

**MINUTES**  
**DAWSONVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**JOE LANE COX ROOM, CITY HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**  
**Monday, March 25, 2019**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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- I. Call meeting to order by Stone at 5:33
- II. Roll Call - Tolson, Moore, Stone, Hudson, Hammond
- III. Invocation and Pledge by Tolson
- IV. Approve agenda - Motion to approve by Tolson, 2nd by Moore. Vote carried unanimously in favor
- V. Joint meeting with HPC
  - a. Downtown renovations to spur economic growth -  
The discussion centered around downtown needs such as good restaurants and service type businesses, as well as renovations. Also discussed were possible loans, grants, tax credits, eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places, etc; all of which can help property owners with improving the buildings and properties. Both groups were in agreement that property owners need to be contacted to see what each one is willing to do to make improvements and let them know the City is here to help them with the process. If there is no interest, then HPC and DDA will look at other options such as purchasing and renovation some key properties.

Mayor Mike Eason addressed the groups with the following points:

1. GDOT is holding a public open house at the high school regarding the Perimeter Road extension.
2. The City has contracted with Nextsite to recruit more businesses and marketing for the City.
3. The City park will be hosting events.
4. The City is looking at opening some streets in the Historic district to provide more parking.

Dawson County Chamber of Commerce President, Christie Moore, suggested to the groups that small improvements can make a big impact such as outdoor lighting and community planters. The City's food truck nights have also been a huge success.

Kevin Hammond motioned to compile a list of Historic properties to contact about improving downtown; 2nd by Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Heather Allen made a motion for the HPC to work with the DDA in contacting the property owners, 2nd by Fallstrom. Vote carried unanimously in favor

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Tolson motioned for a called DDA meeting with the HPC on April 29, 2019, 2nd by Hammond. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

**DDA moved to Council Chambers to conclude regular meeting. HPC remained to finish the called meeting.**

- VI. Approve 1/28/2019 meeting minutes - Motion by Tolson, 2nd by Hammond. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- VII. Consideration to adopt the GMA Parliamentary Procedure Guide. Motion to adopt by Tolson, 2nd by Hammond. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- VIII. Appoint a Vice Chairperson - Motion by Moore, 2nd by Tolson to appoint Keith Hudson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- IX. Approve financial report - Motion to accept by Hammond, 2nd by Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
- X. 2018 Strategic Plan Projects Updates
  - a. Improve Streetscape and parking
  - b. Establish and promote incentives for business and property development
    - 1. Grant applications - none to review
  - c. Increase Civic Engagement
- VII. Collaborative Opportunities - none
- VIII. City Staff announcements/reports - none
- IX. Announcements from Partner Agencies - Chamber during joint meeting
- X. Other/new business - Reminder about Social Media Policy
- XI. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. by Tolson, 2nd by Hammond. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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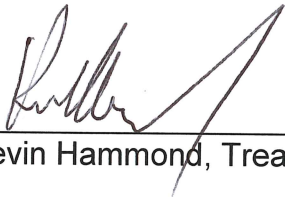
Signatures:



Keith Stone, Chair



Misti Moore, Secretary



Kevin Hammond, Treasurer



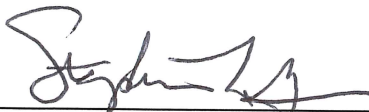
Tasha Howell



Gordon Pirkle



Keith Hudson



Stephen Tolson, Councilmember