

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013
5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor W. James Grogan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor James Grogan, Councilmember Mike Sosebee, Councilmember Jason Power, Councilmember Angie Smith, Councilmember Chris Gaines, City Attorney Lauren Giles, and City Clerk Bonnie Warne.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation and pledge was led by Chris Gaines.

AGENDA: Motion to amend the agenda to include 2(A) R.E.A.D. Presentation: C. Gaines/M. Sosebee. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion to approve amended agenda: M. Sosebee/A. Smith. Vote unanimous in favor.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 2013: J. Power/ A. Smith. Vote unanimous in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Compensation for Elected Officials – No Action Taken, further research to be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

R.E.A.D. Presentation: Sandra Lipkowitz, Exec. Director of R.E.A.D. presented the Mayor and Council with Literacy Honor Roll Certificates for the continued support from the City.

Etowah Hills Reservoir Presentation: Rebecca Reeves Carter, President of Etowah Hills Corporation, did a presentation with maps on their proposed reservoir project concept at the Lumpkin/Dawson County area.

eCivis Presentation: Jason Portt did a PowerPoint presentation on the eCivis grant website and services for searching, writing and reviewing grants. Attorney Giles asked that the contract have an annual opt-out included. Motion made to give the Mayor authority to proceed with the contract by M. Sosebee/J. Power. Vote approved unanimously.

Resolution for Georgia Cities Week April 20-27, 2013: Mayor Grogan read the resolution recognizing GA Cities Week April 20-27, 2013 into the minutes. Attached as Exhibit "A"

Dawsonville Municipal Complex Sign Policy and Guidelines: Mayor Grogan read the policy into the minutes. Motion to approve the sign policy and guidelines by: C.Gaines/A.Smith. Vote unanimous in favor. Exhibit "B"

Training for Mayor for GA Rural Water Disaster Preparedness on May 19-21: Motion to approve attending training by C. Gaines/M. Sosebee. Vote approved unanimously.

One Georgia Grant Application: Mayor Grogan stated that this is an application for a \$200K grant to study the water supply yield analysis and to document the economic benefits to Dawsonville and completing the documentation of the potential water sources and the project administration coming up for a potential reservoir in our County. It costs nothing to apply for the grant, there is no commitment, and the study is the due diligence to determine if feasible. Motion made to approve moving forward with the One Georgia Grant by A. Smith/J. Power. Vote approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

VAR-3-13-01: City of Dawsonville has requested a sign variance for size, height and illumination located at Dawsonville Municipal Complex, 415 HWY 53 West. Final Hearing

Public hearing motion to open was made by C. Gaines/A. Smith. There were approximately 20 people in attendance. Attorney Lauren Giles presented the application. Nobody spoke in favor or opposition. M. Sosebee/J. Power motioned to close the public hearing and the meeting was turned over to the Mayor. Motion made to approve the application by J. Power/ A. Smith. Vote was unanimous in favor.

ZA-02-13-41728: Matt Richardson/Amicalola Propane Inc. has requested a zoning map amendment for the 3.024 acres at TMP D01 051(A portion of), located at 383 Hwy 53 West. Current zoning is HB (Highway Business. Applicant requests to rezone to CIR (Restricted Industrial). Final Hearing

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ANX 13-001: Mark Byrd on behalf of Hattie Kincaid has made a request to annex 1.391 +/- acres of TMP 094 047. The subject property is located at 1495 HWY 9 S. The property is currently zoned RSR (Residential Sub-Rural) and will be R1 (Restricted Single Family Residential) upon annexation. First Hearing

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REPORTS:

Financial Report: Bonnie Warne, City Clerk, reported that all of the bank accounts are in good standing and balance through February 2013 and the revenue and expenses are in budget.

Council Reports: Angie Smith stated that the Family Connection meeting is working on their Celebrity Waiter fund-raiser and the Teen Brain Explained event.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Grogan reported that the public works department had a water main leak which exploded with a loss of over 200,000 gallons of water and they upgraded the SCATA system to recognize potential problems. At the GDOT meeting the discussion was on the traffic flow downtown with a continuous flow concept and a possible truck route. Other trainings and meetings included the P&Z and Emergency Mgmt. training attended by himself and Councilmembers Gaines and Power, the GMRC meeting had DCA speak and the GRHOF meeting discussed the GRHOF Open House at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:24 p.m. the council motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of potential litigation; the motion carried unanimously; A. Smith/M. Sosebee. At 6:55 p.m. the council motioned to close executive session; the motion carried unanimously; A. Smith/M. Sosebee.

Motion made to reconvene the regular meeting by M. Sosebee/J. Power. Vote unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to attend to, motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. by C. Gaines/A. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.



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Councilmember Chris Gaines

Jason Power
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Angie Smith
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Mike Sosebee
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Attested: Bonnie Warne
Bonnie Warne, City Clerk

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE
RECOGNIZING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 20-27, 2013,
AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE
CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, city government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Dawsonville declares April 20-27, 2013 as **GEORGIA CITIES WEEK**. Be it further resolved that the City of Dawsonville encourages all citizens, city government officials, and employees to do everything possible to ensure that this week is recognized and celebrated accordingly.

SO RESOLVED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 1ST day of April, 2013.

CITY OF DAWSONVILLE

By: *W. James Grogan*
W. James Grogan
Mayor, City of Dawsonville

Attested to:

Bonnie Warne
Bonnie Warne
City Clerk, City of Dawsonville



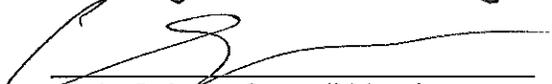
Exhibit "A"

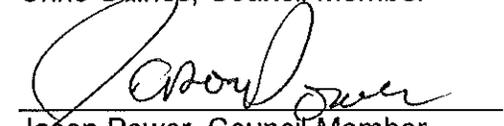
Dawsonville Municipal Complex Sign Policy and Guidelines:

1. The Sign shall be used for public service announcements related to public safety, City-wide or Community events held by non-profits and/or other matters of general interest to the public or the business of the City. The Sign shall not be used for personal announcements (like birthdays) or for other matters that are not of City-wide significance.
2. The Sign shall not be used for commercial purposes or rented to any entity. The Sign may be used to promote City businesses in general and to encourage tourism.
3. Other than time and temperature, each message board may run continuously for up to a 7 day period. A variety of slides may be submitted for each event.
4. The Sign shall display only time and temperature from 12 midnight until 6 a.m.
5. All applications for announcements to be placed on the sign shall be submitted at least 10 days prior to the event when the message is to be displayed on the sign other than in emergency situations. No message should be for an event that is more than 90 days in the future.
6. The Clerk shall create an application form that is consistent with these guidelines.
7. All applications shall be approved by the Mayor or if unavailable by the Mayor Pro Tem.

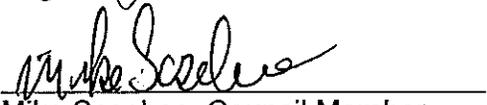
APPROVED this 1st day of April, 2013 by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia


W. James Grogan, Mayor

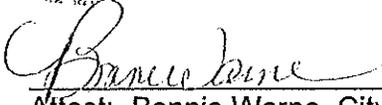

Chris Gaines, Council Member


Jason Power, Council Member


Angie Smith, Council Member


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Attest: Bonnie Warne, City Clerk



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

W. James Grogan, Mayor, Chris Gaines, Council Member; Jason Power; Council Member, Angie Smith Council Member and Mike Sosebee, 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 1st day of April, 2013.

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

3.
The executive session was called to order at 6:24 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 1 day of April , 2013. By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:

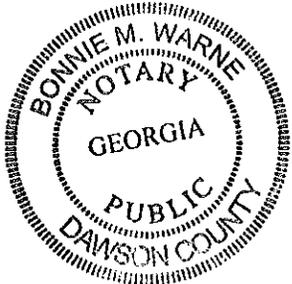
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of April , 2013.

Bonnie Warne
Bonnie Warne, City Clerk
Notary Public
My Commission expires: June 14, 2013

