

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION**  
**G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Monday, May 18, 2026**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John 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 Jacob Evans, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utility Director Russ Chambers, Finance Director Robin Gazaway and Planning and Zoning Admin Stacy Harris.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Walden congratulated the Dawson County High School Class of 2026 on their graduation. He also announced he will hold his Chat with the Mayor event at City Hall on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm and encouraged the public to attend.
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 - b) made by S. Sawyer; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
  - a. Approve Minutes
    - Regular Meeting held May 4, 2026
    - Executive Session held May 4, 2026
  - b. Approve Leadership Dawson: ***Expenses include training and per diem for an approximate total of \$2,700.00 to be paid out of the general fund budget.***
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** The Mayor and Council recognized Westin Lee as the April 2026 Employee of the Month. Seth Reece received a two-year service award; Hayden Harris received a three-year service award; Westin Lee received a nine-year service award, and Beverly Banister received an eleven-year service award.
9. **PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, MAY 17 - 23, 2026:** Mayor Walden read the proclamation and thanked the public works department for their hard work.

**WORK SESSION**

10. **FY 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET:** Finance Director Gazaway stated she provided the Council with a copy of the proposed budget for FY 2027 and a budget summary for their review. She stated she would prefer any proposed changes prior to June 15, 2026 at which time the Council will consider approval of the FY 2027 budget.
11. **MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL ZONING AND RE-ZONING APPLICATIONS:** Attorney Tallant explained the need to consider extending the current moratorium while the City's zoning ordinance is being re-written and to allow for a comprehensive review by the Council and public comment prior to adopting. He recommends a six-month extension, and the Council has the right to end the moratorium upon adoption of the ordinance amendment.
12. **WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY UPDATE – PHASE II AND PHASE III:** City Manager Evans briefly reviewed the information provided to the Council regarding the updated water and sewer rate study.
13. **ANNUAL WATER TANK MAINTENANCE:** Utility Director Chambers presented information regarding an RFP the City issued for an annual water tank maintenance contract and reasons for his recommendation of this proactive maintenance plan for the City's water tanks.
14. **ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT:** Public Works Director Hansard reported on the roadway rehabilitation project the City is working on for the paving of Rainhill Station subdivision, Stonewall subdivision and Raymond Parks Street North. He stated the City received seven bids and the total came in at forty percent lower than the engineer's projected cost. The contract is currently being reviewed by City Attorney Tallant.

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**AFF REPORTS**

- 15. **JACOB EVANS, CITY MANAGER:** He reported there were three leak adjustments in the amount of \$480.13. He also reported there are three employment opportunities available at the City for City Clerk, Downtown Development Director and a Customer Service Representative; he encouraged anyone who has an interest to apply.
- 16. **ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Financial reports were provided to represent fund balances and activity through April 30, 2026.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

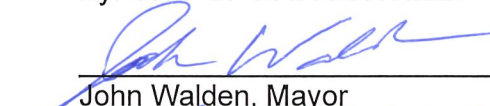
Mayor Walden expressed his appreciation for the four local pastors who prayed for him and the Council on May 7<sup>th</sup> during the National Day of Prayer. He also expressed his congratulations to the softball teams he coaches; the Girls 10U team won their championship and the All-Star Team is currently competing in the semi-finals with a chance for the championship tomorrow evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

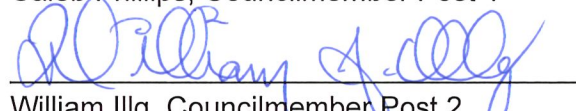
At 5:19 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Phillips; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

***Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2026***


By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE

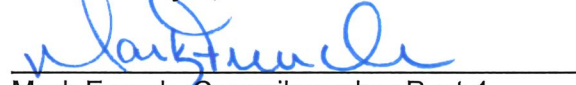
  
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John Walden, Mayor

Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

  
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William Illg, Councilmember Post 2

Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post 3

  
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Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested:

  
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Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

