

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, December 7, 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 Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, Deputy City Clerk Tracy Smith, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Planning Director David Picklesimer and Utilities Crew Chief Jacob Barr.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Phillips.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason thanked everyone who came to the Christmas Tree Lighting and for the Chamber of Commerce and the City Staff who worked so hard to make it a successful event. He also thanked Loyte Bennet for his construction of the Santa sleigh used for photos. He noted the County has acquired a hook and ladder truck for Station 2, which is important for our community. The City was offering to provide half the funding; however, the City can also provide funding from our share of SPLOST for an additional engine to enhance coverage in the City. He reminded citizens that early voting starts in a few weeks.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Request made by Councilmember French to remove item 7e. Approve 2021 Renewal of Professional Services from the Consent Agenda; this will become item 12 on the agenda.

Motion to approve agenda as amended 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, b, c, d, f, g, h) made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held November 16, 2020
 - Executive Session held November 16, 2020
 - Special Called Joint Meeting held November 17, 2020
 - Executive Session held November 17, 2020
 - b. Approve 2021 Edmunds GovTech Software Maintenance Agreement
 - c. Approve 2021 Equipment Lease Agreements for Printers
 - d. Approve 2021 Staff Appointments
 - **City Manager – Bob Bolz**
 - **City Clerk – Beverly Banister**
 - **Municipal Court Clerk – Beverly Banister**
 - **Deputy City Clerk – Tracy Smith**
 - e. Removed from Consent Agenda and Moved to Item #12
 - f. Approve 2021 Mayor and Council Board Designations and Compensation: **Authorize approval for payment of one meeting per month as designated when attended**
 - **Planning Commission – Caleb Phillips**
 - **Historic Preservation Commission – Mark French**
 - **Downtown Development Authority – Stephen Tolson**
 - **Family Connection – John Walden**
 - **Board of Health – Mark French**
 - **Animal Control Board – Caleb Phillips**
 - **Chamber of Commerce – Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem**
 - **Dawsonville History Museum – Mayor**
 - **GMA – Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem**
 - **GMRC – Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem**

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- g. Approve 2021 Agreement with Municipal Court Judge
- h. Approve GMA Safety and Liability Management Grant: **Grant accepted in the amount of \$5,109.83**

BUSINESS

- 8. FY 2019-2020 AUDIT PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL:** Bryan St. Pierre, CPA from Alexander, Almand & Bangs, presented the audit report of the City's financial statements of the governmental activities for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Motion to approve the financial statements as submitted by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 9. REVIEW OF CITY LEASES:** A request was made by Mayor Eason for City Manager Bolz and Councilmember Tolson to review the leases of the three City rental properties and present a recommendation at the December 21, 2020 meeting.

- 10. RENEWAL OF VAPE LICENSES:** Planning Director Picklesimer presented the licenses to be renewed.

Motion to approve the renewal of the 2021 Vape Licenses made by C. Phillips; second by S Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 11. DDA RECOMMENDATION FOR GRANT DISBURSEMENT:** Councilmember Tolson spoke on the recommendation from the DDA to make an exception for grant disbursement as requested by the Dawsonville History Museum for their approved grant funding to be disbursed in two payments.

Motion to allow an exception to the DDA Grant Guidelines for an interim payment of funds upon receipt of related invoices of the approved project and inspection to be made of the progress of the project by a DDA member before disbursement made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

- 12. APPROVE 2021 RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:** Councilmember French asked if there were any changes in rates; City Manager Bolz stated there were none.

Motion made by C. Phillips to approve the renewal of professional services as presented below:

- City Attorney – Miles, Hansford & Tallant, LLC
- Auditor – Alexander, Almand and Bangs, LLP
- Engineer – Turnipseed Engineers
- Municipal Court Judge – Ron Reemsnyder
- City Solicitor – Jonah Howell
- Testing of Wastewater – Environmental Management Services
- Geologist – Bob Atkins
- Repair/Installation of Water/Sewer Infrastructure – Townley Construction
- Airport Consultant Engineering Services – Lead Edge Design Group

Second by S. Tolson. Councilmember French stated in his opinion legal has on multiple occasions exhibited prejudice against a seated Councilmember and he cannot support a law firm that would do so do a seated Councilmember. Vote carried three in favor (Phillips, Tolson, Walden) and one opposed (French)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:39 pm a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for Personnel was made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 6:07 p.m. a motion to close executive session and resume regular sessions was made by J. Walden; second made by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

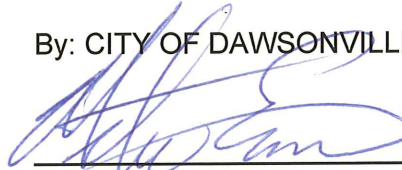
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ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:10 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Minutes approved at the December 21, 2020 City Council meeting

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor

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 December 7, 2020.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5:39 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 7th day of December 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
7 day of December, 2020.



Signature, Notary Public

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

