

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, April 7, 2025
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Councilmember William Illg, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Sandy Sawyer, Councilmember Mark French, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Assistant City Manager Jacob Evans, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utility Director Jacob Barr, Finance Director Robin Gazaway, Downtown Development Director Amanda Edmondson and Zoning Administrative Assistant Stacy Harris.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember Sawyer.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Walden reported a representative from Rich McCormick's office will be available at City Hall on April 8, 2025 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. for residents needing assistance with federal agencies such as Veteran's Affairs, IRS, Social Security or passports.

Mayor Walden also reported he is holding a forum to take questions from residents and invites them to stop by on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 starting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilmember French stated there is an item on the agenda which concerns Gold Creek Drive and he wanted to state for the record that his employer does live on Gold Creek Drive along with ninety plus other homeowner's using the road on a daily basis.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by M. French; second by W. Illg. 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 M. French; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held March 17, 2025
 - Special Called Meeting held March 24, 2025
 - b. Approve Additional FY 2025 LMIG Funding: ***Total LRA grant amount is \$60,597.18 with no match required; approved project is for full depth reclamation of the City's portion of Shoal Creek Road (Joint road improvement project with Dawson County)***
 - c. Approve GMA Annual Convention and Training

PUBLIC HEARING

8. **ANX-C2500099:** Trail & Son, LLC on behalf of Matthew Turner has petitioned to annex into the city limits of Dawsonville the 2.90 acre tract known as TMP 092 042, Located at Perimeter Road, with a County zoning of RA (Residential Exurban / Agricultural) to City zoning R-1 (Restricted Single-Family Residential District). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on Monday, March 10, 2025, and City Council on Monday, April 7, 2025. City Council for a decision on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Stacy Harris read the annexation request.

Motion to open a public hearing made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. Mayor Walden conducted the public hearing. No one spoke in favor of or opposition to the annexation request. Motion to close the public hearing made by S. Sawyer; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

BUSINESS

9. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE ETHICS BOARD – TABLED FROM MARCH 17, 2025:** Motion to table the item to the June 2, 2025 City Council meeting while the Council is developing an ordinance amendment made by S. Sawyer; second by M. French. Councilmember French asked Attorney Tallant when the draft ordinance will be available; Attorney Tallant stated he would have several options available for the Council to consider at the April 21, 2025 meeting. Councilmember French would like to see this resolved by the June 2, 2025 meeting. Councilmember Sawyer asked if the Council would be able to consider all the options; Attorney Tallant replied the

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Council can provide direction for the ordinance amendment at the April 21, 2025 meeting. Attorney Tallant then reviewed the various options. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

10. **DAWSON COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION: REQUEST FOR PAVILION FEE WAIVER:** Motion to approve the fee waiver request of \$75.00 for the use of a pavilion in Main Street Park on May 13, 2025 made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **GOLD CREEK DRIVE UPDATE:** Public Works Director Hansard reported he does not have all of the costs at this time but anticipates having them available this week and will report those to City Council at their April 21, 2025 meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Walden reported the City hosted the GMRC monthly meeting at the City which was very successful; he thanked Station House for providing the food and he thanked Sara Beacham and Amanda Edmondson for a great job setting up the meeting and preparing the gift bags.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.16 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. French; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 21st day of April 2025

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



John Walden, Mayor



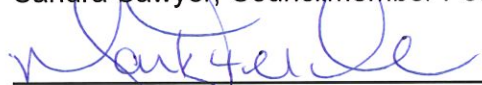
Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



William Illg, Councilmember Post 2



Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attest:



Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

