

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, September 8, 2025
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John Walden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Councilmember William Ilg, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Sandy Sawyer, Council Member Mark French, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Jacob Evans, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utilities Director Jacob Barr, Finance Director Robin Gazaway, Director of Downtown Development Amanda Edmondson and Zoning Administrative Assistant Stacy Harris.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Walden announced Food Truck Friday is on September 12, 2025 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the DCSO Public Safety Event will be there as well.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by W. Ilg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** The following persons spoke during public input:
 - Michael Miller, 285 Parkway 575, Woodstock, GA – He spoke regarding an upcoming zoning amendment request to correct any public opinion which has labeled their development as disingenuous or attempting to “skirt” the zoning ordinance. He provided the history of the zoning amendment request and stated they have returned asking for fewer lots, more property and a forty-percent reduction from the original proposal. He also provided information regarding the Planning Department’s recommendation to deny the request which included an interpretation of the term “semi-detached” in the City’s ordinance and stated the City attorney reported in a public meeting that “semi-detached” could include multi-family. Mr. Miller concluded the Planning Department’s recommendation to deny could have been based on an incorrect interpretation of the term “semi-detached”. He then provided an overview of the development plans which he said includes significant infrastructure improvements at no cost to the City and a donation of ten-acres to the City. He reiterated their intention is not disingenuous and gave various examples of semi-detached homes.

The five-minute allowance for Public Input had expired. Motion made by W. Ilg to add one additional minute of time for public input; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Lastly Mr. Miller explained the ten-acre property donation to the City is not filled with flood plains and wetlands as mentioned at a previous public hearing; he provided a FEMA flood map overlayed with the development map and no flood plains or wetlands lies within the ten-acre property.

- Corey Guthrie, 283 Casi Ridge, Dawsonville, GA - He spoke on agenda item #11 and asked the Council to consider allowing community members who work and live within the City, such as himself, to form a committee to help with the changes to the code and other considerations that the Council may find valuable.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a, b) made by S. Sawyer; second by C. Phillips. Mayor Walden stated he had requested to move the solid waste collection service day back to Monday; however, Red Oak Sanitation could not accommodate the request at this time. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held August 18, 2025
 - Executive Session held August 18, 2025
 - b. Approve 2026 Solid Waste Collection Service Agreement with Red Oak Sanitation

BUSINESS

8. **HUNTING ON CITY PROPERTY – TABLED FROM AUGUST 18, 2025:** Motion to suspend all hunting on the City’s property for this hunting season and revisit the discussion next year made by W. Ilg; second by M. French. Councilmember French said he would like to invite the employees who

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traditionally hunt on the property into the discussion in order to share concerns and questions from both sides of the table and attempt to find a solution. He also agrees no hunting should be permitted on City property this season. Mayor Walden asked if the motion could be amended to include "No Hunting" signs on City property; Councilmember Illg amended his motion to include "No Hunting" signs; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor to amend the motion. Vote carried unanimously in favor to approve the motion.


9. **MILLAGE RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2025:** Motion to set the 2025 millage rate to 7.603 and roll it back to zero made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
10. **T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT APPLICATION:** Motion to approve the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application as presented made by W. Illg; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **PROPOSAL FROM CPL FOR ORDINANCE REVISION SERVICES:** Motion to approve the proposal from CPL to include review of the Zoning Ordinances (Subpart B and Appendix A) and the existing Land Development Regulations (Subpart B) in the amount of \$42,000 to be paid out of the FY 2026 General Fund budget made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:20 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Sawyer; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 22nd day of September, 2025

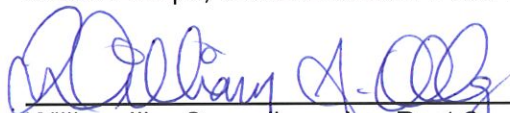
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John Walden, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



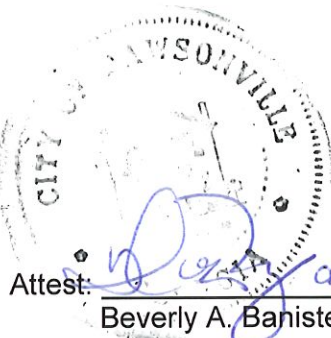
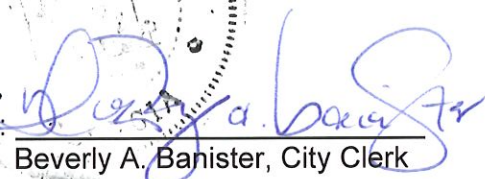
William Illg, Councilmember Post 2



Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4


Attest: 

Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk