. Councilman Wimpey seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening the regular meeting, action authorized by the Council in Executive Session related to personnel matters was unanimously affirmed by the Council.

Adjournment: Following a motion to adjourn by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the regular meeting was adjourned.

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Attested: _____
City Clerk