

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, February 18, 2019
5:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Mike Eason called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Dana Miles, Assistant City Attorney Alex Myers, City Manager Bob Bolz, Deputy City Clerk Tracy Smith, Utilities Director Gary Barr, Public Works Operations Manager Trampas Hansard and Planning Director Robbie Irvin.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Phillips.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements were made
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to table item #9 to the March 18, 2019 City Council meeting made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried 3 in favor (Tolson, Phillips, French), with one absent (Power).

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by M. French; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried 3 in favor (Tolson, Phillips, French), with one absent (Power).
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** No comments from the public.
7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting held February 4, 2019 made by C. Phillips; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried 3 in favor (Tolson, Phillips, French), with one absent (Power). Vote carried unanimously in favor.
8. **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:** Mayor and Council presented the February Employee of the Month Award to Steven McNeal.
9. Item was tabled until March 18, 2019 during the approval of the agenda.

ZA- C9-00004: Ensite Civil Consulting LLC has requested a zoning amendment for TMP 082 021 consisting of 38.58 acres located at 592 Hwy 53 West, from R-3 (Single Family) to RPC (Residential Planned Community) Hearing Dates: Planning Commission - February 11, 2019 and City Council February 18, 2019

Councilmember Jason Power joined the meeting.
10. **PARKING PROJECT AT CITY HALL:** Motion to approve Davis Engineering for the design of the parking project in the amount of \$12,800 to be paid with General Fund reserves made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RFQ AND DRAFT CONTRACT:** Motion to approve the RFQ for Construction Management Services and Contract made by S. Tolson; second by J. Power. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
12. **BID SELECTION: MAPLE STREET MAINTENANCE BUILDING GRADING PROJECT:** City Manager Bob Bolz presented the history of the project and the bid process with a recommendation of the low bid by Jerry Townley Concrete. Motion to award Jerry Townley Concrete as the contractor in the amount of \$27,925 to be paid out of SPLOST VI made by C. Phillips; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
13. **ANIMAL CONTROL IGA WITH DAWSON COUNTY:** City Attorney Miles discussed the draft version of the IGA and will be seeking approval from Dawson County with his additional changes as presented on the draft version. Based on their approval he will hope to be able to present it in final form to the Mayor and Council at the March 4, 2018 meeting for approval.

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14. PRESENTATIONS ON MAIN STREET PARK

- **CONDITION OF ROAD AND TRAILS BY SOUTHERN GEOTECH AND POTENTIAL CHANGE ORDER**

Rodney Clark a geotech specialist spoke on the condition of the roads and trails and not being able to pave due to the abundance of rain. He discussed three options for consideration to move forward with paving:

1. Chemically dry the dirt by using pelletized lime or something similar to help it dry; however, if rain continues it will ruin the application and render it useless.
2. Soil Cement would set up, harden and create a foundation and is very repellent of the weather. It will be necessary to grade and establish drainage away from the trails so water couldn't infiltrate from underneath. It's the most expensive of the options but would create a very strong foundation.
3. Wait until the weather improves and we are out of the cycle of rain and the dirt can dry on its own. An estimate of 10 to 14 days of completely dry weather would be required to start plowing the dirt to dry further and then continued dry weather would be needed to repack it and then pave.

Mayor Eason requested to have the contractor provide the recommendation and cost for the soil cement option.

- **LANDSCAPE PLAN BY DAVIS ENGINEERING**

Rachel Burton from Davis Engineering presented and discussed the landscape plan and the fencing for Main Street Park and is continuing to receive cost estimates.

Motion to approve Davis Engineering to prepare a bid package for the design of the landscape plan at Main Street Park made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

15. WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY PRESENTATION: Chris Poje from GBT Engineers discussed and presented the results of the water and sewer rate study requested by City Council; the recommendation is an approximate seven percent increase. He further discussed water and sewer tap fees but did not provide a recommendation for increase.

16. ETHICS ORDINANCE: City Attorney Dana Miles discussed the need to amend the current ethics ordinance and welcomes any suggestions from Council; he proposed the first reading with a public hearing be held at the March 4, 2019 meeting and second reading and vote at the March 18, 2019 meeting.

17. NICHE COLUMBARIUM AT MEMORIAL GARDENS: Ted Bearden from Bearden Funeral Home discussed and presented information regarding the need for a niche columbarium to be placed at Memorial Gardens for persons to have a place for their loved one's cremated remains. Request to have Public Works Operations manager Trampas Hansard to obtain cost estimates and a plan to present at the next work session.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Bob Bolz reported the following:

- Main Street Park playground bids are due back by Friday, February 22, 2019.
- New City of Dawsonville website went live on Friday, February 15, 2019; feedback is requested.
- Wallace Park has been vandalized 3 separate times and they are looking into security camera options to mitigate future damage.
- Utility Bills are now able to be paid via automatic draft.
- The Farmers Market bid package will be ready to go out sometime next week.

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...AYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS: No reports were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

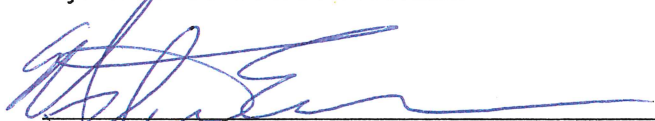
At 6:45 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for the purpose of pending and/or potential Litigation and Real Estate Acquisition was made by J. Power; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 7:55 p.m. a motion to close executive session and resume regular session was made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried 3 in favor (Tolson, Phillips, French) with 1 absent (Power).

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:57 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Tolson; second by M. French. Vote carried 3 in favor (Tolson, Phillips, French) with 1 absent (Power).

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



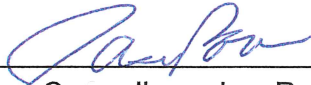
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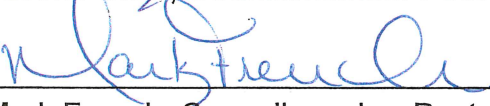
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Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post 2

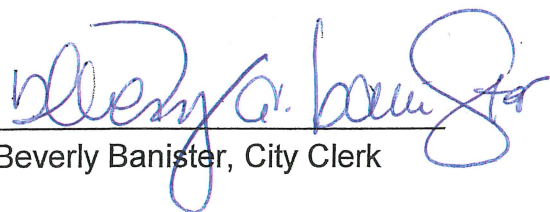


Jason Power, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested:



Beverly Banister, City Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Michael Eason, Councilmember Jason Power, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Stephen Tolson, 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 the February 18, 2019.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 6⁴⁵ 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);

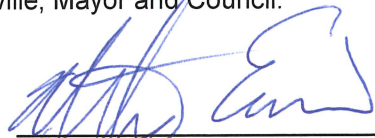
Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____;

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 18th day of February 2019; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:



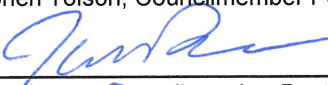
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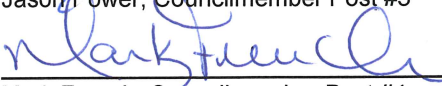
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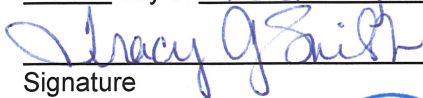


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Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

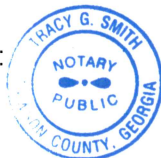
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of February, 2019.



Signature

Notary Public

My Commission expires:



Tracy G. Smith
NOTARY PUBLIC
Dawson County, Georgia
My Commission Expires
August 13, 2021