

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, June 5, 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 Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember William Illg, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utility Director Jacob Barr, Planning Director Jameson Kinley, Finance Administrator Robin Gazaway and Director of Downtown Development Amanda Edmondson.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember Illg.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason announced the Farmer's Market is now open on Saturdays from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm or until sold out. The second Food Truck Friday was held on June 2, 2023 with a great turn out. Lastly, he reminded residents the City is still in the process of developing its comprehensive plan and he invited residents to participate in the process by completing the survey and/or attending the meetings.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to amend the agenda to add item #17 Request to Approve ONEGEORGIA Authority Grant Application on behalf of the Dawsonville History Museum and to move item #10 after the executive session making it item #18 made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** Tommy Townsend, 131 Horseshoe Lane, Blairsville and Megan Kimsey, 219 Horseshoe Lane, Blairsville (Granddaddy Mimm's Distilling Co.) – Tommy Townsend shared a brief overview and history of his family owned and operated distillery which is currently located in Blairsville. Megan Kimsey provided a more in depth look at their business including their history, core objectives, awards and recognitions. She further shared their vision and footprint for the distillery, brewery and entertainment space they would like to develop in the available rental space at City Hall. Lastly, she included their plans for community outreach and a potential timeline for opening.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a,b) made by J. Walden; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held May 15, 2023
 - Executive Session held May 15, 2023
 - b. Approve FY 2024 Agreement with Dawson County Chamber of Commerce

PUBLIC HEARING

8. **PROPOSED FY 2023-2024 BUDGET:** 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; no one spoke in favor of or opposition to the FY 2024 budget. Finance Administrator Gazaway provided an overview of achievements in FY 2023 and highlights of the FY 2024 projects. She also informed Council she will need to adjust the budget to eliminate funding from the opioid settlement since it has already been expended and she will need to include the grant funding regarding the Dawsonville History Museum if the Council approves to move forward with the application. Motion to close the public hearing made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
9. **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2023: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA, TO COMPLY WITH RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING PROCEDURES ACT, O.C.G.A. § 36-6-1 ET SEQ.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING: JUNE 5, 2023; SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT: JUNE 19, 2023):** Motion to open the public hearing made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. Mayor Eason conducted the public hearing; no one spoke in favor of or opposition to the zoning ordinance amendment. Attorney Tallant read the first reading of the ordinance and provided a brief overview of the changes related to the

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amendment. Motion to close the public hearing made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

BUSINESS

10. MOVED TO ITEM #18 AFTER THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 11. IMPACT FEE RECOMMENDATION:** City Manager Bolz provided the information related to the recommendation for impact fees as developed and prepared by the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission. He stated the recommendation for impact fees for Parks and Recreation could be implemented for up to \$1,704.58 per housing unit and impact fees for Roads, Streets and Bridges could be implemented for up to \$3,600.00 per housing unit for a total of \$5,304.58 per housing unit. Attorney Tallant stated the City Council is not required to implement the maximum recommended fees.

Motion to move forward and establish the committee required to develop the impact fees made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried three in favor (Illg, French, Walden) with one opposed (Phillips). Attorney Tallant questioned whether the staff should bring recommendations to the next meeting for appointment of the committee members; Mayor Eason agreed and recommended that if Councilmembers had any suggestions to provide them to City Manager Bolz.

- 12. SHOAL CREEK UTILITY RELOCATION: REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM GDOT:** Utility Director Barr reported that GDOT is replacing the bridge on Shoal Creek Road and approximately 1,000 feet of the City's water line will need to be relocated costing approximately \$200,000.

Motion to approve requesting financial assistance from GDOT for the relocation of the City's water line made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 13. ORDINANCE NO. 03-2023: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING A CLARIFIED REAPPORTIONMENT MAP AND TO ADDRESS COMPENSATION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY (FIRST READING AND ADOPTION: JUNE 5, 2023; SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION: JUNE 19, 2023):** Attorney Tallant provided the first reading of ordinance No. 03-2023, an amendment to the Charter.

Motion to approve the first reading and first adoption of Ordinance No. 03-2023 made by W. Illg; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 14. ORDINANCE NO. 04-2023: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DOMESTIC ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (FIRST READING: JUNE 5, 2023; SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT: JUNE 19, 2023):** Public Works Director Trampas Hansard read the first reading of ordinance No. 04-2023.

- 15. ORDINANCE NO. 05-2023: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HEALTH AND SANITATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (FIRST READING: JUNE 5, 2023; SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT: JUNE 19, 2023):** Public Works Director Trampas Hansard read the first reading of ordinance No. 05-2023.

- 16. ORDINANCE NO. 06-2023: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UTILITIES ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (FIRST READING: JUNE 5, 2023; SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT: JUNE 19, 2023):** City Clerk Banister read the first reading of ordinance No. 06-2023.

- 17. REQUEST TO APPROVE ONEGEORGIA AUTHORITY GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE DAWSONVILLE HISTORY MUSEUM:** Mayor Eason reported the Dawsonville History Museum has the opportunity to receive a \$500,000 grant to make improvements in the museum. The project proposed is adding an additional seating area outside of the Gordon Pirkle Room. The City will be

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required to manage the grant and a Memorandum of Understanding will need to be developed between the City and the museum because the City will need to administer the grant for the museum.

Motion to approve the ONEGEORGIA Grant Application on behalf of the Dawsonville History Museum made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:47 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for real estate made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 5:53 p.m. a motion to close executive session was made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 18. AVAILABLE RENTAL SPACE AT CITY HALL COMPLEX:** Motion to approve Granddaddy Mimms to lease and occupy the available space at City Hall made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

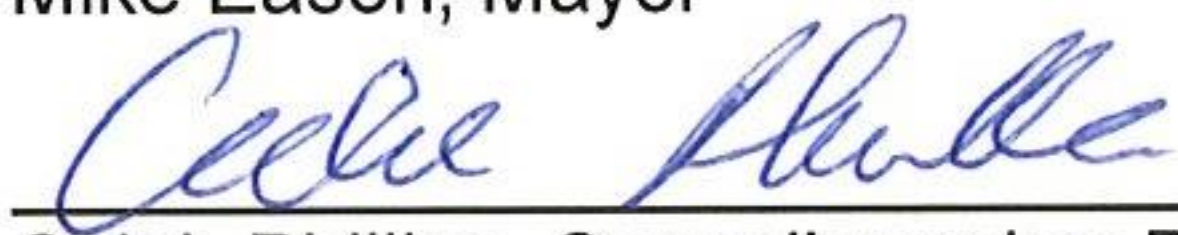
At 5:55 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Phillips; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 17th day of July 2023

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



William Illg, Councilmember Post 2



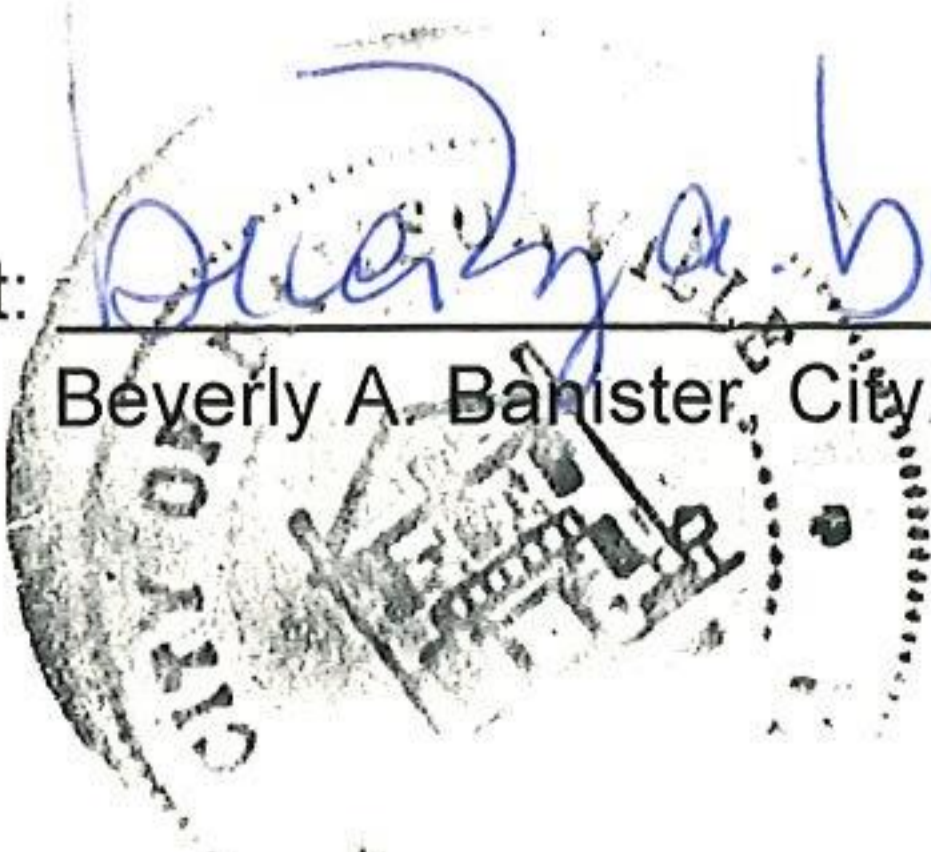
John Walden, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

est: 

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 June 5, 2023.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5:47 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 5th day of June 2023; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:


Mike Eason, Mayor

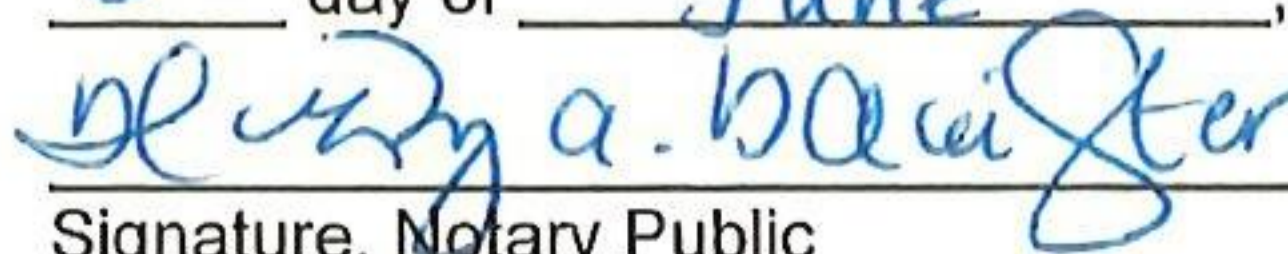

Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1


William Illg, Councilmember Post #2


John Walden, Councilmember Post #3


Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
5 day of June, 2023.


Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 18, 2024

