

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, April 15, 2024
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walden called the meeting to order at 5:01 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. Stacy Harris was in attendance for Planning and Zoning.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember Illg.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** City Manager Bolz reported the Farmer's Market will open on April 27th at 8:00 am; the first Food Truck Friday will be on May 3rd; and Gospel in the Park will be held Saturday, May 11th starting at 1:00 pm.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to amend the agenda to change the purpose for the request of Item #11 to read "Per Directive from City Council" instead of "Per Directive from Mayor Walden" made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a-c) made by W. Illg; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting held March 4, 2024
 - Executive Session held March 4, 2024
 - b. Approve Restated Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement
 - c. Approve Additional FY 2024 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Funding: ***Total LRA grant amount is \$57,825.52 with no match required; approved project to soil cement, repave and repair sidewalks on Maple Street South; funds will be combined with FY 2023, FY 2024 and FY 2025 LMIG funding.***
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** The Mayor and Council recognized Stacy Harris as the February 2024 Employee of the Month; Beth Tuttle as the March 2024 Employee of the Month; Tony Seabolt received a three year service award; Tracy Smith received a seven year service award; Blake Croft received an eight year service award and Trampas Hansard received a sixteen year service award.
9. **PROCLAMATION: ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL'S DAY, APRIL 24, 2024:** Mayor John Walden read the proclamation and thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication to the City.

BUSINESS

10. **DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION: REQUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER:** Motion to approve waiving construction and demolition permit fees for the Dawson County Board of Education's High School Baseball and Softball Complex Phase I in the amount of \$4,772.40 and to refund the monies previously paid by Carroll Daniel Construction Co. and to allow for third party engineers to conduct inspections in order to eliminate City expenses made by W. Illg; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **CREATION OF NEW POSITION: ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:** Motion to approve the Assistant City Manager position with an understanding that the person will report to the City Manager but is answerable to the City Council made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Councilmember Phillips suggested tabling the item to be sure the job description is accurate. Vote denied unanimously; motion did not carry.

Motion made by W. Illg to table the item to the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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12. **REVISED ORGANIZATION CHART:** Motion to table the item to the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
13. **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO DAWSON COUNTY FOR BURT CREEK ROAD PAVING PROJECT:** Motion to approve up to \$60,000 from SPLOST VII to Dawson County for deep patch repair on the Burt Creek Road paving project made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
14. **REQUEST FOR PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE: GOSPEL IN THE PARK, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024:** Motion to approve the partial road closure of Main Street through the park, if needed, for the Gospel in the Park event on May 11, 2024 made by W. Illg; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

WORK SESSION

15. **DISCUSSION OF CITY PARKING ORDINANCE OPTIONS:** Council discussed the various options and concerns about enforcement and public safety. They would like additional information on the widths of the roads before proceeding and costs associated with enforcement.

Motion to table the item to the June 3, 2024 City Council meeting made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

16. **BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:** He noted there were six leak adjustments for March and April totaling \$707.59
17. **ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Finance Director Gazaway provided the financial reports representing fund balances and activity through March 31, 2024.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:34 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for potential/pending litigation, real estate and personnel was made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 6:57 p.m. a motion to close executive session was made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 6th day of May 2024

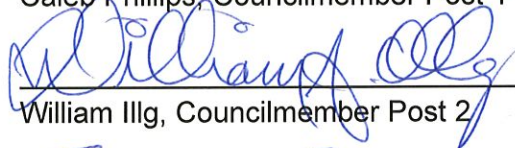
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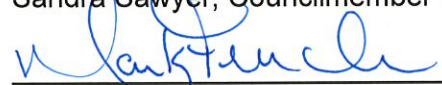
John Walden, Mayor

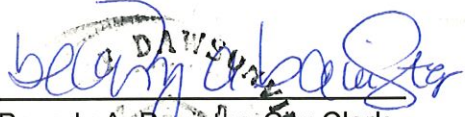
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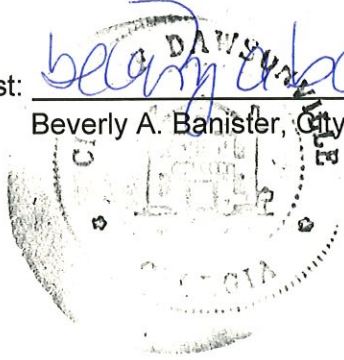

Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1


William Illg, Councilmember Post 2


Sandra Sawyer, 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 John Walden, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember William Illg, 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 April 15, 2024
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5³⁴ 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 15th day of April 2024; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:

[Signature]
John Walden, Mayor

[Signature]
Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1

[Signature]
William Illg, Councilmember Post #2

[Signature]
Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post #3

[Signature]
Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of April, 2024.

[Signature]
Signature Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 18, 2028.

