MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
June 4, 2007
7:00 P.M.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation was led by Rev. Jim Garvin of Dawsonville United Methodist Church, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 7, 2007. Minutes were unanimously approved. Sosebee/Cox.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parade/Public Assembly Application: GRHOF, July 3rd Thunder in the Sky at DCHS. Council unanimously approved the parade and public assembly application with the stipulation that the Fire Marshall and Sheriff approve the event. Grant/Wilson.

Reuse Ordinance Draft. A draft of a reuse ordinance was passed out for the council to start reviewing before the first public hearing to be held next month. Council was urged to review the ordinance and get with staff if they had any questions.

Georgia Transmission Easement Purchase. Dana Miles explained that Georgia Transmission is seeking a permanent easement on a corner of the spray field consisting of 0.445 acres of land. In return for the permanent easement Georgia Transmission would compensate the City in the amount of $3,680.00. Council unanimously approved authorizing the mayor to execute the easement. Cox/Wilson.

Parking Lot Lights – City Hall: Mayor Cox asked the council to authorize the purchase of exterior lighting that would line the new road coming in to City Hall, as well as the grass lot that is adjacent to the front parking lot. The lighting would consist of 9 decorative poles – the poles are the same as those at the cemetery and playground. Steve Holder secured two quotes: Lights-R-Us at $27,766.98; and Georgia Power at $22,500.00. Council unanimous authorized letting the work to Georgia Power. Cox/Grant.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinances:

Personnel Ordinance: An ordinance to adopt personnel policies of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia; to repeal former personnel policies; to provide for severability; and for other purposes.

Dana Miles presented the ordinance and opened the public hearing. There were approximately 16 people present and no one spoke in favor or against the ordinance. Council unanimously approved the second reading and adoption of the Personnel Ordinance. Sosebee/Wilson.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cox informed the council that Steve Holder has been working on having some property owners clean up their places. Council commended Steve for this effort on this issue.

Mayor Cox read a letter of thanks from Mr. & Mrs. Brian Rudnicki of Tunnel Hill, Georgia for the patriotic display of the crosses and flags throughout the downtown area.

Mayor Cox and the Council commended Kim Cornelison and Steve Holder for their presentations earlier today at the retreat between the County and City.

Mayor Cox asked Dana Miles to read a letter of thanks from Nicky Gilleland, Superintendent, Dawson County Schools. Mr. Gilleland thanked the City for its foresight to add sidewalks at the high school and elementary school. Mr. Gilleland also wrote that the school board looks forward to the completion of the sidewalk on Allen Street which will effectively tie the schools and library together providing safe pedestrian passage for their students.

Annie Dean Samples thanked Mayor Cox and Steve Holder for attending the birthday party of Raymond Parks, a racing industry legend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council unanimously approved the motion to go in to executive session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing potential litigation on SPLOST and an update on other legal cases. Cox/Wilson.

City Attorney Dana Miles presented his opinion regarding the equitable division of SPLOST funds. He advised the City to send a letter including a list of prioritized projects requesting the City's projects be included on the resolution or ordinance calling for a SPLOST referendum. If the county fails to include city projects then he would file for an injunction to stop the election until the issue is resolved. In the meantime he encouraged the council to review the City's SPLOST projects and amend the list to place the projects in order of priority.

Council unanimously authorized the mayor to negotiate SPLOST with the prioritized list of projects giving the Mayor limited authority on adjusting certain projects. Sosebee/Grant.

The City Attorney gave the council an update on the Gold Creek appeal.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 p.m. council came out of executive session and adjourned the executive session and the regular meeting. Cox/Sosebee.

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Councilmember Jonathan Cox

Linda Grant

Councilmember Linda Grant

Mike Sosebee

Councilmember Mike Sosebee

Mike D Wilson

Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested: Kim Cornelison

Kim Cornelison, City Clerk

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QUOTATION

Quote Number: 119
Quote Date: Apr 22, 2007
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Quoted To:
CITY OF DAWSONVILLE PO BOX 6 Dawsonville, GA 30534

Customer ID	Good Thru	Payment Terms	Sales Rep
City	5/22/07	Net 30 Days	

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
		MNC D95-14		
9.00		Professional Fees	3,085.22	27,766.98
			Subtotal	27,766.98
			Sales Tax	
			TOTAL	**27,766.98**

Steve Holder

From: Hickey, Danny D. [DDHICKEY@southernco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 3:55 PM
To: planning@dawsonville.com
Subject: Thunder Road Lighting

Steve,

I have completed the estimate for the post top fixtures around the parking lot and drive @ Thunder Road. The estimate calls for 9 - 150w Enhanced Granville fixtures on 12' aluminum Granville poles. The up-front cost to the City will be $22,500.00 and the monthly will be $110.97. This price includes all installation, materials, energy and maintenance. In order to proceed with the project I will need a signed contract, which I can furnish upon request. These prices are good for 30 days from today's date.

Sincerely,

Danny Hickey
770.535.6462

Dawson County Schools

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Dawsonville, GA 30534
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Nicky Gilleland
Superintendent

Board Members:
Elaine Wilson, Chairperson
Doris Cook, Vice-Chairperson
Cecil L. Bennett
Roger Slaton
William Wade

May 31, 2007

Mayor Joe Lane Cox
City of Dawsonville
Dawsonville, Georgia

Dear Mayor Cox,

Please offer our thanks and gratitude to the City Council and your staff for the recent improvements on Perimeter Road. We look forward to the completion of the sidewalk project on Allen Street, as it will greatly enhance the safety and mobility of our students and staff as they travel between the schools, library, and downtown. Children and adults continually walk the narrow shoulders of our city streets and many times on the streets themselves, as they travel the city. Your foresight and desire to make Dawsonville a vibrant, attractive, and safe community are to be commended.

Again, the Dawson County Board of Education is grateful to you and the City Council for the improvements we've observed and look forward to working with you in the future to insure the needs of our citizens are met.

Sincerely,

Nicky Gilleland

Nicky Gilleland
Superintendent
Dawson County Schools

May 29, 2007

City of Dawsonville
415 Highway 53 East
Dawsonville, GA 30534

To Whom It May Concern:

We had the occasion to drive through your city yesterday, May 28, 2007, Memorial Day, and wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the way you saluted veterans on this somber holiday. So many view Memorial Day as just a day off from work without giving true thought to why we celebrate this day. As we drove through your town we noticed the crosses with names of veterans, the war they served, and a flag flying from each cross lining your streets. It was inspiring and refreshing to see such a grand display to those that gave their lives for our freedoms. Those that have sacrificed their all so we may have the liberties, laws, freedoms, and opportunities we have in the United Stated of America. So often it seems as though patriotism has been lost in our country, but not in Dawsonville. The words "thank you" cannot really express the overwhelming flood of emotion we felt as we drove through Dawsonville, but it is all we have to offer. So again, we say thank you and hope that your community will continue to give honor to those brave men that laid down their lives. May God bless your community abundantly and may you know His hand of protection upon you.

Sincerely,

Brian and Virginia Rudnicki
222 East Lee Drive
Tunnel Hill, GA 30755

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 4th day of June, ~~2006.~~ 2007.

2.

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

3.

The executive session was called to order at _____ 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 4th day of June, ~~2006.~~ 2007.

City of Dawsonville, Mayor and council

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor | Jonathan Cox, Council Member | Linda Grant, Council Member

Mike Sosebee, Council Member | Mike A. Wilson, Council Member

Kim Cornelison, City Clerk
Notary Public

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2005.

My Commissioner expires: August 18, 2008

KIMBERLEY K. CORNELISON NOTARY PUBLIC GEORGIA DAWSON COUNTY