

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, December 5, 2022
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Eason called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember William Ilig, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, Deputy City Clerk Tracy Smith, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utilities Operations Manager Jacob Barr, Finance Administrator Robin Gazaway, Planning Director Harmit Bedi and Director of Downtown Development Amanda Edmondson.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason announced the General Election runoff is tomorrow, December 6, 2022 and encourages everyone to get out and vote. Councilmember Walden announced that Mayor Eason was awarded with the 2022 Elected Official of the Year by the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission.
5. **CONSIDERATION OF CANCELLING DECEMBER 19, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Motion to cancel the December 19, 2022 City Council meeting made by W. Ilig; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to amend the agenda to add item #10b Planning Commission Appointment and to move item #14 to item #22 which will be heard after the Executive Session made by J. Walden; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by W. Ilig; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

7. **PUBLIC INPUT:** Cheryl Wood, 222 Katydid Lane, Murrayville, GA – She is the owner of Dawsonville Moonshine Distillery and she expressed her confusion about not being on the agenda for her lease renewal and finding out a draft lease was developed for another business. She also stated she received notification from the City regarding the non-renewal of her lease. She further stated she was hoping she could sell the business and needed more time to find a buyer and to move out.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a - f) made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting held November 7, 2022
 - b. Approve Reappointment of Board Members to the Dawsonville History Museum Board
 - Gordon Pirkle: Term: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
 - David Sosebee: Term: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
 - Cody Dinsmore: Term: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
 - c. Approve 2023 Mayor and Council Board Designations and Compensation
 - Compensation of one meeting per month as designated below when attended:**
 - Planning Commission – Caleb Phillips
 - Historic Preservation Commission – Mark French
 - Downtown Development Authority – William Ilig
 - Family Connection – John Walden
 - Board of Health – Mark French
 - Animal Control Board – Caleb Phillips
 - Chamber of Commerce – Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem
 - Dawsonville History Museum – Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem
 - GMA – Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem
 - GMRC – Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem
 - d. Approve 2023 Appointment of Municipal Court Judge Ronald Reemsnyder and Agreement
 - e. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Dawson County – 2023 Elections

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f. Approve 2023 Professional Services

- City Attorney – Miles, Hansford & Tallant, LLC
- Auditor – Alexander, Almand and Bangs, LLP
- Engineer – Turnipseed Engineers, Inc.
- Secondary Engineer – Civil Engineering Consultants, Inc.
- City Solicitor – Jonah Howell
- Testing of Wastewater – Environmental Management Services
- Geologist – A&S Environmental Services
- Repair/Installation of Water and Sewer Infrastructure – Townley Construction
- Airport Consulting Engineering Services – Lead Edge Design Group
- Long Term Water Quality Monitoring – Vanasse Hangen Bustlin, Inc.

9. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** The Mayor and Council awarded the October 2022 Employee of the Month Award to Clay Moss and the November 2022 Employee of the Month Award to Sara Beacham. Sara Beacham received a service award for fourteen years; Stacy Harris received a service award for five years; John Tatum received a service award for one year and Bob Bolz received a service award for six years.
10. **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Motion to approve William Turner to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term, 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2024 made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- 10b. **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Motion to approve Alexis Noggle to fill the unexpired term of Matt Fallstrom through 12/31/2025 as the Post 1 Planning Commission member made by J. Walden; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. **ZA-C2300046:** Eastwood Homes of Georgia, LLC has petitioned a change of zoning condition for TMP 082 021; Located at 592 Hwy 53 West, with a city zoning of RPC (Residential Planned Community). Applicant is requesting a removal stipulation 1a and 1b of ZA-C900004 pertaining to Housing for Older Persons Act (fifty-five (55) years of age or older). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on November 14, 2022, and City Council on December 5, 2022. City Council for a decision on December 19, 2022.

Motion to postpone this item to the January 12, 2023 City Council meeting made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Councilmember Phillips stated the Planning Commission postponed the item; the City will hear it once the Planning Commission hears the item and provides their recommendation. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

BUSINESS

12. **FY 2021-2022 AUDIT PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL:** Bryan St. Pierre, CPA from Alexander, Almand & Bangs, presented the audit report of the City's financial statements of the governmental activities for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The City received a clean opinion of the financial statements.

Motion to approve the financial statements as presented made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

13. **ETOWAH MASONIC LODGE – RECOGNITION OF CITY PARTICIPATING IN THE VETERAN FLAG PROGRAM:** Lanier Swafford provided a brief overview of the Veteran Flag Program and its importance. He shared his gratitude for the City staff who took over the process of putting up the flags throughout the City on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day. He presented a plaque to the City in appreciation of their commitment to support this program.

14. **MOVED TO ITEM #22 AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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- 15. RENEWAL OF 2023 VAPE LICENSES:** Motion to approve the 2023 Vape Licenses as presented made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- 16. SUPPORT OF GEORGIA HIGHLANDS MEDICAL SERVICES LETTER:** Motion to approve the support letter and execution by the Mayor for the Georgia Highlands Medical Services made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- 17. BID SELECTION: NICHE COLUMBARIUM:** Motion to approve the purchase of two (2) units from Dawsonville Monuments for a total of \$21,000.00 plus \$1,450.00 for delivery to be paid out of the Memorial Gardens Cemetery Fund made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- 18. BID SELECTION: WATER SUPPLY WELL #112:** Motion to approve Resolution #R2022-08 to award the bid for the drilling and testing of Water Supply Well #112 to Prime Pump and Well, Inc. in the amount of \$79,650.00 to be paid out of the FY 2023 Capital Enterprise budget made by J. Walden; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (Exhibit "A")
- 19. 2023 MAYOR PRO TEMPORE APPOINTMENT:** Motion to reappoint John Walden as the 2023 Mayor Pro Tempore made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried three in favor (Illg, Phillips, French) with one abstained (Walden).

STAFF REPORTS

- 20. BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:** City Manager Bolz provided his report in the agenda packet and reported to Council the Water Meter Replacement project is complete and stated they have already been able to contact nineteen customers who had leaks. He also said the leak adjustment for the previous month \$1,076.00.
- 21. ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR:** Finance Director Gazaway presented the financial reports representing fund balances and activity provided through November 30, 2022. She noted the reports show the City going into the fund balance, however, that was due to the expense of the ambulance purchased for Dawson County in the amount of \$373,027.00 according to the LOST agreement. She also wanted to point out they have given Appalachian Armory a grant of \$25,000.00 through the DDA and a façade grant in the amount of \$1,300.00 through the HPC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:53 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for potential/pending litigation and real property was made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 6:41 p.m. a motion to close executive session was made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to resume regular session was made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

22. 2023 CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY LEASES:

- **DAWSONVILLE HISTORY MUSEUM:** Motion to table the lease for the Dawsonville History Museum to the January 12, 2023 City Council meeting made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- **DAWSONVILLE DISTILLING COMPANY, LLC:** Motion to approve the draft of the lease for the Dawsonville Distilling Company, LLC and send to the potential tenant made by W. Illg; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- **224 FLAT CREEK (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY):** No action needed; lease has a provision for autorenewal up to two terms.


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ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Walden; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 12th day of January 2023

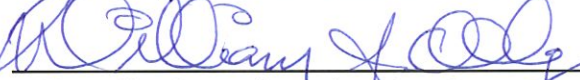
By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



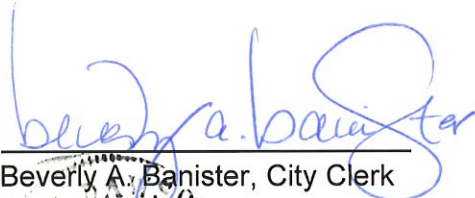
William Ilg, Councilmember Post 2



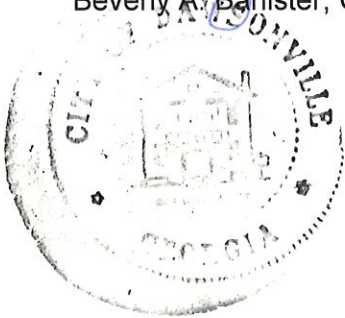
John Walden, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attest: 

Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Michael Eason, Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember William Illg, and Councilmember Mark French; 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 December 5, 2022.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5:53 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: (check all that apply)
 - 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(b)(1);
 - 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(b)(2);
 - Other _____ as provided in: _____.

This 5th day of December; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1



William Illg, Councilmember Post #2

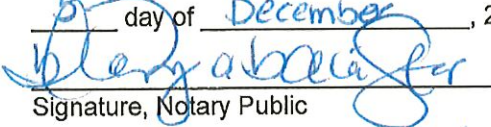


John Walden, Councilmember Post #3



Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
5 day of December, 2022.


Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2/18, 2024



RESOLUTION R2022-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE
TO AWARD A CONTRACT CONCERNING THE WATER SUPPLY WELL**

WHEREAS bids were received by the City of Dawsonville November 15, 2022, for the Water Supply Well, and

WHEREAS the sole, responsible, responsive bidder is Prime Pump and Well, Inc. of Dahlonega, Georgia with a bid in the amount of \$79,650.00, and

WHEREAS the sole bidder, Prime Pump and Well, Inc., appears to have the necessary financial and technical ability to complete the project,


BE IT THEREFORE resolved the City of Dawsonville hereby makes contract award of the construction contract to the sole bidder, Prime Pump and Well, Inc. of Dahlonega, Georgia, in the amount of \$79,650.00.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed by a vote of 4 to 0 at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on December 5, 2022.

MAYOR AND DAWSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

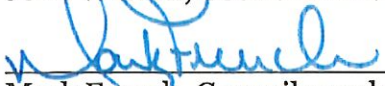
By:


Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1


William Illg, Councilmember Post 2


John Walden, Councilmember Post 3


Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

ATTEST:


Beverly A. Bamister, City Clerk

