

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Thursday, January 12, 2023
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Eason called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember William Illg, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utilities Operations Manager Jacob Barr, Finance Administrator Robin Gazaway, Planning Director Harmit Bedi and Director of Downtown Development Amanda Edmondson.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember Phillips.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason introduced the newest deputy from the DCSO, Corey Remer, who is assigned to the City.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to amend the agenda by switching the order of items number 13 and 14 made by J. Walden; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a - g) made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting held December 5, 2022
 - Executive Session held December 5, 2022
 - b. Approve Rejection of Bids for Main Street Park Improvements
 - c. Approve Amicalola Scenic Byway Letter
 - d. Approve FY 2023 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG): **Approved project to soil cement, repave and repair sidewalks on Maple Street South and to approve 30% match of \$11,096.59 out of the SPLOST VII budget; funding will be rolled over to combine with FY 2024 LMIG funding.**
 - e. Approve and Set Qualifying Fees for the 2023 Municipal Election: **The qualifying fees were set as follows:**

Mayor	\$417.00
Council Member Post 1	\$227.00
Council Member Post 3	\$227.00
 - f. Approve 2023 Dawsonville History Museum Lease
 - g. Approve Annual Preventive Maintenance Contract for Lift Stations
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** The Mayor and Council awarded a two-year service award to Beth Tuttle; the Utilities Department was awarded the December 2022 Employee of the Month and the Employee of the Fourth Quarter. Steven McNeal was awarded the 2022 Employee of the Year award.

PUBLIC HEARING

9. **ZA-C2300046:** Eastwood Homes of Georgia, LLC has petitioned a change of zoning condition for TMP 082 021; Located at 592 Hwy 53 West, with a city zoning of RPC (Residential Planned Community). Applicant is requesting a removal stipulation 1a and 1b of ZA-C900004 pertaining to Housing for Older Persons Act (fifty-five (55) years of age or older). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on November 14, 2022, and City Council on December 5, 2022. City Council for a decision on December 19, 2022. **City Council postponed the public hearing until Thursday, January 12, 2023.**

Planning Director Bedi read the zoning request and provided an overview and history of the property and the request. Motion to open the public hearing made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. The following person(s) spoke in favor of the request:

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- Scott Dozier, 1000 Mansell Exchange W., Alpharetta, GA – He spoke on behalf of the applicant, Eastwood Homes of Georgia, LLC. They purchased the property from the developer and Eastwood Homes does not build the types of homes originally approved on the site plan. Therefore, they believed a good compromise was to reduce the density by fifty percent and request to remove the stipulation for fifty-five and older. He stated that they have not built in Dawsonville before, however, he toured the area and said that their homes would look similar with some type of stone or brick on the front of the homes and the plan is to sell the homes, not rent them.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

Motion to close the public hearing made by J. Walden; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor. This item will come before the City Council for a decision on February 6, 2023

BUSINESS

- 10. CU – 0322018:** Planning Director Bedi provided an overview of the request to extend the conditional use permit which has expired.

Motion to extend the conditional use permit as previously approved to April 23, 2023 made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 11. BID – VEHICLE PURCHASES:** Motion to approve the purchase of two 2023 Chevrolet 2500 Silverados to be paid out of FY 2023 Enterprise Budget and SPLOST VI in the amount of \$49,072.00 and the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado to be paid out of SPLOST VII in the amount of \$50,527.00 made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 12. RESOLUTION NO. R2023-01: FUNDS FOR HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY:** Motion to approve Resolution No. R2023-01 as presented made by W. Illg; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (Exhibit "A")

- 13. 2022 DAWSONVILLE HISTORY MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT:** Museum Director Cindy Elliott provided a brief overview of their year; she reported there was a definite increase in revenues from the year before. Going forward they are looking to engage with Georgia Tourism and the Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association and they hope to partner with the new tenants who will move into the former Moonshine Distillery and provided some brief details.

- 14. MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR MUSEUM ENTRANCE:** Museum Director Cindy Elliot spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding the front door of the museum stating they do need to be replaced because when its windy and rainy, the rain comes in the front door. She wants to replace them with a wider front door entrance to be able to move cars in and out of the museum. She stated a permit would be needed to move forward and the permission from the City; she also asked if the City would consider paying a portion of the renovation. City Manager Bolz stated the City would likely be able to contribute but could not say for certain without knowing the cost; they are waiting on an estimate. Brief discussion occurred about the doors, the winner's circle and the space next door to the museum. Mayor Eason said this item can be revisited once the museum has a cost estimate on the project.

STAFF REPORTS

- 15. BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:** City Manager Bolz provided his report in the agenda packet and recognized the efforts of the utilities and public works department during the recent weather event over Christmas. He stated there were five leak adjustments totaling \$1,100.85 and anticipates an increase in adjustment requests due to the extreme cold weather causing broken pipes and water loss.

- 16. ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR:** Finance Director Gazaway presented the financial reports representing fund balances and activity provided through December 31, 2022.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:44 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for potential/pending litigation was made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 6:07 p.m. a motion to close executive session was made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.


Motion to resume regular session was made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:


At 6:10 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Walden; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 6th day of February 2023

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



William Illg, Councilmember Post 2




John Walden, Councilmember Post 3

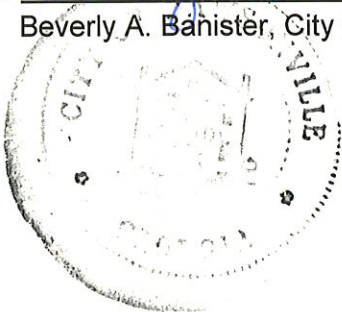


Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attest:



Beverly A. Bahister, City Clerk



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Michael Eason, Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember William Ilg, and Councilmember Mark French; being duly sworn, state under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1. The City of Dawsonville Council met in a duly advertised meeting on January 12, 2023.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5:44 p.m.
4. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law: (check all that apply)
 - Consultation with the City Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or any officer or employee or in which the City or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);
 - Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____;
 - Discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1);
 - Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);
 - Other _____ as provided in: _____.

This 12th day of January 2023; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:


Mike Eason, Mayor


Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1


William Ilg, Councilmember Post #2


John Walden, Councilmember Post #3


Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
12 day of January, 2023.


Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 18, 2024



RESOLUTION R2023-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE
TO APPLY FOR A HISTORICAL SURVEY GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, in every case, it is the intention of the City of Dawsonville to develop opportunities for the public good and general welfare of the citizens of Dawsonville and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the proposed historical survey project will provide benefits to residents of the City of Dawsonville and will assist in maintaining its Certified Local Government (CLG) status as well as identifying the historic resources that contribute to the character of the City; and

WHEREAS, the project will benefit historic preservation and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the financing of 60% of the project through the Historic Preservation Fund is critical to adequately addressing the needs of the survey; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dawsonville commits to funding 40% of the project if the funding is awarded; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Dawsonville will seek 2023 Historic Preservation Funds from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division as a necessary funding component for this project

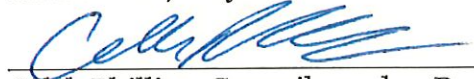
THIS RESOLUTION was passed by a vote of 4 to 0 at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on January 12, 2023.

MAYOR AND DAWSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

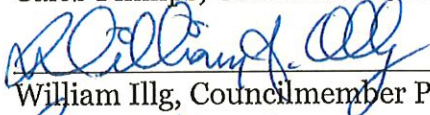
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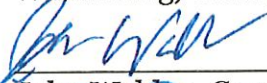
Mike Eason, Mayor



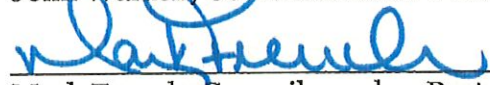
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ATTEST


Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk