

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR CALLED MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, March 4, 2024
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember William Illg, Councilmember Sandy Sawyer, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utility Director Jacob Barr, Downtown Development Director Amanda Edmondson and Finance Director Robin Gazaway. Clay Moss and Stacy Harris were in attendance for Planning and Zoning.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Farmers Market will open on Saturday, April 27, 2024.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by W. Illg; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a-d) made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held February 19, 2024
 - Executive Session held February 19, 2024
 - b. Approve 2024 Farmer's Market Use Agreement
 - c. Approve Residential Property Lease Agreements
For Properties: 557 Hwy 9 N and 224 Flat Creek Drive
 - d. Approve Contracts for Awarded Bids Concerning Upgrades at the Dawsonville History Museum ***Windsor Pine (24-RFB-005); The WH Platts Co (24-RFB-006); Atlanta Home Theater (24-RFB-007)***

BUSINESS

8. **GEORGIA STATE PATROL POST #37 DONATION PRESENTATION:** City Manager Bolz introduced CPL White from the Georgia State Patrol Post #37 who accepted the equipment donation from the City.
9. **PLANNING COMMISSION POST #4 APPOINTMENT:** Motion to appoint Ashley Stephenson as the Planning Commission Post #4 Board member to fulfill the unexpired term of Anna Tobolski through December 31, 2025 made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Mayor Walden also thanked the previous Board member, Anna Tobolski, for her service to the City.
10. **PROCLAMATION: COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS:** Jason Miller, the Chief Operations Officer of GI North, provided an overview of the facts surrounding colorectal cancer and the goal and importance of bringing awareness to the general public concerning prevention. He thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting their cause and the proclamation was presented to Jason Miller and Dr. Haoran Peng from GI North.
11. **DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOLS: REQUEST FOR RESERVATION OF PICKLEBALL COURTS:** Motion to approve the request from the Wellness Committee of Dawson County Schools to reserve the Main Street Park Pickleball Courts one Tuesday per month between the hours of 3:00 – 5:00 pm at no charge for the purpose of students and staff to have fitness time made by W. Illg; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
12. **RESTRUCTURE PERMIT TECHNICIAN POSITION TO BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Motion to restructure the Permit Technician position to Building Inspector made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
13. **ATLANTA MOTORSPORTS PARK: SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST TO EXCEED SOUND LIMITS:** Motion to approve an exception to sound limits described in stipulation #17 of ZSP C2300063 not to exceed 107 DBA LEQ on Monday, March 25, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 am – 5:00 pm made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. Mayor and Council directed

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Jeremy Porter to make a good faith effort in notifying the surrounding property owners about the event; he stated he can utilize social media, letters and email if available.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Sawyer reported that she just attended the mandatory Newly Elected Officials training in Athens which she enjoyed and learned a lot. Councilmember French reported he recently attended a Board meeting for the Dawsonville History Museum and stated they have some impressive projects coming along which will greatly increase traffic to the museum. He thanked the City staff for their assistance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:26 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for potential/pending litigation, land acquisition and personnel was made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Following a motion by Councilmember Phillips; second by Councilmember French, the executive session was concluded and the Council returned to join the open meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 15th day of April 2024

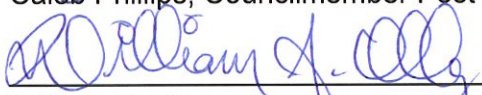
By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



John Walden, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



William Illg, Councilmember Post 2



Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post 3

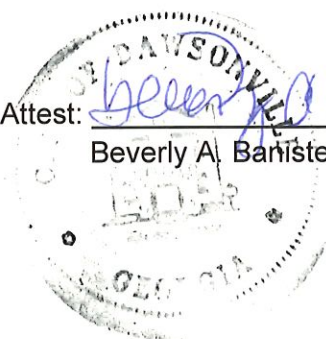


Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

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Attest: 

Beverly A. Barister, City Clerk



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor John Walden, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember William Ilg, Councilmember Sandra Sawyer 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 March 4, 2024
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5²⁶ 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 4th day of March 2024; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:

[Signature]
John Walden, Mayor

[Signature]
Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1

[Signature]
William Ilg, Councilmember Post #2

[Signature]
Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post #3

[Signature]
Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of March, 2024
[Signature]
Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 18, 2028

