

City of Dawsonville
February 6, 2006
Regular 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, Linda Grant, Mike Wilson and Mike Sosebee, Kim Cornelison, Dana Miles, Steve Holder, and concerned citizens of the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

Invocation and Pledge: Steve Holder held the invocation; Mayor Cox led the pledge.

Approval of Minutes:

Linda Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held January 9, 2006. Jonathan Cox seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the executive session held January 9, 2006. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cox took a brief moment to introduce Ms. Betty McGehee; he explained that Betty is the newest employee of the City and is the Clerk's Administrative Assistant.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Resolution endorsing proposed legislation presented by EWSA. Dana Miles explained to the Council that the resolution is regarding the City's support of local legislation to change the Etowah Water and Sewer Board. The change would include representation from the City on Etowah's board. Dana Miles read the resolution. Council unanimously adopted the resolution. Cox/Wilson

GMRDC: Contract Agreement for planning services for preparation of Comprehensive Plan and Urban Redevelopment Plan. Steve Holder explained to the Council that the Urban Redevelopment Plan has been completed; GMRDC added the costs of the Urban Redevelopment Plan into the costs of the Comprehensive Plan. Dana Miles explained to the Council that this is an agreement to draft the City's own Comprehensive Plan. The charge for doing all of that work is \$28,000.00 and must be paid on a quarterly basis. Council unanimously ratified the contract. Sosebee/Grant.

Historic District Sign Permit Application: Summit North Georgia Real Estate. Steve Holder informed the Council that Summit North Georgia Real Estate who is purchasing the old City Hall location has requested to put a sign in front of their building. Mr. Holder stated that both this application and the next for Paper Moon are for the same building. Mayor Cox asked if they met all regulations. Mr. Holder affirmed that they did and noted he

recommended approval. Council unanimously approved both Historic District Sign Permit Applications: Summit North Georgia Real Estate and Paper Moon. Cox/Grant.

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American Legion Month-to-month Lease. City Clerk Kim Cornelison informed the Council that the American Legion needs to provide a lease to Georgia Bureau of Investigations as a requirement of their bingo license. Dana Miles has reviewed the lease and found it sufficient as a month-to-month lease. The Council unanimously approved the contract. Cox/Grant.

Better Hometown Letter of Commitment. Kim Cornelison stated that she had recently confirmed with Joel Cordel of the Department of Community Affairs. Joel explained that he needed to present the Better Hometown program to the Council as a whole in order for the City to progress with the letter of commitment. Ms. Cornelison suggested the council authorize a work session at the next meeting on March 6th. Councilman Cox further updated the Council stating he had just spoken with Joel prior to the Council meeting and asked if this goal could be reached any other way. He explain that if the full council is 100% satisfied that they are aware of what is going on with this program then Joel could meet with the Mayor and Dana Miles. Then that meeting could be relayed to the council at the next meeting. Mayor Cox requested that he and Dana meet with Joel and then Joel attend the next Council meeting to answer any questions as a follow-up to the full council. The City Clerk will set this meeting up.

Lanier Tech CDBG Grant Application. Dr. Michael Moye, President of Lanier Technical College and Sheila Stille, a consultant for Lanier Technical College addressed the Council. Ms. Stille stated the reason for their attendance is because they wish to resubmit a CDBG Grant. She explained that her goal is to increase the grants ability to survive the review process. Members of the Department of Community Affairs advised her to make her application stronger by having a joint commitment and of the County and City as well as some form of financial commitment to the grant towards construction costs. Ms. Stille stated that the County has committed \$10,000 to the grant, asphalt and an internal audit. The Georgia Technical College Foundation promised \$10,000 cash towards the project. Monday she will present this to the School Board asking them to recommit what they did last year - \$10,000 plus the property that is directly adjacent to the Dawson Campus. Lanier Tech will put in over \$130,000 towards the first year incurring costs for utilities and personnel. She asked the Council to join in the effort as a co-applicant and for a \$10,000 cash commitment and any other in-kind donation the City could commit to.

Ms. Stille said the current Family Connections building will be demolished and a new facility directly adjoining the Dawson campus will be constructed. It will have an elevator that actually connects the Lanier Tech campus with this CDBG grant building. The improvements will include an elevator between the two buildings and will take care of the ADA accessibility problem for both buildings.

Mayor Cox confirmed with Mike Beatty from DCA, that the City's participation will make the grant much stronger. Mayor Cox asked that one stipulation be in place include and that

would be to have sidewalks connect to the existing sidewalks in front of the school right now.

The Council unanimously approved the City's participation as a co-application to the grant; a \$10,000 cash commitment upon successful award of the grant, and the stipulation that sidewalks be included in the plan as previously stated by the Mayor. Cox/Wilson.

The City Clerk asked the Council to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000 to cover the cash commitment for the Lanier Tech/Adult Literacy Center CDBG grant project. The Council unanimously approved a budget amendment. Cox/Wilson

The City Attorney reminded the Council of their need to adopt the resolution in support of the Lanier Tech/Adult Literacy Center CDBG grant. The Council unanimously approved the adoption of the resolution. Cox/Wilson.

Intergovernmental Purchase Agreement – Old Fire Station and Three Roads.

Dana Miles provided handout of the latest version of the agreement. Mr. Miles reminded the Council that this was an information item; they had approved this item last month. This is the final version however Exhibit "C" is not included because the surveyors have not completed the survey. Mr. Miles stated that he understood the County will be approving this at their next meeting.

Overdue water/sewer Accounts – write offs. The City Clerk informed the Council that there should be at least yearly approval to write off outstanding accounts. These are accounts that have terminated but are uncollected. The City staff has worked diligently to collect with no success on these accounts. The Clerk asked the Council to approve the write-off's in the aggregate amount of \$1830.71. The Council unanimously approved the write-off of the accounts presented in the total amount of \$1,830.71. Sosebee/Grant.

Public Hearings:

Ordinances:

To hear an ordinance to regulate post development stormwater management, to provide for definitions, to establish permit procedures and requirements, to establish stormwater management criteria, to establish priority areas, to provide for inspection and maintenance of stormwater management facilities and systems, to provide for penalties for violations, and for other purposes. (Second reading). Dana Miles opened the public hearing. Steve Holder reminded the Council that this has been a two year process developing the ordinance. Mr. Holder pointed out that Curt Gervich, Outreach Coordinator for the Habitat Conservation Plan attended the meeting and could answer any questions as well. Mr. Holder reminded the Council that this is the first of several ordinances created to support the Etowah Habitat Conservation Plan. The Council unanimously approved. Cox/Wilson.

Annexations/Rezoning:

To hear Annexation Petition 05-025: Dan Centofanti & Kristin Deane have made a request to annex 15.88 acres of TMP 93-41 and TMP 93-42. The subject property is located in

Land Lots 56 and 511 and is located at 2201 Perimeter Road. The property is currently zoned R-1; applicant requests a zoning classification change to R-3 upon annexation. (Second hearing). Steve Holder read the annexation and rezone request stating that the Planning Commission recommended approval. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. Dan Centofanti stated he was for the annexation and asked questions regarding the County's objection and the mediation process. Mayor Cox stated that the City would try to include this annexation in the next mediation scheduled in March. The Council unanimously approved the second reading and rezoning of the annexation petition. Cox/Grant.

To hear Annexation Petition 06-001: Elmer Clark and Elbert Clark have made a request to annex 3.41 acres of TMP93-54. The subject property is located at 706 Hwy. 9 South. The property is currently zoned R-1 and will remain R-1 upon annexation. (First hearing). Steve Holder read the annexation petition and rezone request. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. There being no public comment Mr. Miles closed the public hearing. The Council unanimously approved the first reading of the annexation petition. Grant/Sosebee.

To hear Annexation Petition 05-027: Meadow Trace, Inc. has made a request to annex 278.795 acres of TMP 100-2.002 located in Dawson County and 51.2 acres of TMP 036-022 located in Lumpkin County. The subject property is zoned AGR PRESERVE and will be R-1 upon annexation. (First hearing). Steve Holder read the annexation petition and rezone request. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. Andy Graeble asked if the property acreage was reversed. Steve Holder confirmed that it was and that the description should read 278.795 acres in Lumpkin County and 51.2 acres in Dawson County. The Council approved the annexation petition and rezoning request. Sosebee/Grant. Sosebee, Grant and Cox for, Wilson against.

To hear Annexation Petition 05-026: Meadow Trace, Inc. has made a request to annex 2.091 acres of TMP 036-022 located in Lumpkin County. The subject property is zoned AGR PRESERVE and will be R-1 upon annexation. (First hearing). Steve holder read the annexation petition and rezone request. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed. The Council approved the annexation petition and rezoning request. Cox/Sosebee. Cox and Sosebee for. Wilson and Grant against. Due to an even split on the Council Mayor Cox voted for. The motion carried.

Mayor Cox reported to the Council and general public that the City is in the process of negotiating with Lumpkin County about these two annexations. The City has met with Lumpkin County Commission Chair and a Commission and with the County Manager. The group has worked out terms of an agreement. The City Attorney is in the process of drafting an agreement between the two agencies. Mayor Cox said the City still had to go through the process to make sure that everything is in order. The Mayor stated that it looked like the City would be able to work things out satisfactorily with Lumpkin County, the City and the property owner.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cox announced that the City was awarded \$162,000 in a TE Grant. It is a three phase project totaling approximately \$600,000 total. From Hwy. 9 on Academy across into Allen Street on the east side of the street; when the City does its parking there will be a sidewalk off of that into the parking lot tying together everything on the first phase.

Mayor Cox further stated that he met much earlier in his term with Don Roberts, Bill Johnsa and Joey Homans. They agreed to add \$500,000 into the SPLOST fund to match the TE grants. He informed the Council of a letter that was sent to the Commissioners on February 3rd requesting a release of \$162,000 of the \$500,000 earmarked for the City. The City has not yet heard from the County regarding the SPLOST funds.

Georgia Municipal Association has kept Cities informed of the Association of County Commissioners is trying to pass some legislation on annexation and the Cities are opposed to that. The way that the bill has been drawn up says that no annexation can be made unless the County agrees to it. We have mailed letters to local legislators stating the City's opposition to such legislation. GMA provided a resolution out to each of the Cities in support of annexation as a private property right. The Mayor asked the council to adopt the resolution. The Council unanimously approved the adoption of the resolution regarding annexation. Sosebee/Cox.

Mayor Cox informed the Council that he has sent a letter to Governor Purdue; and to all the local legislators and state legislators. The letter has requested the Governor provide the City with \$60,000 from the surplus budget funds to purchase the collateral goods of the museum. Our local and state legislators have agreed they would support this item in the budget. Casey Cagle assured the Mayor that \$50,000 would be put in the budget. The problem will be keeping that line item in the budget. Mike Beatty of the DCA said he would speak with the governor tomorrow about this.

Mayor Cox read a letter of appreciation to the Mayor, City Clerk and Council thanking everyone for the support and look forward to the continued support in the coming year.

The CERT program has been utilizing the meeting room for their latest class attending the Citizens Emergency Response Training. There are approximately 30 people attending the class who will in the event of an emergency assist the Fire Chief in any efforts he assigns them. Their funding has been drastically cut and they are asking for donations to help fund their program. Mayor Cox recommended they continue to use the building on Saturday's for their training and that we give them a one time contribution of \$500.00 to help offset the expenses of the six City citizens who are attending the training. The Council unanimously approved the \$500.00 donation and specified that it be clearly designated specifically for the CERT program's use. Cox/Grant.

Public Comment:

Annie Dean Samples thanked everyone for helping to nominate Mrs. Samples as an outstanding Citizen of Dawson County.

There being no further business to discuss, Mike Wilson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting; Linda Grant seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved this _____ day of March, 2006.

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Councilmember Jonathan Cox

Councilmember Linda Grant

Councilmember Mike Sosebee

Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested: _____
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk