

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, March 6, 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, Director of Downtown Development Amanda Edmondson. Stacy Haris and Clay Moss were also present from the Planning & Zoning Department.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember Illg.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason announced the first Food Truck Friday will take place on May 5, 2023 at the Farmer's Market Pavilion and the Amicalola Regional Farmer's Market will have their opening day on April 29th starting at 8:00 a.m.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by J. Walden; second by M. French. 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 W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting held February 6, 2023
 - b. Approve Amendment to 2023 Solid Waste Collection Service Contract
 - c. Approve National Prescription Opiate Litigation Settlement Documents

PUBLIC HEARING

8. **ZA-C2300078:** Sherry Phillips has petitioned a zoning amendment for TMP D02 013, Located at 129 Stegall Place from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to RMM (Residential Manufactured/Moved). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on February 13, 2023 and City Council on March 6, 2023. City Council for a decision on March 20, 2023.

Stacy Harris read the rezoning request. Motion to open the public hearing made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor. Mayor Eason conducted the public hearing. The following person(s) spoke in favor of the request:

- Sherry Phillips, 129 Stegall Place, Dawsonville: Ms. Phillips, the applicant, simply stated she would like to replace the old mobile home with a new one because it is more cost effective to replace it than repair it.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

Motion to close the public hearing made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

BUSINESS

9. **VAR-C2300077:** Sherry Phillips has requested a variance for mobile home placement on less than the required 3-acre minimal lot size for TMP D02 013, Located at 129 Stegall Place. Public Hearing Date: Planning Commission on February 13, 2023, and City Council on March 20, 2023. City Council for a decision on March 20, 2023.

Stacy Harris read the variance request. Mayor Eason stated the public hearing and decision will take place at the March 20, 2023 City Council meeting.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 01-2023:** An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia, To Add Section 5-1: Regulations Regarding Columbarium; To Amend Portions of the Existing Fee Schedule to Provide a New Fee Schedule For Columbariums; To Provide For An Effective Date, And

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For Other Purposes. First Reading: February 6, 2023; Second Reading and Consideration to Adopt: March 6, 2023.

Finance Administrator Gazaway provided the second reading of the ordinance. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 01-2023 as presented made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 11. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT W. ROAD CLOSURE, KARE FOR KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT: APRIL 8, 2023:** Motion to approve the road closure of Main Street through the park on April 8, 2023 for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and to waive the pavilion rental fees made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Councilmember Illg appreciates KARE for Kids providing the event for the community. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- 12. CONSIDER PROMOTION OF JACOB BARR TO UTILITY DIRECTOR:** City Manager Bolz recommended the promotion. Motion to approve promoting Jacob Barr to the position of Utility Director with a five dollar (\$5.00) per hour salary increase made by W. Illg; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- 13. UPGRADE TO SCADA SYSTEM:** Motion to award the SCADA system upgrade to J.K. Duren in the amount of \$94,688 to be paid out of the FY 2023 Enterprise budget made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- 14. PROPOSAL FOR WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY:** Motion to approve Turnipseed Engineers to provide a water and sewer rate study in the amount of \$12,500 to be paid out of the FY 2023 Enterprise budget made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- 15. DAWSONVILLE HISTORY MUSEUM LEASE UPDATE:** Mayor Eason reported the attorney for the museum and the City's attorney are working through some details of the lease; the original approved lease was not accepted by the museum. They hope to have it ready for the March 20, 2023 City Council meeting.
- 16. IMPACT FEE STUDY UPDATE:** Finance Administrator Gazaway reported that the second draft of the impact fee study has been provided for review. She further stated that Adam Hazell from the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission will be at the March 20, 2023 meeting to review it with the City Council. Mayor Eason stated the study is the first step in implementing impact fees; the City partnered with the GMRC to provide the study.
- 17. COMPREHENSIVE DOWNTOWN STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:** Downtown Development Director Edmondson reviewed the goals intended for developing a comprehensive downtown strategic plan and provided information regarding the request for proposals. Currently they are being reviewed by staff and the intention is to hold interviews with specific firms to home in on the needs of the City. She invited the Mayor and Council to be involved with the process if they would like to be or electronic copies of the proposals could be provided. Mayor Eason instructed the Council to reach out to Ms. Edmondson if they wish to participate in the process and further requested for the top three (3) proposals to be sent to the Mayor and Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:19 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for real estate was made by W. Illg; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 5:47 p.m. a motion to close executive session was made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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


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ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:50 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously three in favor (French, Phillips, Eason) with two opposed (Illg, Walden).

Approved this 20th day of March 2023

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE


Mike Eason, Mayor


Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

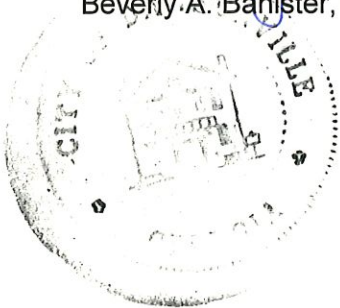

William Illg, Councilmember Post 2


John Walden, Councilmember Post 3

absent when approved
Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attest:


Beverly A. Banister, 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 Illg, 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 March 6, 2023.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5¹⁹ 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);

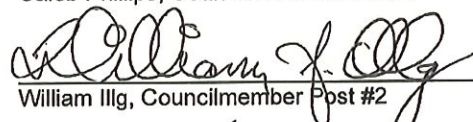
Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);

Other _____ as provided in: _____.

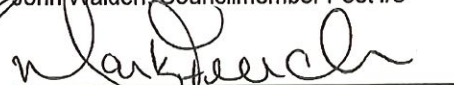
This 6th day of March 2023; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:


Mike Eason, Mayor


Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1

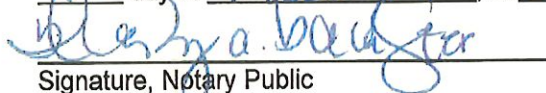

William Illg, Councilmember Post #2


John Walden, Councilmember Post #3


Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

6 day of March, 2023.


Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 18, 2024

