

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Monday, August 7, 2023**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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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 Ilg, 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 and Finance Director Robin Gazaway.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember Walden.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason announced the Family Connection Event, A Family Fair, will take place at Main Street Park on Friday, August 11, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The Farmer's Market is open on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in addition to Saturdays from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm or until sold out. The City's Comprehensive Plan will hold its final public meeting on August 10, 2023 at 5:30 pm at City Hall; he encouraged the public to attend.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by W. Ilg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** No participation by the public.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a - e) made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
  - a. Approve Minutes
    - Regular Meeting and Work Session held July 17, 2023
    - Executive Session held July 17, 2023
  - b. Approve Agreement to Dismiss and Release Claims (Opioid Litigation)
  - c. Approve Contract for Medical, Dental, Term Life, Supplemental Insurance and Section 125 Broker
  - d. Approve Amended Bid for Construction of Basketball Court
  - e. Approve JLC Room Rental Fee Waiver for the Kiwanis Club of Dawson County
8. **AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR FY 2022:** The Mayor and Council announced the City has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for the Finance Department for FY 2022. The awards were presented to the Finance Director, Robin Gazaway.
9. **PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK, AUGUST 6-12, 2023:** The Mayor read the proclamation.

**BUSINESS**

10. **MILLAGE RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2023:** Motion to set the 2023 millage rate to 6.103 and roll it back to zero made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **ORDINANCE NO. 07-2023: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (FIRST READING: AUGUST 7, 2023; SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT: AUGUST 21, 2023):** Attorney Tallant provided a brief description of the amendment and read the first reading of the ordinance.
12. **AMENDMENT TO IGA FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO INCREASE COMPENSATION:** Mayor Eason explained he and Councilmember Walden met with Sheriff Johnson to discuss the retention of deputies assigned to the City and suggested additional compensation for the deputies. They are recommending an additional \$1.00 per hour for each deputy which totals \$4,651.52 annually.

Motion to approve the amendment to the IGA for an additional \$1.00 per hour for each deputy assigned to the City made by J. Walden; second by W. Ilg. Councilmember French asked if the budget will be able to handle the increase; Director Gazaway responded yes. Vote carried unanimously in favor. Attorney Tallant noted his office would prepare the amendment.

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**13. ITEMS LAID ON TABLE INDEFINITELY:** Mayor Eason explained the City Council had previously tabled several items indefinitely in 2022. Planning Director Kinley reported the details on the annexation and rezoning requests, ANX-C2100043 and ZA-C2100043, which were tabled indefinitely on April 18, 2022 and the annexation request, ANX-C2200170, which was tabled indefinitely on July 18, 2022. Mayor Eason further stated that all required advertising has already been completed and requests the Council to place the items on a future agenda.

Motion to place ANX-C2100043/ZA-C2100043 and ANX-C2200170 on the August 21, 2023 City Council meeting agenda made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 5:12 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by W. Illg; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

**Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023**

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE

  
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Mike Eason, Mayor

  
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Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

  
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William Illg, Councilmember Post 2

  
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John Walden, Councilmember Post 3

  
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Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attest:

  
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Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

