

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, October 21, 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 Jason Power, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Dana Miles, Assistant City Attorney Alex Myers, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Deputy City Clerk Tracy Smith, Utilities Director Gary Barr, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Planning Director Robbie Irvin, Finance Administrator Hayden Wiggins and Human Resource Manager Donna Blanton.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Stephen Tolson.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason announced the Council will be considering the 2020 Meeting Calendar in November. He reminded the public that City Hall will be closed on Friday, October 25th due to the Moonshine Festival. He announced the Customer Appreciation Week was a great success and thanked all of the businesses who donated food and gift certificates. He announced City Hall will be hosting Halloween and encouraged residents to stop by for some candy and also mentioned I Love NY Pizza opened today.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to amend the agenda by removing item #12 made by J. Power; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by C. Phillips; second by J. Power. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** No comments from the public.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a) and (b) made by C. Phillips; second by J. Power. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting held October 7, 2019
 - b. Approve 2020 Software Maintenance – Edmunds GovTech
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** Mayor Eason and Council presented the October Service Awards to Jon Davis and Clay Moss for one year of service, Donna Blanton and Hayden Wiggins for two years of service. Tracy Smith received Employee of the Month for October 2019 and Jon Davis received the award for Employee of the Quarter. Lastly, Clay Moss received his certification for Playground Safety Inspector.

PUBLIC HEARING

9. **ANX-C2000032 and ZA-C2000032:** Sachinkumar Patel has petitioned to annex into the city limits of Dawsonville a portion of TMP 091 012, located at 60 Hwy 136 East and consisting of 5.00 acres, with a request to rezone from County Zoning of RA (Residential Exurban/Agricultural) to City Zoning of HB (Highway Business). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on October 14, 2019 and City Council on October 21, 2019. City Council for a decision on November 4, 2019.

Planning Director Irvin read the annexation and zoning requesting. He stated the Planning Commission recommended denial due to a legal issue and the City received an objection from Dawson County based on the same legal issue.

Motion to open a public hearing made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. The following people spoke in favor of the request:

- Shelly Martin, 133 Prominence Court, Dawsonville – She stated the legal issue would be addressed prior to the next City Council meeting on November 4th; the applicant would have a filed warranty deed at that time.

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- Sachinkumar Patel, 2334 Dawson Forest Road, Dawsonville – He stated he is the applicant and is in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request. Motion to close the public hearing made by J. Power; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Attorney Miles stated Mr. Patel has to own the property, reapply for the request with himself listed as the applicant and the owner which will then need to be re-advertised and all parties notified which should also satisfy the County's objection and will need to go before the Planning Commission again since it's a modified application before the City Council's decision.

Motion to postpone the request to be heard at the Planning Commission on December 9, 2019 and City Council on December 16, 2019 made by J. Power; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

BUSINESS

10. **MAIN STREET PARK LANDSCAPING CHANGE ORDER:** Motion to approve the change order request to Tri Scapes in the amount of \$42,361.82 to be paid out of general fund reserves and to be paid back by SPLOST VI if funds become available made by C. Phillips. Second by J. Power. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Motion to appoint Clint Harper and Laura Barr to the Design Guideline Committee made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to appoint Calvin Byrd to the Dawsonville History Museum to fill the unexpired term of Cindy Elliott through August 4, 2022 made by M. French; second by J. Power. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

12. Removed from the agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

13. BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:

- Stan Zaverukha passed his red card certification.
- Farmer's Market project is moving along quickly.
- Main Street Park is working on punch list items such as paving, grassing and headwall repairs.
- Liberty Mutual has been offering additional insurance benefit coverage to the employees.
- Safety Committee has applied for a \$3,000 grant to purchase chainsaw safety equipment, gas detectors, road work signs, fire extinguishers and first aid kits for the City vehicles.
- Fourteen (14) stores are vacant at the outlet mall.

14. **HAYDEN WIGGINS, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR:** Councilmember Tolson asked about the SPLOST VI deficit on the report; Mr. Wiggins explained the funds are covered by SPLOST VI reserves and in the future will show a transfer in from reserves to reflect the numbers.

Mr. Wiggins also informed the Council that the DDA approved the refinancing of the 2014 Bonds to generate a savings of approximately \$200,000.00.

Motion to reissue the 2019 bonds to pay off the 2014 bonds and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the documents made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmember French restated his concerns about the recently passed alcohol ordinance requesting the exemption for golf course clubs not having to be in business for six months prior to obtaining an alcohol license be removed. He also would like the language changed regarding adult entertainment and nudity referring to breasts to include male and female persons. Councilmember Phillips asked if he could put the request in writing; Councilmember French said he would and ask the Mayor to include it on the next agenda.

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:01 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Power; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

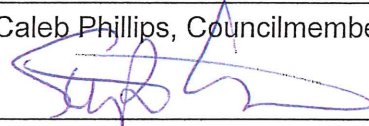
By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor

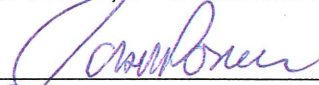
Absent

Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

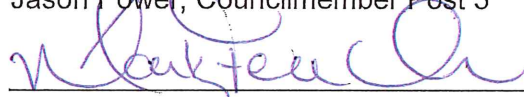


Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post 2

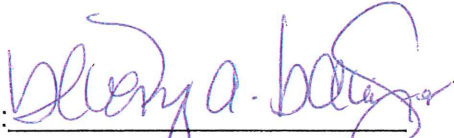
Jason Power, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4



Attested:



Beverly A. Bahister, City Clerk