

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2010**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Joe Lane Cox called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Those present included Mayor Joe Lane Cox and Council Members Calvin Byrd, Mike Wilson, W. James Grogan, and Mike Sosebee. Staff included Kevin Tallant, Bonnie Warne, Gary Barr and Trampas Hansard.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation was led by Mike Wall, 1st Counselor, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, followed by the pledge.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT:** Mayor Cox asked for to amend the agenda to include the Proclamation recognizing Nov. as Family Month. Motion by Mike Sosebee, seconded by Mike Wilson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held October 4, 2010. Motion by James Grogan, seconded by Mike Wilson.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Service Delivery Strategy: An agreement on soil erosion permitting with the Dawson County. Council approved for the Mayor to sign; copy of agreement attached as exhibit "A".

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Proclamation – Recognizing November as Family Month: Kevin Tallant read the proclamation in to the minutes; the Mayor recognized the proclamation and Kevin Tallant presented the proclamation to Mike Wall, 1st Counselor, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Proclamation is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Proclamation – Recognizing Farm-City Week as Nov. 19-25, 2010: Kevin Tallant read the proclamation in to the minutes; the Mayor recognized the proclamation and will present it at a later date to Keith Stone of the Dawson County Farm Bureau. Proclamation is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

Report on the 2010 GRHOF Inductee Banquet: Gordon Pirkle reported that the GRHOF banquet was a success. They inducted 5 new members and sold 205 tickets, with a profit of approximately \$398. Plus they had over \$3K in sales and donations over the weekend. Thanks to all the volunteers and the City.

Report on the annual Mountain Moonshine Festival: Calvin Byrd reported the Mountain Moonshine Festival grossed about \$115K with a net over \$70K for KARE for Kids Christmas fund. There were more cars and more vendors and saw an improvement on the parking than in previous years. Thanks to the City for the purchase of the barricades. Overall this was a very good year.

2011 Calendar of Meetings and Holidays: Mayor Cox presented the 2011 City Council and Planning Commission meetings and holidays calendar with a change in the November 2011 meeting to Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> to allow for Election Day Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the 2011 meeting calendar (attached as Exhibit "D"). James Grogan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Board Member Resignation of Chair: Mayor Cox stated that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Calvin Byrd motioned to appoint Jason Power to the Planning Commission. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement: After discussion of some of the code issues in the City, the Council talked about hiring someone part time or allowing Dawson County to help in the enforcement of the City Ordinances. The Council has decided to wait to hire anyone at this time but to be looking for someone qualified for the future. The City could use the County's help on code enforcement until their services are not needed.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Utilities Payment Method Ordinance Amendment: An ordinance to amend the utilities code on water and sewer bill payment methods by repealing existing section 14-25.1; to provide for a new section 14-25.1 on payment methods including credit cards; to provide for an effective date and for other purposes. Public Hearings: First reading November 1, 2010; second reading December 6, 2010

Kevin Tallant opened the public hearing; there were approximately 7 people in attendance. There being no public comment the hearing was closed and the meeting turned back over to the Mayor.

The Council voted to pass the first hearing of the ordinance. Byrd/Sosebee. The motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Cox asked the Council if they would like to participate in the Veterans Day Parade Thursday, Nov. 11 at 4:00 pm. on a float the City would provide for the elected officials to ride on. Council decided that the City should participate.

Mayor Cox announced that the annual lighting of the tree will be on Thursday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm and invites the Council to attend.

Mayor Cox made the Council aware that the annual GMRC meeting and dinner is on Friday, Dec. 3 at 5:00 pm – if any members of the staff and council intend to attend then to RSVP by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to Sara.

Mayor Cox announced that a staff meeting will be held on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

James Grogan highlighted the topics at the Community Forum meeting and the Chamber of Commerce meeting which he attended.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 5:55 p.m. council voted to go in to executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Motion by Byrd, second by Grogan. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:26 p.m.; Sosebee/Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Wilson/Grogan.

**OPEN SESSION:**

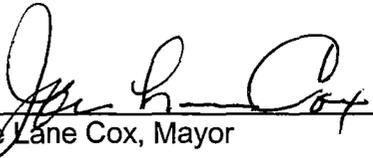
M. Wilson made a motion to go back into session. M. Sosebee seconded the motion. The Mayor stated that he will be attending a meeting in St. Simons Island on Nov. 3-5 and asked if it could be compensated for. Calvin Byrd motioned to approve. Mike Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

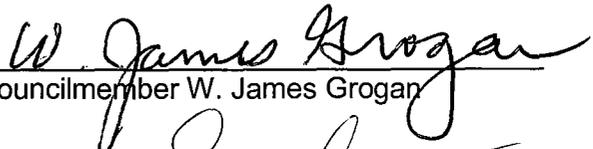
There being no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Sosebee/Wilson.

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Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

  
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Councilmember Calvin Byrd

  
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Councilmember W. James Grogan

  
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Councilmember Mike Sosebee

  
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Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested:   
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Bonnie Warne, City Clerk

**AMENDED AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO  
SOIL EROSION PERMITTING AND ENFORCEMENT  
SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR  
CITY OF DAWSONVILLE AND DAWSON COUNTY**

The City of Dawsonville and Dawson County entered into a certain Agreement pertaining to soil erosion permitting and enforcement on October 14, 2008. The parties hereto hereby agree to amend such Agreement in order to provide a more efficient and effective method of delivering such services without duplicating services.

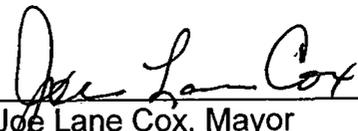
The parties hereto hereby agree that Dawson County shall continue to offer soil erosion permitting and enforcement through the Dawson County Planning and Development Department issuing soil erosion permits and performing all required inspections according to applicable Dawson County Ordinances and Regulations and state codes; such services shall be performed within the unincorporated area of Dawson County.

The City of Dawsonville shall continue to offer soil erosion permitting and enforcement through the City of Dawsonville Planning and Development Department. The City of Dawsonville may request that Dawson County perform inspections according to the City of Dawsonville Ordinances and Regulations and state codes in exchange for payment of \$50.00 per inspection. The parties hereto consent and agree that the City of Dawsonville may perform such inspections at the sole discretion of the City of Dawsonville, but the option of paying Dawson County the sum of \$50.00 for each inspection shall also be available to the City of Dawsonville throughout the term of this Agreement. Services for the City of Dawsonville shall be performed within the incorporated area of Dawson County.

The undersigned agree that the Soil Erosion Permitting and Enforcement Service Delivery Strategy set forth herein constitutes an efficient and effective method of delivery without duplication of services.

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

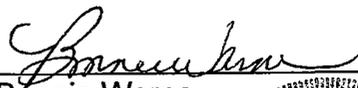
  
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Mike Berg, Chairman  
Dawson County Board of Commissioners

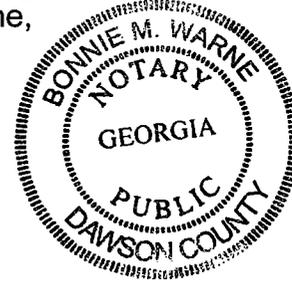
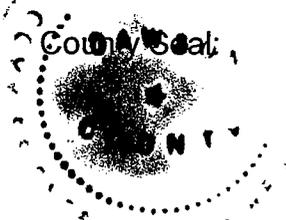
  
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Joe Lane Cox, Mayor  
City of Dawsonville

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Kristie Keylon,  
County Clerk

  
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Bonnie Warne,  
City Clerk





# Proclamation

## Recognizing November as Family Month



**WHEREAS**, the City of Dawsonville recognizes the family as the fundamental unit of society and an essential part of cultural, social and spiritual fabric that comprises our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout Georgia's history, families have been the foundation of our society and a source of stability and love for every generation; and

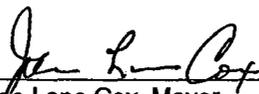
**WHEREAS**, strong families teach children to live moral lives and help us pass down the values that define a caring society. Families provide children with the encouragement, support and love they need to become confident, compassionate and successful members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, upholding the timeless values that have sustained our social order throughout history will result in the enhancement of the health and security of Georgia's families; and

**WHEREAS**, spending more family time together facilitates the development of positive and open relationships between parents and children. These relationships help parents encourage their children to make positive choices;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOE LANE COX, Mayor of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2010 as Family Month urging all our citizens to spend quality time with family members to strengthen relationships between parents and children.

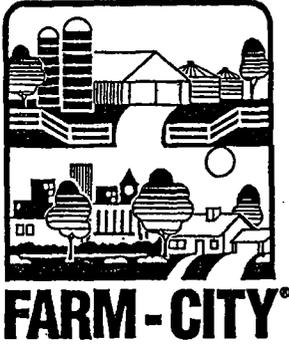
In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dawsonville to be affixed this 1st day of November, 2010.

  
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Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Bonnie Warne  
City Clerk





# Farm-City Week Proclamation

Growing a Better Georgia

American farmers and ranchers literally help feed the world by producing a bounty of agricultural products. To do this, they rely on essential partnerships with urban and suburban communities to supply, sell and deliver finished products across the country and around the world. Rural and urban communities working together have made the most of our nation's rich agricultural resources as they contribute to the health and well being of our state, our country and to the strength of our economy.

During National Farm-City Week, we recognize the importance of this cooperative network. Agriculture employs more than 24 million workers including farmers and ranchers, shippers, processors, marketers, retailers, truck drivers, inspectors and others who annually contribute more than \$1.3 trillion to our gross domestic product. In Georgia, agriculture contributes more than \$65 billion annually to Georgia's \$786.5 billion economic output. One in seven Georgians work in agriculture, forestry or an agriculture-related field.

The agricultural industry provides us with food, clothing and shelter as well as fuel for our energy needs. As we welcome new opportunities for trade, the hard work and successful cooperation between farmers and city workers will continue to play a vital role in our state and nation's future.

Farm-City collaborations help maintain and improve our food and fiber supply and contribute to a better quality of life for our citizens. We commend the many Americans whose hard work and ingenuity reflect the true spirit of America and help to ensure a prosperous future for all.

This week, as we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, it is fitting that we count among our blessings the vital farm-city partnerships that have done so much to improve the quality of our lives.

Therefore, we do here proclaim November 19-25, 2010 as Farm-City Week. We call upon citizens in rural and urban areas to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce and supply our community and nation with an abundance of agricultural products.

Joe Lee Cox, Mayor

City of Dawsonville

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ County Commissioners

This 1 day of November, 2010

Dawson County Georgia

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_, President

Dawson County Farm Bureau

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Nov 8-Election Day

EXHIBIT "D"

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor, Calvin Byrd, Council Member; James Grogan, 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 1 day of November, 2010.

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 6 day of December, 2010.

City of Dawsonville, Mayor and council

Joe Lane Cox  
Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Calvin Byrd  
Calvin Byrd, Council Member

W. James Grogan  
W. James Grogan, Council Member

Mike Sosebee  
Mike Sosebee, Council Member

Mike A. Wilson  
Mike A. Wilson, Council Member

Bonnie M. Warne  
Bonnie Warne, City Clerk  
Notary Public

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of December, 2010.

My Commission expires: June 14, 2013

