

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2012
5:00 P.M.**

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

ROLL CALL: Those present included Mayor Cox, Councilmembers Calvin Byrd, Jason Power, W. James Grogan and Chris Gaines, Attorney Dana Miles and Nalita Copeland. Absent: Bonnie Warne

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation was led by Dana Miles, followed by the pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda by J. Grogan/C. Byrd. Vote unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 9, 2012 by C. Byrd; seconded by C. Gaines. Vote unanimous in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Planning Commission: Motion by J. Grogan to appoint Julia Cody as a new member and Mike Wilson as an alternate to the Planning Commission. Seconded by J. Power. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion by J. Power to re-affirm continuing the terms of the remaining members of the Planning Commission. Seconded by C. Byrd. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Motion to appoint Sid Manning and Tommy McKee as new members to the DDA and re-affirm the continuing terms of Phil Goodson, Keith Stone and Gordon Pirkle by C. Gaines. Seconded by J. Grogan. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Unkempt Property: Gold Creek Golf Course Homeowners spoke of the unkempt property, the vermin and the safety issues it presents in the neighborhood and ask for City support. Mayor Cox stated that the City will explore possibilities of what can be done.

Leases: Request was made by Cheryl Wood to split the current lease of the Distillery into two separate leases: Distillery and Gift Shop. J. Grogan motioned to approve the two leases and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. Seconded by J. Power. Vote approved unanimously.

Rental house on Maple Street lease is outdated: Motion to authorize the City Attorney to draft a new lease and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City by J. Power. Seconded by C. Byrd. Vote approved unanimously.

Training: Business license training for Nalita Copeland on March 1, 2012. Motion to approve attending training by C. Gaines; seconded by C. Byrd. Vote approved unanimously.

Amend Budget for Election Cost: Motion to amend budget for the election cost from \$4800 to \$6300 by C. Byrd/J. Power. Vote was approved unanimously. (Exhibit "A")

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

STAFF REPORT:

Financial Report: Nalita Copeland reported for Bonnie Warne, City Clerk, that all of the bank accounts balance through Dec. 2011.

Public Works: Mayor Cox informed the council that a grant was applied for to expand the sewer project so it will take a higher grade affluent from Gold Creek Foods. It is a \$300,000 matching grant. The preliminary was approved and the final application can be submitted.

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MAYOR REPORT:

Congratulation to Council Member James Grogan on receiving his certificate for completing the elected official's municipal training.

Mayor Cox spoke on a request for a resolution in support of raising Lake Lanier by two feet. Motion carried unanimously; C.Byrd/J.Grogan.

GMA District II Officer Nominations are being accepted until Feb. 29.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Calvin Byrd stated that Dawsonville will host the May 31st GMRC meeting of about 60-70 people and that GMRC is helping prepare the \$300,000 grant.

Jason Power reported on the Board of Health meeting and wanted to pass on that the Board appreciated the use of the council room but they will be holding their future meetings at the new courthouse.

James Grogan mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce sent a letter of support on the Moonshine Distillery to the legislature. GRHOF is working on sponsorships and plans to redo winners circle.

Chris Gaines stated that a DDA meeting will be held on Feb. 7 and new officers are to be elected.

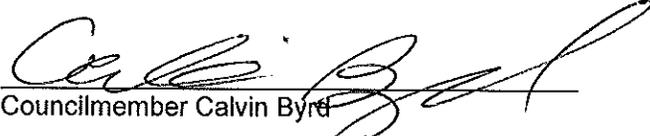
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:44 p.m. the council motioned to go out of regular session and to go into executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition; the motion carried unanimously; J.Power/C.Byrd.

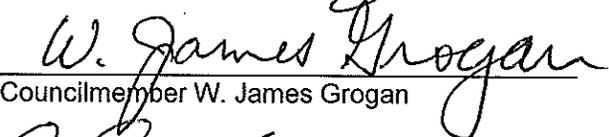
At 6:43 p.m. the council motioned to close executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously; J.Power/C.Byrd.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; J.Power/C.Byrd.

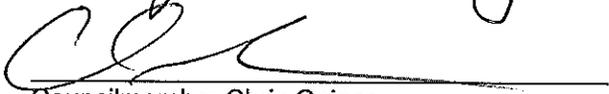
Joe Lane Cox, Mayor



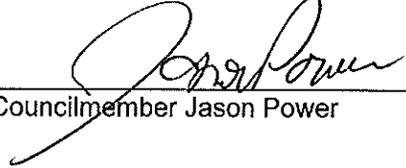
Councilmember Calvin Byrd



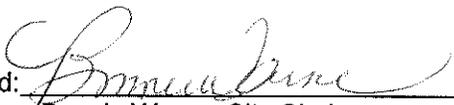
Councilmember W. James Grogan



Councilmember Chris Gaines



Councilmember Jason Power

Attested: 

Bonnie Warne, City Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor, Calvin Byrd, Council Member; Chris Gaines, Council Member; James Grogan; Council Member and Jason Power, 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 6 day of February, 2012.

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

3.
The executive session was called to order at 5:44 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 February, 2012.

City of Dawsonville, Mayor and council

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Calvin Byrd, Council Member

Chris Gaines, Council Member

W. James Grogan, Council Member

Jason Power, Council Member

Bonnie Warne, City Clerk
Notary Public

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of February, 2012.

My Commission expires: June 14, 2013

