

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
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 Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Planning Director David Picklesimer and Public Works Director Trampas Hansard.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor reminded everyone City Hall remains closed at this time due to the rise in coronavirus cases and spoke briefly on the vaccine process.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. 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 C. Phillips; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting held January 4, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

8. **ANX C2100043 and ZA C2100043:** Allen Street Properties LLC and B & K Turner Family LLP have petitioned to annex into the city limits of Dawsonville the 74.865 acre tract known as a portion of TMP 090 004 001, located at Perimeter Road, with a request to rezone from County Zoning of RSR (Residential Sub Rural) and RA (Restricted Agriculture) to City Zoning of R3 (Single Family Residential). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on September 14, 2020 and November 9, 2020 and City Council on November 16, 2020. **City Council postponed until January 19, 2021.**

Mayor Eason reported this request has been placed into arbitration with the GA Department of Community Affairs at the request of Dawson County due to their objection. He recommends postponing the item until a decision has been rendered by the arbitration panel. He also recommends allowing the public to speak tonight but not hold the formal public hearing.

Motion to table the item indefinitely to allow for the arbitration process to be completed made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Michael Turner, Liz Murdock and Tony Hout originally requested to speak; however, they will withhold their comments until the item is brought back to the City Council.

BUSINESS

9. **DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENT:** Motion to appoint Dr. Lawrence Kulish to the Dawson County Board of Health made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
10. **SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL PERMIT, DAWSONVILLE HISTORY MUSEUM – FEBRUARY 1, 2021:** Motion to approve the permit as presented made by C. Phillips; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **RECOMMENDATION FOR 2021 LEASES:** Councilmember Tolson and City Manager Bolz provided an overview of the research obtained for rental rates, the determination of square footage of the properties and the consideration of CAM charges.

Motion to renew the 2021 Dawsonville Moonshine Distillery lease and the 2021 Dawsonville History Museum lease at the same rate as 2020 with no changes made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Discussion occurred regarding some unresolved items concerning the museum which Councilmember Phillips would prefer to be resolved prior to renewing the lease at the current rate.

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Motion made by M. French to amend his previous motion and to approve the 2021 Dawsonville Moonshine Distillery lease with no changes and at the same rate as last year and table the decision of the 2021 Dawsonville History Museum lease to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Councilmember Phillips stated his decision to not make changes on the distillery's lease is mostly due to COVID; he anticipates a likely increase next year. Councilmember Tolson stated the City Council is a steward of the people's money and the maintenance and collection of fees for the leased properties; he agreed we are in unprecedented times and the rental fee for this property will be reviewed again for 2022.

Vote on main motion as amended also carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

12. BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER: City Manager Bolz had no additions to his report as provided in the agenda packet. The leak adjust for the previous month was \$324.93.

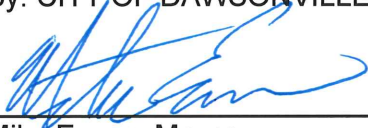
The financial reports through December 31, 2020 were also presented in the agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:34 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Tolson; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Minutes approved at the February 1, 2021 City Council meeting.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor

Attested: 


Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk