

City of Dawsonville
February 7, 2005
Meeting of the City Council

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Those present were Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council Members Jonathan Cox, Tim Wimpey, Mike Sosebee and Mike Wilson, Kim Cornelison, Dana Miles, Steve Holder, members of Boy Scout Troop 109 and concerned citizens of the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

Invocation and Pledge: Mayor Cox led the invocation and pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 2005 meeting. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Amicalola Scenic Byway: John Edwards and Don Wells did a presentation regarding the positive impacts the City and County could realize by adopting and supporting the Amicalola Scenic Byway. Mr. Edwards requested the City support the byway by adopting a resolution or providing a letter of support. Jonathan Cox made a motion to adopt and support the Amicalola Scenic Byway designation. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. City Attorney Dana Miles was instructed to draft the resolution.

Alcohol Ordinance Amendment Consideration: This item was tabled as Ben Read from Cumberland Hospitality did not attend the meeting.

Qualifying Fees: City Clerk Kim Cornelison presented the qualifying fee to the council. Utilizing the same formula as in years past, the fee was set at 3% of council salary, making the fee \$108.00. There will be two positions on the council that will require an election. Mike Sosebee made a motion to set the qualifying fee at \$108.00. Mike Wilson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Intersection Improvements S.R. 9 and S.R. 53: Mayor Cox informed the council of the DOT's traffic study at said intersection. The Mayor asked the council to accept this study so that a three-way stop can be implemented at the intersection. Mike Sosebee made a motion to accept the study and recommendations of the DOT; Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sign Application – Crossroads Recording Studio: Steve Holder presented the application for a sign on Crossroads Recording Studio. The studio is located on Hwy. 9

South (the old post office). The sign is 32 square feet. The sign meets all of the requirements of the historic district's sign ordinance. Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the sign as applied for. Mike Wilson seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

2004 Final Budget Amendment: The Mayor explained the necessity of balancing the final budget for auditing purposes. It ends up the same amount of revenue and expenses and is a requirement to balance at the end of the year. Jonathan Cox made a motion to adopt the final budget with all amendments. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trucks speeding through town: Mayor Cox told the council that he is receiving several calls a week regarding trucks speeding through the town. Trucks headed from 53 West into town do not slow down when they hit the old courthouse. The Mayor explained to the council that the City has a contract with the Sheriff to maintain traffic in our city. He has asked the council to approve writing a letter to the Sheriff to urge him to take action on violators. Councilman Wimpey made a motion to have City Attorney Dana Miles draft a letter addressing this issue with a copy to the Board of Commissioners. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

Ordinance:

Charter Amendment Ordinance: City Attorney Dana Miles opened the public meeting on the Charter Amendment Ordinance. Dana Miles restated the terms of the ordinance and explained the need to clarify the issues with the current charter regarding residency, vacancies and when to hold a special election. Mike Wilson made a motion to adopt the ordinance as written. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Annexation Request

ANX-04-008: Bobby Lane Hathcock has made a request to annex 1.75 acres of TMP 3023. The subject property is located at 1710 Perimeter Road and is zoned R-1 (Residential Single Family Restricted) and will remain R-1 upon annexation. Tim Wimpey made a motion to approve annexation request ANX-04-008; Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cox announced the hiring of Ms. Bonnie Warne for the Administrative Tech position. Bonnie will start the week of February 14, 2005.

The Mayor asked for the council's input regarding the sign on Hwy. 53 in front of the TRUSA building. Mayor Cox presented two variations of the sign and the different ways

the sign can be refurbished. Mayor Cox asked the council to make a recommendation pending the outcome of the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame and the purchase of the TRUSA building. Tim Wimpey made a motion to approve the sign labeled “ Dawsonville Municipal Complex”, to use the washout method of replacement and replace the decal on the inside. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Park Site – Palmour House: Mayor Cox asked Dana Miles to read a letter he received from the State Historic Preservation Office. Mr. Miles read the letter. The letter basically stated that the DNR Preservation Division has reviewed the information submitted regarding said park site. It is their recommendation that Palmour House be put on the historical register and that the proposed project would have an adverse affect on the Palmour House. After a good deal of discussion the council suggested the Mayor contact the HPD to determine what the stipulations would be. Councilman Wimpey suggested the Mayor contact Cliff McClure to see where he wants to go with the property because he may stop the whole project. In that case the City would need to find other land to purchase to create a park.

Newly Elected City Officials Required Training: Mayor Cox announced the everyone is in compliance with the required training.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to amend the agenda to add the donation of signs, barricades, barrels and cones from the Downtown Development Authority. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion.

Jonathan Cox explained to the council that it is the desire of the DDA to have the city be responsible for the equipment as the DDA does not have the staff or means to keep up with the equipment.

Tim Wimpey made a motion to accept responsibility of the barricades, barrels, cones and signage for traffic control for city sanctioned events and disaster assistance. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Citizen Michael Werle asked the council if Perimeter Road from Hwy. 53 to Hwy. 9 was in the city or the county. The council responded it was the county.

John Edwards was concerned that the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame may be in jeopardy and wanted to advise the council of its importance to the Amicalola Scenic Byway. He also stated that some funds may be available to assist with this. Mayor Cox assured Mr. Edwards that the city is committed to maintaining the Racing Hall of Fame but that Thunder Road was no longer in existence.

Executive Session: Jonathan Cox made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The City Council went in to executive session at 8:10 p.m.

At 9:20 p.m. a motion was made by Tim Wimpey to adjourn Executive Session. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Cox made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:21 p.m. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to attend to, at 9:22 p.m. a motion was made by Tim Wimpey to adjourn the meeting. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved this 16th day of February, 2005.

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Councilman Jonathan Cox

Councilman Tim Wimpey

Councilman Mike Sosebee

Councilman Mike Wilson

Attested: _____
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk

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Executive Session of the City Council

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Those present were Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council Members Jonathan Cox, Tim Wimpey, Mike Sosebee and Mike Wilson, Kim Cornelison and Dana Miles.

The Council went in to executive session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing future acquisition of real estate as provided for in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4).

While in executive session it was determined that there was a need to also discuss and deliberate 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(6).

The council authorized the City Clerk to post a fulltime position for help in the water/wastewater/road department. The council authorized the clerk to offer housing as an option of employment.

The Council instructed the clerk to schedule a called meeting for Wednesday, February 16, 2005 to continue discussions on future land acquisitions of real estate.

After discussing the matter specified for executive session a motion was made by Tim Wimpey to adjourn Executive Session. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

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Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Jonathan Cox, Councilman

Tim Wimpey, Councilman

Mike Sosebee, Councilman

Mike Wilson, Councilman

Attest: _____
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk