

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Monday, July 14, 2025**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Councilmember William Illg, Councilmember Sandy Sawyer, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, Interim City Manager Jacob Evans, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utilities Director Jacob Barr, Finance Director Robin Gazaway and Zoning Administrative Assistant Stacy Harris
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
5. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
6. **CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT:** Motion to appoint Jacob Evans as the City Manager made by W. Illg; second by S. Sawyer. Councilmember French stated he had a candid conversation with Mr. Evans and stated although he likes him and believes he is a good person, he does not think he is ready for this position. He further stated he thinks Mr. Evans could grow into the position but he is not comfortable appointing him now. He asked how many people were considered for the position, what criteria was used to consider them and how was the criteria established. He quoted a portion of the City's charter under Section 3.14 as "The manager shall be appointed on the basis of his or her executive and administrative qualifications". Councilmember French said he has not done his due diligence based on the absence of comparing Mr. Evans' qualifications against anyone else's. He further expressed concern based on looking at qualifications of other city managers who have obtained degrees and/or gained significant experience through other governmental supervisory positions over the course of twenty plus years and he does not want to set Mr. Evans up for failure. Vote carried three in favor (Illg, Sawyer, Phillips) and one against (French). Mayor Walden wanted to thank Mr. Bolz for his almost nine years of service to the City and is grateful for his work and contribution to the City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:06 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Councilmember French stated that he did previously communicate to Mr. Evans that if it were the Council's decision to appoint him as City Manager, he would help him in any way he could and wants to see him succeed. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

***Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2025***

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE

  
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John Walden, Mayor

  
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Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

  
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William Illg, Councilmember Post 2

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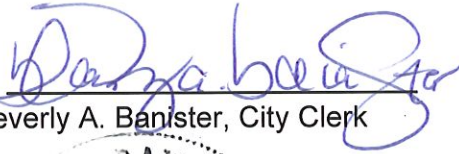


Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested:



Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

