

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2009  
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.

**ROLL CALL:** Those present included Mayor Cox, Council Members Jonathan Cox, Mike Wilson, Linda Grant, and Mike Sosebee. Staff present included Dana Miles, Kim Cornelison, Gary Barr and Russ Chambers.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation was led by Councilman Cox, followed by the pledge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting held November 9, 2009. Motion by Linda Grant, second by Mike Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

Council approved the minutes from the called meeting held December 1, 2009. Motion by Mike Wilson, second by Mike Sosebee, the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Audit Presentation – Angela Smith, Alexander Almand & Assc. Angela Smith presented the draft audit stating that the accounting industry is changing and there is a shift in responsibility for the financial statement. In the past the firm would audit and fix all of the problems. The audit report is about presenting those changes to you. The audit is also for six months due to the change in fiscal year. The next audit will be for a full year. July 1 through June 30.

Mrs. Smith reported that the audit has a clean opinion – there were no material issues or fraudulent financial statements. Net assets remain consistent with last year's audit and the city is not losing ground in this economy. Subsequently she went through the details of fund reports throughout the audit pointing out the financial highlights:

- The assets of the City of Dawsonville exceeded its liabilities at the close of the six months ending June 30, 2009 by \$ 10,653,791 (net assets).
- The City's net assets decreased by \$ 167,061 for the six months ending June 30, 2009 from the prior year. Of this amount, an increase of \$ 38,062 was associated with governmental activities and a decrease of \$ 205,123 with business-type activities. In spite of the nation's economic condition, the City is pleased that it was able to maintain gains in the six month period ended June 30, 2009. This was accomplished through solid fiscal management, workforce reductions, expenditure control and utilizing a minimal amount of reserve funds. A small amount of work progressed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Land Application System. Funds for this project were from the USDA Rural Development. In governmental activities, the City continued progress on installation of sidewalks funded through SPLOST IV contributions.
- The City's investment in capital assets, net of related debt, decreased \$ 33,191 or 0.86% for the six months ending June 30, 2009.

Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the draft audit; Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Improvements: Gary Barr and Ben Turnipseed, Jr. presented a modification to the sewer line rehab project requesting approximately 150,000 in extra funds to help pay for the balance of the rehab. The bulk of the rehab has already been completed and is being paid for with the final funds from the USDA grant. Ben Turnipseed, Jr. stated that the bids have come in so low that they were able to expand the scope of the project and reassess and complete a more complete rehab project. The project is lining the old cement sewer lines with a liner that makes them more like a pvc pipe. The general life of a line is 10 to 20 years so the project will extend the life of the lines. When compared to a similar type project, the bids the city were received were approximately 40% less.

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Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the sewer rehab project; Linda Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Amendment: A budget amendment to the Enterprise Fund is in order since the council approved the sewer improvements presented by Gary Barr and Ben Turnipseed, Jr.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve amending the budget providing 150,000 for the sewer improvements. Linda Grant seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Appointments for 2010: Mayor Cox asked the council to approve the following appointments for 2010. Kim Cornelison, City Clerk; Dana Miles, Attorney; G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers, Engineer; David Wallace, Municipal Court Judge; Jackie Townley Construction, Emergency repair or installation water/sewer infrastructure; Alexander, Almand & Assoc, Auditor; Environmental Management Services, sampling and testing of wastewater; and John Evans, sampling and testing.

Linda Grant made a motion to approve all appointments as presented by the Mayor. Mike Wilson seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

ANX-09-003: Mark Sosebee Realty, LLC / Agora Foods, LLC has requested Annexation for than less than an acre parcel at 638 HWY 9 N, TMP D05-026. Current zoning is CCB; the applicant has requested a rezoning of CIR (Restricted Industrial Commercial) upon annexation. City Council hearing dates: November 9, 2009 and December 7, 2009.

Dana Miles opened the public hearing on ANX-09-003. There were approximately 13 people in attendance and no public comment. Mike Sosebee abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve ANX-09-003; Mike Wilson seconded. The motion carried: 3-0-1, three in favor, no one against, and one abstained.

ZA-09-09-140: Mark Sosebee Realty, LLC / Agora Foods, LLC has requested a Zoning Map Amendment for the less than an acre parcel at 638 HWY 9 N, TMP D05-026. Currently Zoned; CCB. The applicant has requested a rezoning of CIR (Restricted Industrial Commercial). Pending approval of ANX-09-003.

Dana Miles opened the public hearing on ZA-09-09-140. There were approximately 13 people in attendance and no public comment. Mike Sosebee abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Linda Grant made a motion to approve ZA-09-09-140; Mike Wilson seconded. The motion carried: 3-0-1, three in favor, no one against, and one abstained.

ANX-09-004: Mark Sosebee Realty, LLC / Agora Foods, LLC has requested Annexation for than less than an acre parcel at HWY 9 N, TMP D05-034. Current zoning is VCR; the applicant has requested a rezoning of CIR (Restricted Industrial Commercial) upon annexation. City Council hearing dates: November 9, 2009 and December 7, 2009.

Dana Miles opened the public hearing on ANX-09-004. There were approximately 13 people in attendance and no public comment. Mike Sosebee abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Linda Grant made a motion to approve ANX-09-004; Mike Wilson seconded. The motion carried: 3-0-1, three in favor, no one against, and one abstained.

ZA-09-09-141: Mark Sosebee Realty, LLC / Agora Foods, LLC has requested a Zoning Map Amendment for the less than an acre parcel at HWY 9 N, TMP D05-034. Currently Zoned; VCR. The applicant has requested a rezoning of CIR (Restricted Industrial Commercial). Pending approval of ANX-09-004.

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Dana Miles opened the public hearing on ZA-09-09-141. There were approximately 13 people in attendance and no public comment. Mike Sosebee abstained from any discussion or voting stating he had a conflict of interest.

Linda Grant made a motion to approve ZA-09-09-141; Mike Wilson seconded. The motion carried: 3-0-1, three in favor, no one against, and one abstained.

Ordinance Charter Amendment. To hear an ordinance to amend the charter of the City of Dawsonville to provide for a procedure for setting a calendar of regular meeting dates and times; to provide a provision for calling special meetings, and for other purposes.

Dana Miles opened the public hearing on the ordinance to amend the charter. There were approximately 13 people in attendance and there was no public comment. Mr. Miles stated that the intent of the ordinance would allow the council to change the meeting date without having to change your charter. The council can set via resolution, the meeting dates and times for each year. If the council fails to set a calendar then the meeting will default to the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the ordinance to amend the charter; Mike Sosebee made a motion to second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Special Recognitions: Mayor Cox made presentations to outgoing council members Jonathan Cox and Linda Grant recognizing their dedication and service to the City of Dawsonville.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to attend to, Linda Grant made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jonathan Cox. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

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Councilmember Calvin Byrd

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Councilmember James Grogan

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Councilmember Mike Sosebee

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Councilmember Mike Wilson

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