

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd Floor
Monday, June 1, 2020
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Mike Eason called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Stephen Tolson, City Attorneys Dana Miles and Paul Mitchell, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Utilities Director Gary Barr, Public Works Operations Manager Trampas Hansard, Planning Director Robbie Irvin and Finance Administrator Hayden Wiggins.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Tolson.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason reported the City is doing as much as possible to work within the recommended state guidelines regarding COVID-19. He reminded citizens of the 2020 Census and its importance to state and local government. He also encouraged citizens to go out and vote either during advanced voting or on election day June 9, 2020. He mentioned the Farmer's Market has been operating for four weeks and has been successful.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by M. French; second by S. Tolson. 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) made by J. Walden; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held May 18, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING

8. An Ordinance To Amend Section 2-110 To Provide For Revised Utilities Fees For Water And Sewer Rates; And For Other Purposes. (First Reading: 03/16/2020; Public Hearing, Second Reading and Adoption: April 20,2020) ***Postponed to June 1, 2020 at the April 20, 2020 City Council meeting.***

Motion to open the public hearing made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. Mayor Eason conducted the public hearing; no one spoke in favor or opposition of the ordinance. Motion to close the public hearing made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the ordinance as presented with an effective date of January 1, 2021 made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (Exhibit "A")

9. **TO HEAR THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE PROPOSED FY 2020-2021 BUDGET:** Motion to open the public hearing made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor. Mayor Eason conducted the public hearing; no one spoke in favor or opposition of the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget. Motion to close the public hearing made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Mayor Eason stated the Council will consider the adoption of the budget at the June 15, 2020 meeting. He said some feedback and adjustments have been suggested by Council and will be submitted to Hayden Wiggins; the intent is to reduce the budget from 12% to 14%. Councilmember Phillips and French asked if the current year DDA grant money, which has not been disbursed, can be placed in a reserve fund balance to carry over to next year so it can be taken out of the FY 2021 budget and to remove the firework funding; Wiggins agreed.

JSINESS

10. **RESOLUTION – GOLD CREEK FOODS MANHOLE PROJECT:** Motion to approve resolution as presented made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. ("Exhibit B")

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- 11. HOWSER MILL SUBDIVISION – NO PARKING SIGN REQUEST:** Councilmember Phillips stated he has no issue with the HOA enforcing their own rules but does not want the City to purchase the signs or install them; Councilmember French concurred. Attorney Miles stated since these are City owned streets, a resolution is needed to allow the HOA to place signs in the City's right of way.

Motion to direct Attorney Miles to develop a resolution giving permission to the Howser Mill Subdivision to place no parking signs in the City's right of way and to include approval of the signs and the placement of the signs made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 12. UPDATE ON NON-PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS:** Mayor Eason provided a brief history and update on delinquent utility accounts; the current resolution to delay disconnection of services will expire on June 12, 2020 and the Utility Department will resume their normal procedure at that time.
- 13. FY2020 REVENUE UPDATE:** Finance Administrator Hayden Wiggins provided an update to the Council regarding the City's LOST and SPLOST revenues stating the City will be underbudget for the 2020 fiscal year with the decreased revenue due to COVID-19.
- 14. CARES ACT FUNDING:** Finance Administrator Hayden Wiggins informed the Council the City is eligible to receive a portion of the funding available from the CARES Act to help offset the costs incurred by the City due to COVID-19. The funding is based on population per capita and should be received by the end of June; the amount is unknown at this time. The funding will need to be utilized for COVID-19 related expenses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:27 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for potential litigation and was made by J. Walden; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 6:43 p.m. a motion to close executive session and resume regular session was made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor

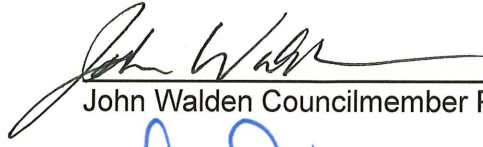


Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

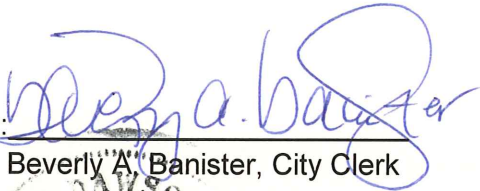


Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post 2

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John Walden Councilmember Post 3


Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested: 
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 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 June 1, 2020.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5:27 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 1st day of June 2020; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1



Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post #2



John Walden, Councilmember Post #3



Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
5 day of June, 2020.



Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: February 18, 2024



Subject Matter: Water + Sewer Rate Increase
Date of First Reading: March 16, 2020
Date of Second Reading and Public Hearing: June 1, 2020
Date of Adoption: June 1, 2020
Effective: January 1, 2021

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-110 TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED UTILITIES FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has presented to the Mayor and Council a rate study setting forth the necessity for revision to water and sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to amend the City water and sewer rates consistent with the schedule and recommendations of the City Engineer based upon the rate study;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2-110 of Chapter 2, Article IV of the Code of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia, is hereby amended by repealing existing subsection 2-110(7)(a) Utilities and replacing it in its entirety with a new subsection 2-110(7)(a) Utilities as follows:

(7) Utilities (chapter 14):

a. Water/sewer fees. "+" indicates that the cost is the amount listed plus the actual cost of material and labor expended by the city, if installed by the city.

<u>14-22(a)</u> . Residential water service rates — within corporate limits:	
0—1,500 gallons, minimum (base charge)	\$21.00
1,501—5,000, per 1,000 gallons	5.00
5,001—10,000, per 1,000 gallons	5.25
>10,000, per 1,000 gallons	5.50

<u>14-22(a). Commercial/industrial water service rates — within corporate limits:</u>	
0—1,500 gallon users (flat fee)	27.00
>1,500 gallon users, minimum (base charge)	31.00
1,501—5,000, per 1,000 gallons	7.00
5,001—10,000, per 1,000 gallons	7.50
>10,000, per 1,000 gallons	8.00
<u>14-22(a). Residential water service rates — outside corporate limits:</u>	
0—1,500 gallons, minimum (base charge)	31.00
1,501—5,000, per 1,000 gallons	7.00
5,001—10,000, per 1,000 gallons	7.50
>10,000, per 1,000 gallons	8.00
<u>14-22(a). Commercial/industrial water service rates — outside corporate limits:</u>	
0—1,500 gallon users (flat fee)	32.00

>1,500 gallon users, minimum (base charge)	42.00
1,501—5,000, per 1,000 gallons	7.00
5,001—10,000, per 1,000 gallons	7.50
>10,000, per 1,000 gallons	8.00
<u>14-22(b).Residential sewer service rates — within corporate limits:</u>	
0—1,500 gallons, minimum (base charge)	25.00
1,501—5,000, per 1,000 gallons	7.00
5,001—10,000, per 1,000 gallons	8.00
>10,000, per 1,000 gallons	9.00
<u>14-22(b).Commercial/industrial sewer service rates — within corporate limits:</u>	
0—1,500 gallon users (flat fee)	42.00
>1,500 gallon users, minimum (base charge)	60.00
1,501—5,000, per 1,000 gallons	8.50

5,001—10,000, per 1,000 gallons	9.50
>10,000, per 1,000 gallons	10.50
<u>14-22(b).Residential sewer service rates — outside corporate limits:</u>	
0—1,500 gallons, minimum (base charge)	37.50
1,501—5,000, per 1,000 gallons	8.50
5,001—10,000, per 1,000 gallons	9.50
>10,000, per 1,000 gallons	10.50
<u>14-22(b).Commercial/industrial sewer service rates — outside corporate limits:</u>	
0—1,500 gallon users (flat fee)	65.00
>1,500 gallon users, minimum (base charge)	75.00
1,501—5,000, per 1,000 gallons	10.00
5,001—10,000, per 1,000 gallons	11.00
>10,000, per 1,000 gallons	12.00

<u>14-22(c). Bulk water purchase from city water plant by truck or portable device</u>	
Per every 1,000 gallons, or any portion thereof	10.00
<u>14-23(a). Water service connection fees (times the number of connections desired):</u>	
¾ inch (irrigation only)	2,000.00
¾-inch, (only be available for residential purposes appropriate to the anticipated usage)	3,500.00
1 inch (irrigation only)	4,000.00
1 inch	5,000.00
1½ inches	8,000.00 +
2 inches	12,500.00 +
3 inches	25,000.00 +
4 inches	40,000.00 +
6 inches	60,000.00 +

8 inches	90,000.00
<u>14-23(b)</u> . Sewer service connection fees (times the number of connections desired):	
¾-inch, (only be available for residential purposes appropriate to the anticipated usage)	4,750.00
1 inch	6,750.00
1½ inches	9,500.00
2 inches	17,500.00
3 inches	30,000.00
4 inches	50,000.00
6 inches	75,000.00
8 inches	105,000.00
<u>14-23(c)</u> . First time reconnect within a 24-month period, in addition to any outstanding bills, late fees, and/or interest charges	50.00
<u>14-23(c)</u> . Second time reconnect within a 24-month period, in addition to any outstanding bills, late fees, and/or interest charges	100.00
<u>14-23(c)</u> . Third time reconnect within a 24-month period, in addition to any outstanding bills, late fees, and/or interest charges	200.00

<u>14-23(c)</u> . Fourth and subsequent violation within a 24-month period, in addition to any outstanding bills, late fees, and/or interest charges, per violation, + \$100.00 per each additional violation above third violation	200.00
<u>14-23.1(a)</u> . Residential security deposit for applicant owning/renting the property to be serviced	150.00
<u>14-23.1(b)</u> . Commercial security deposit for applicant with a meter size ¾" and 1" meter (amount doubles if business has <u>10</u> or more employees)	150.00
<u>14-23.1(b)</u> . Commercial security deposit for applicant with a meter size 1½", 2" and 3" meter (amount doubles if business has <u>10</u> or more employees)	300.00
<u>14-23.1(b)</u> . Commercial security deposit for applicant with a meter size 4" and above (amount doubles if business has <u>10</u> or more employees)	500.00
<u>14-23.1(c)</u> . Administrative start-up fee	15.00
<u>14-25(a)(1)</u> . Late fee for non-payment of water, sewer, and/or garbage bill within 20 days of bill date	10.00

SECTION 2.

Existing subsection 2-110(7)(b) Garbage Fees shall remain valid as currently stated and is reaffirmed by this Ordinance. If any section, provision or clause of any part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid portion not been included herein.

SECTION 3.

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall become effective for all utility bills issued on or after January 1, 2021 and is otherwise effective upon passage hereof, the public good demanding it.

SO ADOPTED AND ORDAINED by the City Council of Dawsonville, Georgia, this 1 day of June, 2020.

MAYOR AND DAWSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

By: [Signature]
Mike Eason, Mayor

[Signature]
Caleb Phillips, Council Member Post 1

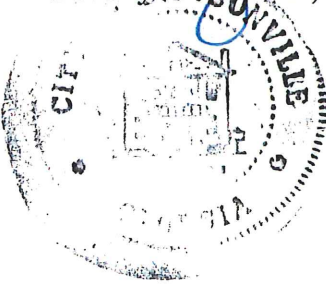
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ATTESTED TO BY:

[Signature]
Beverly A. Battister, City Clerk



**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA RELATED TO
SAMPLING MANHOLE FOR INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE SEWER**

WHEREAS based upon testing done by an independent qualified laboratory at the existing manhole serving solely the property and use of Gold Creek Foods, the wastewater stream is in violation of the City's high strength wastewater ordinance and requires emergency corrective action;

WHEREAS Gold Creek Foods has requested a different type of sampling manhole from the sampling being done in the existing manhole serving the property and use of Gold Creek Foods and the City Engineer has designed a sampling manhole to meet that request that will be of benefit to both Gold Creek Foods and the City;

WHEREAS, Gold Creek Foods has offered to reimburse the City for one-half of the cost of the new sampling manhole and flow monitor and that offer is acceptable to the City;

WHEREAS, the new sampling manhole will be solely owned and operated by the City and Gold Creek Foods will not have access to the manhole other than with the consent of the City;

WHEREAS the City of Dawsonville requested proposals from qualified utility contractors for furnishing and installing a sampling manhole and flow monitor on the discharge of sewer from Gold Creek Foods;


WHEREAS, the low, responsible, responsive bidder Townley Construction Co., Inc. of Dawsonville, Georgia with a bid in the amount of \$57,180.00; and

WHEREAS the low bidder, Townley Construction Co., Inc. appears to have the necessary financial and technical ability to complete the project,

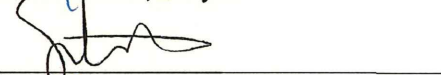
BE IT THEREFORE resolved the City of Dawsonville hereby makes the award of the construction contract to the low bidder, Townley Construction Co., Inc. of Dawsonville, Georgia in the amount of \$57,180.00.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed by a vote of 4 to 0 at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on June 1, 2020.

CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA



Mike Eason, Mayor



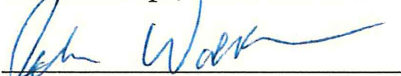
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Attest:
Beverly Banister, City Clerk

