

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Monday, July 20, 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 Attorney Paul Mitchell, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister and Finance Administrator Hayden Wiggins.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Tolson.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason reminded everyone to send in their 2020 Census and to vote; early voting started today. He also stated this meeting will not be livestreamed due to some technical difficulties. He reported the Governor's health emergency has been extended regarding COVID-19 through August 13, 2020. He also stated this past weekend was the ribbon cutting and grand opening for the City's Farmers Market which was very successful.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to amend the agenda to add the discussion of an efficiency study made by M. French; motion dies due to lack of a second.

Motion to amend the agenda to add an item on Rent Reduction (item #11) made by C. Phillips; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried three in favor (Phillips, Tolson, Walden) with one opposed (French).

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried three in favor (Phillips, Tolson, Walden) 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) made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held June 15, 2020
 - Executive Session held June 15, 2020
 - Special Called Joint Meeting held June 26, 2020
 - b. Approve First Amendment to Farmer's Market Use Agreement

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8. **COVID-19 UPDATE:** Councilmember Walden reported from the Board of Health meeting that there has been an incline in cases for the surrounding counties with a slight increase in Dawson County. He encouraged everyone to continue using safe measures such as social distancing, wearing a mask and washing your hands. City Manager Bolz reported on COVID-19 cases, deaths and hospitalization numbers within the State and our County as provided by Danny Thompson. Mayor Eason stated a lot of our businesses are requiring masks and believes we should encourage everyone to wear a mask as much as possible in public.

STAFF REPORTS

9. **BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:** He provided an update to the Council in the agenda packet and verbally reported on the following:
 - Turnipseed Engineers will be providing the bid package for the paving of Main Street, Jack Heard Road, Memory Lane and possibly Maple Street. Available funds from SPLOST VI will be used to pave these roads.
 - Sidewalk plans from the Farmers Market to Main Street Park and City Hall are being developed by Turnipseed Engineers.
 - Mural at the back of City Hall provided by Leadership Dawson is complete.
 - Planning and Zoning Director interviews are scheduled for July 30, 2020.
 - Pre-construction meeting for the test manhole occurred on Friday, July 17, 2020.

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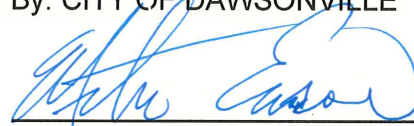
10. **HAYDEN WIGGINS, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR:** Financial reports representing fund balances and activity provided through June 30, 2020. He reported on LOST and SPLOST revenues at the request of the Mayor. He also announced the City received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY2019; this is the sixth year in a row the City has received this prestigious award.
11. **RENT REDUCTION:** Councilmember Phillips stated he understands the impact from COVID-19 on the small businesses and would like to assist our renters one more month with their rent.

Motion to reduce rent for City properties by 50% for the month of July 2020 and waive any related late fees made by C. Phillips; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:21 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

Attested:



Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

