

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, December 16, 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, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Utilities Director Gary Barr, Planning Director Robbie Irvin and Human Resource Manager Donna Blanton.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Phillips.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason thanked everyone who attended the parade and tree lighting. He announced an executive session will be called at this meeting for the purpose of personnel.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Councilmember French requested item #7d be removed from the consent agenda; Mayor Eason stated the item will become #16 on the agenda.

Motion to amend the agenda by removing the Executive Session from the agenda made by M. French; motion dies due to lack of a second.

Motion to remove item #8 from the agenda made by S. Tolson; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried two in favor (Tolson, Phillips) with one opposed (French).

6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** No comments from the public.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a, b, c, e, f, g) made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Work Session and Regular Meeting held November 18, 2019
 - b. Approve Newly Elected Officials Training
 - c. Approve 2020 Staff Appointments
 - d. Removed; see item #16
 - e. Approve 2020 Mayor and Council Board Designations and Compensation
 - f. Approve Budget Amendment – ADA Compliance for City Hall Building
 - g. Approve GEFA Loan Modification with Debt Forgiveness

8. Removed

9. **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Motion to appoint Alexa Serrano to the Planning Commission for Post #2 to fill the unexpired term of Ken Goines through 12/31/2021 made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
10. **ADMINISTER OATH TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL – COUNCILMEMBER JOHN WALDEN, POST #3:** Councilmember Elect John Walden, was sworn into office as Councilmember Post #3 by City Attorney, Dana Miles; he subsequently executed the oath of office. (Exhibit A")
11. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** Mayor Eason and Council presented Stacy Harris with a two-year service award and the November 2019 Employee of the Month award to Gary Barr.

PUBLIC HEARING

12. **ANX-C2000032A and ZA-C2000032A:** Sachinkumar Patel has petitioned to annex into the city limits of Dawsonville 5 Acres located at 60 Hwy 136 East and being in Land Lots 193 and 194, 13th District, 1st Section as shown on a plat prepared by Nathan McClure dated August 1, 2019 and revised October 1, 2019 and recorded in Plat Book 84 on Page 232; with Warranty Deed being recorded on November 8, 2019 in Deed Book 1377 on Page 150. Applicant is also requesting to rezone from County Zoning of RA (Residential Exurban/Agricultural)) to City Zoning of HB (Highway Business). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on December 9, 2019 beginning at 5:30 pm and City Council on December 16, 2019 beginning at 5:30 pm and January 6, 2020 beginning at 5:00 pm.

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Motion to open a public hearing made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Planning Director Irvin read the annexation and zoning requesting. He stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the requests with the rezoning to Neighborhood Business not Highway Business and with stipulations.

The following people spoke in favor of the request:

- Harsh Patel, 23 Richmond Drive, Dawsonville – He stated he is in favor of the request.

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

BUSINESS

13. **2020 MAYOR PRO-TEM APPOINTMENT:** Motion to appoint Councilmember Tolson as the 2020 Mayor Pro-Tem made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried two in favor (Phillips, French) with one recused (Tolson)

WORK SESSION

STAFF REPORTS

14. **BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:**

- Main Street Park – Phase One has been completed. The landscaping is approximately 75% complete and the fencing is approximately 90% complete. Everlast Construction installed silt fence to start the bathroom construction and Georgia Power is expected to install the streetlights this upcoming week.
- Farmer's Market – A final walkthrough has been completed on this project with two items remaining on the punch list.
- Perimeter Road Sidewalk – Bid opening is December 19, 2019.
- Well #110 Improvements and WPCP Upgrades projects are out to bid.
- Maple Heights Subdivision Paving – Estimates were sought for reclamation which would increase the project cost to approximately \$220,000; recommendation is to resurface the subdivision as originally approved.
- A safety grant has been awarded to the City by LGRMS.

15. **HAYDEN WIGGINS, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR:** Financial reports representing fund balance and activity provided through November 30, 2019. No questions or comments from Council.

16. **APPROVE 2020 RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:** Motion to put legal services out for bid and approve the rest of the professional services as presented made by M. French; motion dies due to lack of a second.

Motion to approve the 2020 Renewal of Professional Services as presented made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried two in favor (Tolson, Phillips) with one opposed (French).

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Tolson congratulated John Walden and thanked him and his family for their support of the City. He also thanked Alexa Serrano for serving on the Planning Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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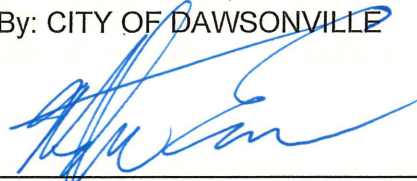
At 5:56 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for Personnel was made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried two in favor (Tolson, Phillips) with one opposed (French). (Exhibit "B")

At 6:26 p.m. a motion to close executive session and resume regular session was made by C. Phillips; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:28 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Phillips; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



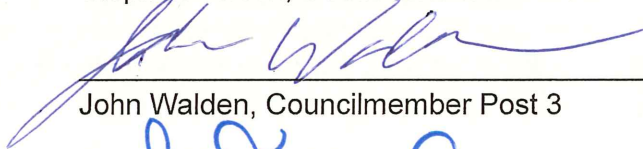
Mike Eason, Mayor



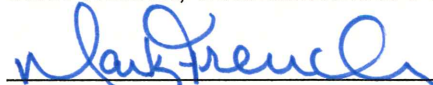
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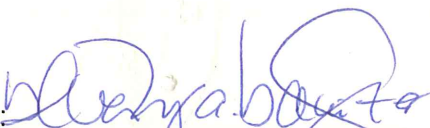
Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post 2



John Walden, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested: 
Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

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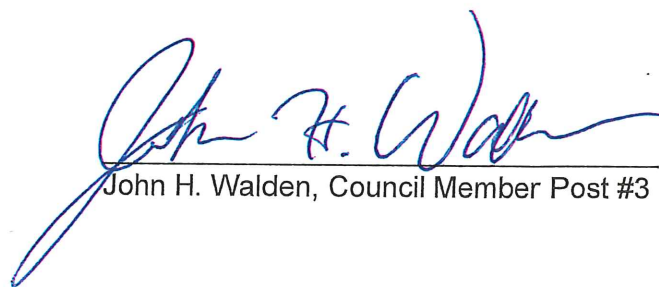
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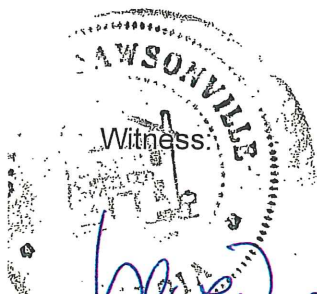
Section 3.16. Oath of officers.

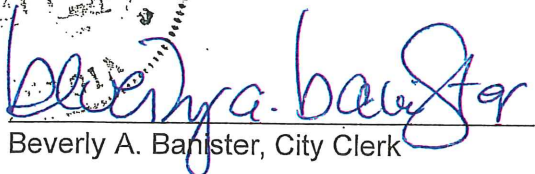
Before a person takes any elected office in the city government, he or she shall take before an officer of the state authorized to administer oaths the following such oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully perform the duties of Councilmember, Post 3 of this city, that I will in all respects observe the provisions of the Charter, the Code of Ethics and ordinances of the City of Dawsonville; and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof, as well as the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Georgia. I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any political subdivision or authority thereof. I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding. I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia. I have been a resident of my post district 3 and the City of Dawsonville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this state and by the municipal charter. I will perform the duties of my office in the best interest of the City of Dawsonville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof. So help me God."

This 16th day of December 2019


John H. Walden, Council Member Post #3




Beverly A. Bahister, 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 December 16, 2019.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5:56 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 16th day of December 2019; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:

Mike Eason, Mayor

Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1

Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post #2

Jason Power, Councilmember Post #3

Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
16 day of December, 2019.

Beverly A. Banister
Signature

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 02.18.2020



Beverly A. Banister
NOTARY PUBLIC
Dawson County, Georgia
My Commission Expires
February 18, 2020