

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR CALLED MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, June 3, 2024
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walden called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were 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, Finance Director Robin Gazaway and Planning Director Ron Haynie.

Councilmember William Illg was not in attendance.

City Manager Bolz introduced Andrew Purcell who is a PIN intern working with Downtown Director Edmondson.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Food Truck Friday is June 7, 2024 starting at 5:00 pm. Family Connection is hosting the Celebrity Waiter event at Longhorn Steakhouse on Friday, June 7, 2024 starting at 7:30 am; tickets are \$15.00 per person.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by M. French; 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-c) made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held May 20, 2024
 - Executive Session held May 20, 2024
 - Special Called Meeting held May 23, 2024
 - b. Approve Updated Project Amount for LMIG-SAP Grant – ***Replace four (4) school zone flashing beacons on Perimeter Road in the amount of \$19,500 which includes a 30% match of \$4,500 to be paid out of 2024 SPLOST VII budget.***
 - c. Approve Reappointment of Kevin Herrit as the Private Sector Member of the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission Council – ***Term is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025***

PUBLIC HEARING

8. **PROPOSED FY 2024-2025 BUDGET:** Finance Director Gazaway provided an overview of the accomplishments within the FY 2024 budget and reviewed the proposed revenue and expenditures for the FY 2025 budget.

Motion to open a public hearing made by M. French; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor. Mayor Walden conducted the public hearing. No one spoke in favor of or opposition to the FY 2025 proposed budget. Motion to close the public hearing made by S. Sawyer; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

BUSINESS

9. **PRESENTATION BY DAWSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Mandy Power provided information to the City Council regarding the City activities performed by the Chamber of Commerce.
10. **UTILITY RATE STUDY: CONSIDERATION OF W/S RATE INCREASE:** Motion to approve the three phase increase to water/sewer rates and tap fees as presented made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **CITY PARKING ORDINANCE OPTIONS:** City Council discussed various options with consideration of the third option but with concern of having staff available to enforce it. The Council also requested the HOAs be proactive in enforcing their covenants regarding parking to resolve the issues they are experiencing in their subdivisions. Discussion also included questions regarding billing the HOAs for the City's enforcement of the parking issues; Attorney Tallant will need time to look into this. Request

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was also made by Councilmember Phillips to ask the HOAs why they are not enforcing their own covenants.

Motion to table the item to the September 16, 2024 City Council meeting made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 12. BOARD VACANCIES:** City Manager Bolz reported to the City Council that there are various vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions. The Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission both have vacancies. The City is also required to have an Ethics Board and an Animal Control Board; which at this time has no members on either Board. He is asking the Council to recruit members for nominations.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Walden reported his attendance at the GMRC meeting and Betsy McGriff spoke to the members regarding the housing shortage in the County based on the trend of the number of people moving into this area. Mayor Walden also suggested in light of the parking ordinance discussion, that perhaps they should consider amending the City's ordinances to require designated visitor parking within subdivisions and/or increasing the front setbacks to allow for longer driveways to accommodate multiple vehicles at each household. He stated efforts should be considered now to mitigate future issues with the amount of growth happening in the City.

ADJOURNMENT


At 5:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Sawyer; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 17th day of June 2024

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



John Walden, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



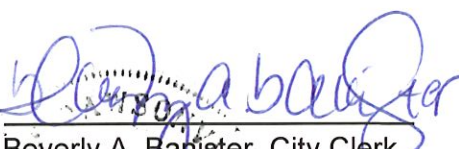
William Illg, Councilmember Post 2



Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attest: 

Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

