

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JULY 7, 2014
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 Dana Miles, City Clerk Bonnie Warne and Public Works Director Gary Barr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation and pledge was led by Mayor Grogan.

AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda by: M. Sosebee / J. Power. Vote unanimous in favor.

MINUTES: Motion to approve all of the minutes as presented: the regular meeting June 2, 2014, the special called meeting June 16, 2014, and the special called meeting July 1, 2014: A. Smith / M. Sosebee. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

December Lights Annual Holiday Décor Proposal: Motion to approve the \$8,320 for 2014 Program to December Lights by J. Power / A. Smith. Vote unanimous in favor.

Millage Rate: On May 5th Council voted to roll back millage rate to zero and not levy a city tax. Motion on City of Dawsonville Official Millage Rate Certification for Tax Year 2014 is zero by M. Sosebee / J. Power. Vote unanimous in favor.

Special Event with Alcohol – MusicFest Aug 22-23: After discussion on the event, motion to approve as presented contingent upon State Alcohol Permit and Property Owner Approval by: C. Gaines/M. Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Franchise Ordinance with AT&T: After discussion on topic by Attorney Miles, motion to postpone and table until Aug meeting by: C. Gaines / J. Power.

Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) vacancy: Mayor Grogan informed Council that Chair C. Simrell resigned and there is a vacancy on the DDA Board for any suggestions.

ARC Grant – Sewer System Improvements (Kathleen Henderson/USDA): Chris Poje of G.Ben Turnipseed Engineers spoke of the scope of the sewer project. The project cost is \$620,000. Kathleen Henderson of USDA spoke on the ARC Grant of \$300,000 and the City contribution of \$320,000. Ms. Henderson informed Council that the City will need to obligate the funds (put on hold) and follow the “letter of conditions”. Motion made to accept the conditions and approve the Mayor to execute the documents by: A. Smith / C. Gaines. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports: City Clerk Bonnie Warne reported that all of the financial reports for May 2014 are balanced with no discrepancies. L.O.S.T. revenue is up from last year. The FY 2013-14 is closed out. The auditor has contacted me to start the audit. Public Works Director Gary Barr stated that all is fine with a few minor leaks that lines were replaced on Shoal Creek and Perimeter.

Council Reports: Each Councilmember and the Mayor spoke on the training received at the Annual Convention in Savannah. Jason Power stated that there is a new member on the Board of Health. Angie Smith stated the Family Connection meets next week. Chris Gaines spoke on the incredible July 4th fireworks event put together by the DDA.

Mayor Report: Mayor Grogan agreed that the July 4th Fireworks and Events went well for an event that was put together by the DDA in a month. The event was well attended with an excellent show

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and the public saw that AMP was not intimidating. Next year the event will be bigger and better.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business or executive session to attend to the regular meeting closed and adjourned at 5:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; J. Power / A. Smith.



Mayor W. James Grogan



Councilmember Chris Gaines



Councilmember Jason Power



Councilmember Angie Smith



Councilmember Mike Sosebee

Attested: 

Bonnie Warne, City Clerk