

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, April 19, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor 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 Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Planning Director David Picklesimer, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Finance Administrator Robin Gazaway and Utilities Crew Chief Jacob Barr.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason announced the President and CEO of the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce, Mandy Power was attending the meeting today. He also announced the Grand Opening of Main Street Park will be on Friday, May 7, 2021 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Councilmember French requested to remove the approval for the minutes of the Special Called Meeting and Executive Session held March 22, 2021 from the consent agenda. Mayor Eason stated the item would become item #14 on the agenda.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a,b,c) made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting/Work Session and Executive Session held March 15, 2021
 - Special Called Meeting and Executive Session held March 29, 2021
 - Special Called Meeting and Executive Session held April 2, 2021
 - b. Approve to Ratify Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Safety Action Plan (LMIG-SAP)
Approved application and 30% match of \$9,356.76 to be paid out of FY2021 Budget
 - c. Approve Vehicle Purchase for Water/Sewer Department
Approved vehicle purchase from Jacky Jones in the amount of \$27,995 to be paid out of FY2021 Enterprise Capital Budget
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** The Mayor and Council recognized David Picklesimer, who was nominated for the March 2021 Employee of the Month and the Employee of the First Quarter. They also issued service awards to Tracy Smith for four years of service, Blake Croft for five years of service and Trampas Hansard for thirteen years of service. The Mayor also read a proclamation for Administrative Professionals Week to honor all the support staff of the City.

BUSINESS

9. **SPECIAL EVENT WITH ALCOHOL – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GALA:** City Manager Bolz reported on the application he approved for the Chamber of Commerce Gala to be held on May 1, 2021 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at the Dawsonville History Museum in which they will be serving alcohol. Attorney Tallant stated the Council does not need to approve the application since they delegated the responsibility of approval to the City Manager as stated in the ordinance.

WORK SESSION

10. **BUDGET AMENDMENT – DEPUTY SHERIFF CITY PATROL:** Mayor Eason spoke about the need to have dedicated Deputy Sheriffs in the City based on the increased activities within the City limits which would provide additional security for the citizens of the City. There would be two deputies assigned for twelve-hour shifts/seven days per week. He further reviewed some of the duties involved with the positions and clarified that if other deputies patrolling in the County needed assistance, these deputies could be called on to assist as needed. The City would fund the staff position cost only and the deputies would be employees of and paid by the Dawson County Sheriff's department.

Motion to approve the budget amendment for FY2021 in the amount of \$22,407.00 from General Fund reserves to fund two Deputy Sheriff positions for City patrol contingent upon an approved IGA made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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- 11. ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM:** Mayor Eason discussed the option for an additional retirement program for the employees of the City.

Motion made by M. French to approve additional retirement program for employees to consist of a 457/401A defined contribution plan; City will match up to 1.5% of pay with a progressive vesting period of 20% per year and a 100% vesting period at five years; elected officials are exempt from participating; to be effective when plan documents are finalized but not before July 1, 2021; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

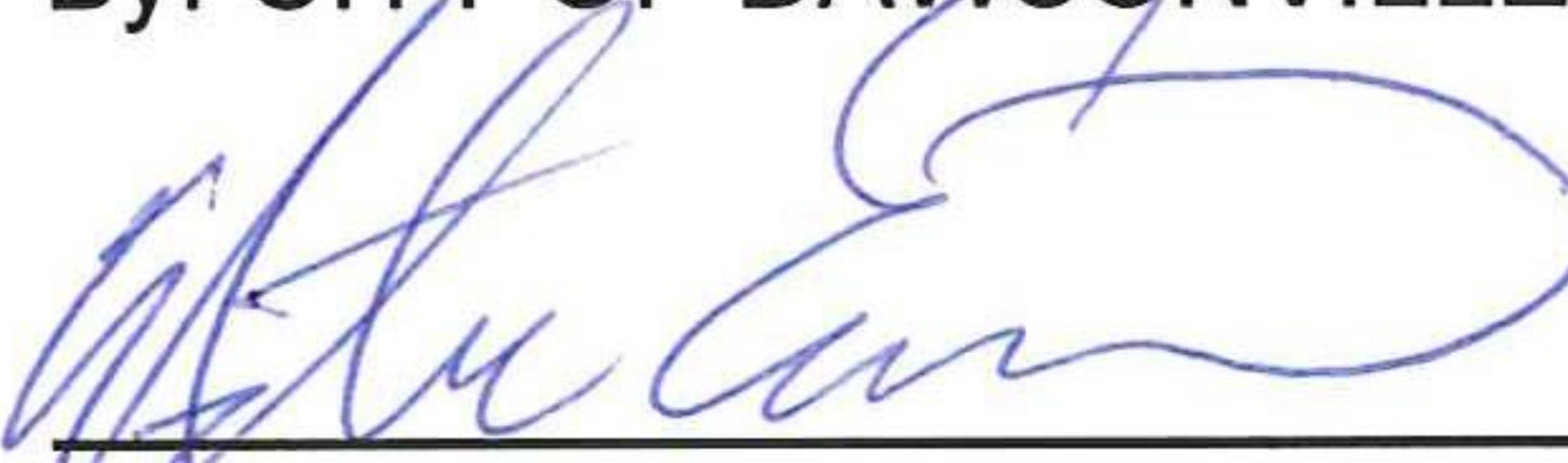
- 12. BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:** City Manager Bolz reported Governor Kemp released a new executive order which has changed some COVID restrictions. He also reported there is no update on the American Rescue Plan funding yet. Lastly, he stated the leak adjustment amount for the previous month was \$73.73. Mayor Eason announced the Farmers Market is now open. Councilmember Walden asked about the status of the exercise stations and the skatepark. City Manager Bolz reported the equipment for the exercise stations has arrived and the areas have been identified as to where they will be placed; concrete pads will need to be poured prior to final installation. He also stated he is working on collecting quotes for a modular skatepark in which the City would pour the concrete pad and the skateboard area would be placed on top.
- 13. ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR:** Financial reports representing fund balances and activity provided through March 31, 2021.
- 14. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD MARCH 22, 2021:** Motion to approve minutes as presented made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Councilmember French objected to the validity of the meeting stating he was only notified by one method and the City's Charter requires two methods of notification. Mayor Eason stated he knows the City Clerk contacted all four Councilmembers by phone and can produce the phone records. He also stated the action of that meeting was confirmed in a subsequent meeting. Councilmember French restated he did not receive a phone call; Mayor Eason stated he will provide the phone records to the Council. Vote carried three in favor (Tolson, Phillips, Walden) with one opposed (French).

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:27 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 3rd day of May 2021.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE

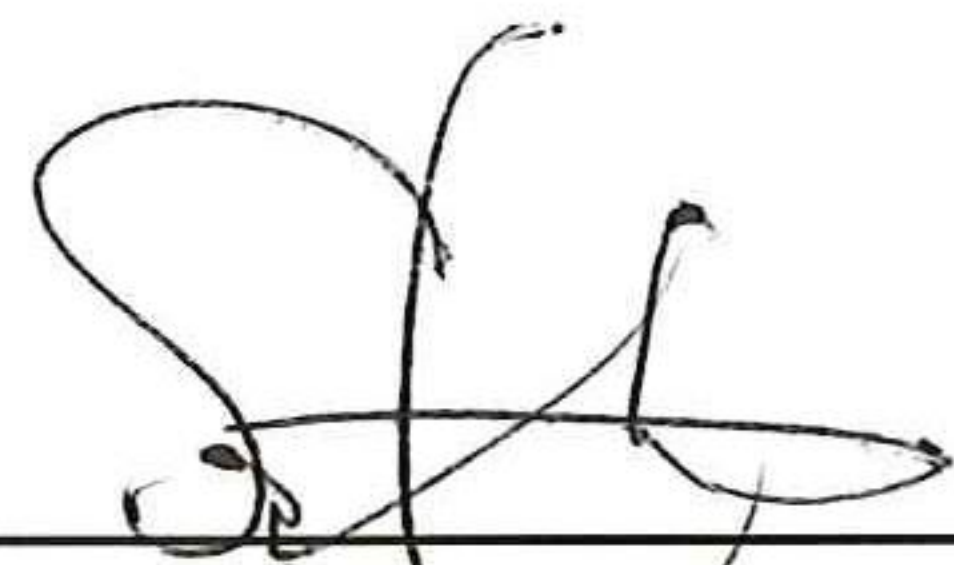


Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

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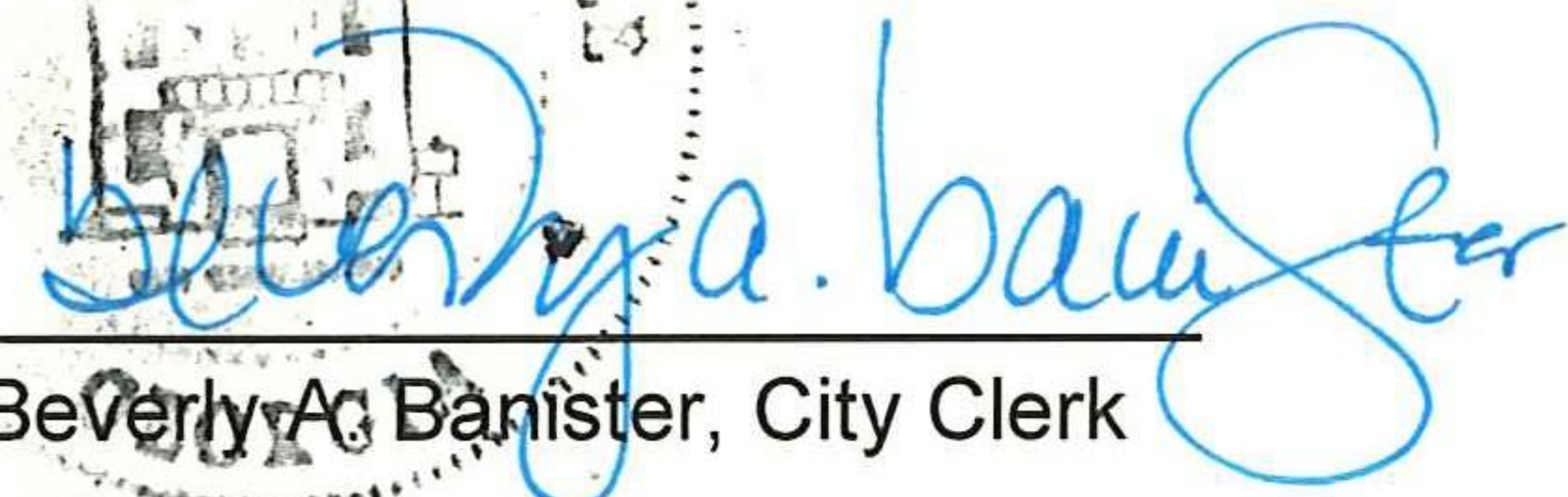
Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post 2



John Walden, Councilmember Post 3

absent

Mark French, Councilmember Post 4


Attested: 

Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk