

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 9, 2007**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation by Dr. Jim Gaines First Baptist, Dawsonville

**ROLL CALL:** Those present included Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council Members Linda Grant, Mike Sosebee, and Mike Wilson; staff present were Kim Cornelison, Steve Holder, Gary Barr, and Dana Miles, City Attorney. Jonathan Cox was absent due family business.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the regular meeting held June 4, 2007 were unanimously approved. Wilson/Grant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

To hear Alcoholic Beverage License Application: City Liquor of Dawsonville, Inc. by and through Russell Marcotte, President, and John Evans, Vice-President, has made an application for a Retail Package store for malt beverages/beer and wine, and distilled spirits, for the business, City Liquor of Dawsonville, Inc. located at 55 Hwy. 53 West, Dawsonville, Georgia. City Council heard the application for retain package and unanimously approved the application to issue license once the certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Planning Department. Grant/Sosebee.

Lanier Aluminum Products- Canvas Awnings: Council unanimously authorized staff to purchase matching dome awnings for the large palladium windows at a total cost of \$7,000.00. Grant/Wilson.

C. David Turk III, Resignation as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Dawsonville: Council unanimously accepted the resignation of C. David Turk, III as Municipal Court Judge and appointed Walker Bramblett to the vacated position. Sosebee/Grant.

Quotes for garbage cans: Kim Cornelison presented two quotes for garbage cans stating that these vendors were in state manufacturers. Otto Environmental Systems quoted \$47.50 per can (\$23,940) per tractor trailer load and Rehrig Pacific Company quoted \$47.75 per can (\$22,242.00) for a full tractor trailer load. The City Clerk as the Council to award to Rehrig Pacific in spite of the price difference because the cans were a high quality can which the staff has had no problem with them breaking down or deteriorating. The can has the metal bar in the front for lifting where the Otto cans have a plastic bar. Council unanimously approved the quote from Rehrig Pacific Company in the amount of \$22,242.00. Grant/Sosebee.

Planning Commission Appointment – BJ Farley (Jonathan Cox's appointee): Mayor Cox reported that Ms. Farley was willing to continue to serve on the Planning Commission. Council unanimously re-appointed B.J. Farley. Sosebee/Grant.

Historic Sign Permit: 66 Hwy. 53 N, Forsyth Exterminating, Inc.: Steve Holder presented the History Sign Permit application stating that everything was in order. Council unanimously approved. Sosebee/Wilson.

Historic Sign Permit: 23 Hwy. 9 N, North Georgia Real Estate Academy: Steve Holder presented the History Sign Permit application stating that everything was in order. Council unanimously approved. Sosebee/Wilson.

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Report: Taylor Wallace, Development Plan of Urban Redevelopment District Announcement: The property adjacent to City Hall that has the Urban Redevelopment Plan attached to it has just sold a large tract to Food Lion. Mr. Wallace expects to have more announcements in August regarding the affected property.

Report: Steve Holder, Planning & Zoning Director: Reported that the parking lot has been completed and cost approximately \$400,000 which included everything from the landscaping to the striping. Steve Holder reminded the Council that the state has provided a significant amount of the funding for the parking lot. The next project will be to pour a dumpster pad and build a decorative wall around it. Upstairs is completed with the exception of the elevator – the staff is working off of a punch list to finish the elevator installation. The overall project was budgeted at \$440,000 and will come in under budget. To-date expenses are \$370,000 with a minimal amount or retainage outstanding. It will be opened for August's council meeting and will be a meeting room and offices that we can all be proud of.

Report: Gary Barr, Water & Sewer Superintendent: Gary Barr reported that wells 108 and 109 are operational; well number 110 has a start up date of July 10. This is a 200 gallon per minute well which would run the city by itself.

The wastewater plant upgrades should be completed within the next four weeks. The EPD inspection will be scheduled for the spray fields once the final field is tested.

With the upgrades, the water will be capable of producing 800,000 gallons per day (GPD); the city currently uses approximately 200,000 GPD; and the wastewater system can run 400,000 GPD; the city currently uses approximately 100,000 GPD.

Parade/Public Assembly Application: GRHOF Commission's yard sale, music fest & car show, August 6, 2007, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Council unanimously approved the parade and public assembly application with the stipulation that the Fire Marshall approve the event. Sosebee/Wilson.

Parade/Public Assembly Application: GRHOF Commission's yard sale, music fest & car show, September 1, 2007, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Council unanimously approved the parade and public assembly application with the stipulation that the Fire Marshall approve the event. Sosebee/Wilson

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **Ordinance:**

Reuse Ordinance: An ordinance to amend the water and sewer ordinance of the City of Dawsonville; to provide for separation of reuse and potable water; to provide for enforcement, for an effective date; and for other purposes. (First hearing).

Dana Miles opened the public hearing stating that this ordinance provides for a reuse water utility for the City. It enables the City to have people utilize reuse water once the reuse plant is completed. There being approximately 30 people in attendance; nobody spoke in favor or opposition. The public hearing was closed. The council unanimously approved the first reading of the ordinance. Sosebee/Wilson.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Cox reported that the members of the GRHOF Commission had Thunder in the Sky on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and put the City down as a sponsor. Last year the city gave \$2,500 towards the fire works; Mayor Cox asked

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the Council if they wished to support the fireworks this year. Councilman Wilson made a motion to donate \$1,250.00 toward the fire works. Linda Grant seconded – the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cox read attached Veteran's Day National Committee letter and Certificate. He then publicly congratulated Pam Hamalainen for all of her efforts towards this event.

Mayor Cox asked if anyone had any personal comments.

Janice Lee, owner and operator of Magic Scissors thanks the City for the sidewalks. A lot of her clients walk to her salon and they have all had good things to say about the sidewalks, the city park and how the city looks.

Mayor Cox also told everyone that the next council meeting, August 6<sup>th</sup>, will be a dedication ceremony and invited everyone to attend.

Kim Cornelison reminded the council that August 16<sup>th</sup> the city will host business after hours.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Linda Grant made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting to go into executive session. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive session convened at 7:40 p.m.

City Attorney Dana Miles updated the council on the Butler case on the City's defense and the motion for summary judgment.

Mr. Miles presented an update on the SPLOST V negotiations and ensuing lawsuit that he expects to file with the clerk of court on Friday, July 13, 2007.

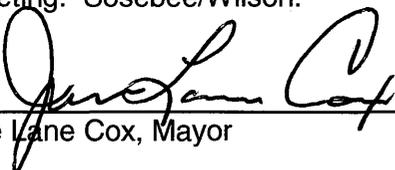
Mr. Miles gave an update on the annexation case filed by Dawson County stating he will be filing a motion to dismiss this week with the clerk of court.

Kim Cornelison presented the claim of injury presented by Aline McClure and her Senior Legal Aid representative.

Mr. Miles updated the council on the Phillips case stating that the decision is still pending.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

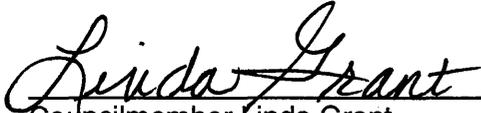
At 8:12 p.m. council came out of executive session and adjourned the executive session and the regular meeting. Sosebee/Wilson.

  
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Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

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Councilmember Jonathan Cox

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Councilmember Mike Sosebee

  
Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested:   
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk



# VETERANS DAY NATIONAL COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
810 VERMONT AVENUE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20420



JUN 4 2007

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House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Military Order of the World Wars  
The Retired Enlisted Association  
Congressional Medal of Honor Society  
Disabled American Veterans  
Military Officers Association of America  
Polish Legion of American Veterans  
Korean War Veterans Association  
American G.I. Forum  
Jewish War Veterans of the USA  
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Pearl Harbor Survivors Association

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Fleet Reserve Association  
Gold Star Wives of America  
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Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc.  
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Air Force Association  
Navy Seabee Veterans of America  
Air Force Sergeants Association  
United Spanish War Veterans  
State Directors of Veterans Affairs  
Help Hospitalized Veterans  
American Red Cross  
American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor  
Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge  
National Association of State Veterans Homes  
National Association for Uniformed Services  
Japanese American Veterans Association

Ms. Pam Hamalainen  
Dawson County Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 299  
Dawsonville, GA 30534

Dear Ms. Hamalainen:

On behalf of the Veterans Day National Committee, your application to be recognized as a Veterans Day Regional Site has been approved. Please find enclosed a 2007 Veterans Day Regional Site Certificate for the city of Dawsonville, Georgia. I am confident that your celebration of America's 54th annual Veterans Day will set an example for the rest of the nation to follow.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson will inform your Governor of your selection and encourage support for your Veterans Day celebration. We have notified the Department of Defense of your selection and requested that a military liaison officer be assigned to coordinate local military ceremonial support. We will also send you a number of Veterans Day posters as soon as they become available.

As a Regional Site, we would welcome the opportunity to participate in your program by sending a representative from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to deliver a national Veterans Day message during your observance. Please contact Matt Bristol of my staff at [vetsday@va.gov](mailto:vetsday@va.gov) or (202) 273-4849 by August 15, 2007, if you would like to request a special guest speaker.

If you have any questions or would like additional assistance, please contact Mr. Bristol. Congratulations on your selection and best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely yours,

Lisette M. Mondello  
Assistant Secretary for Public  
and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure

# Department of Veterans Affairs



*This certifies that*

*City of Dawsonville, Georgia*

*is designated by the*

*Veterans Day National Committee*

*as a Regional Site for the*

*Celebration of Veterans Day 2007*



**R. James Nicholson  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
Chairman,  
Veterans Day National Committee**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DAWSON.

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor, Jonathan Cox, Council Member; Linda Grant, Council Member, Mike Sosebee; Council Member and Mike A. Wilson, Council Member; being duly sworn, state under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1. The City of Dawsonville Council met in a duly advertised meeting on the 9th day of July, 2007.

2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

The executive session was called to order at 7:40 a.m. (p.m.)

4. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

✓ Consultation with the City Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or any officer or employee or in which the City or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and \_\_\_\_\_;

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

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

Other \_\_\_\_\_ as provided in: \_\_\_\_\_

This 9th day of July, 2007.

City of Dawsonville, Mayor and council

Joe Lane Cox  
Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

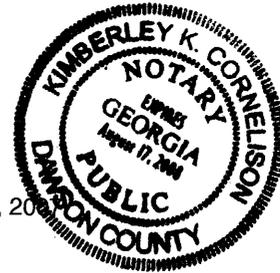
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Mike Sosebee  
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Mike A. Wilson  
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Kim Cornelison  
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk  
Notary Public



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July, 2007.

My Commissioner expires: August 18, 2008