

City of Dawsonville
March 6, 2006
Regular Meeting of the City Council

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Those present were Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council Members Linda Grant, Mike Wilson and Mike Sosebee, Kim Cornelison, Dana Miles, Steve Holder, Betty McGehee and concerned citizens of the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County. Councilman Jonathan Cox was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Council unanimously approved adoption of the minutes from the February 6, 2006 meeting. Grant/Wilson.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Dana Miles informed the Council of the need to amend the agenda to include a Parade & Public Assembly Application for Linda Byrd. The Council unanimously approved amending the agenda to include the application. Sosebee/Wilson.

Parade & Public Assembly Application – Kiwanis Fun Run. Kim Cornelison presented the Kiwanis Fun Run application stating that the application was complete and included the requisite fees and insurance coverage, and was approved by the Fire Marshall, by the Sheriff provided the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices was adhered to for traffic control. Kim Cornelison informed the Council of a telephone discuss held with Brent Cook of the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding traffic control. Mr. Cook stated that the event would require a rolling roadblock, not detour signage. He advised that “event ahead” type signage would be helpful too.

David Mancuso, president of the Kiwanis Club spoke in favor of the event and thanked the Council for their continued support.

Council unanimously approved the parade & public assembly application for the Kiwanis Fun Run. Grant/Wilson

Historic District Sign Application – Jeffrey Cox. Steve Holder presented the historic sign application for attorney Jeffrey Cox. Steve told the Council that Mr. Cox has relocated his business from one side of the square to the other and that the sign complied with historic district regulation. Council approved the sign application unanimously. Grant/Wilson.

Bid #06-01 – resurface 0.86 miles of Shoal Creek Road Steve Holder presented the bid results for the Shoal Creek Road project. Steve Watson Paving was the only company to bid the job. Their bid totaled \$58,952.50. Mayor Cox stated that the bid was mailed out to approximately 6 different companies who have asked to be included on bids and that the whole procedure was done properly. Council approved ratifying the bid unanimously. Grant/Wilson

Better Hometown Commitment: Mayor Cox informed the Council of a meeting he and Linda Grant had with Joel Cordle from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) where Joel presented the Better Hometown program to them. The Mayor asked Joel to address the Council.

Joel stated that the Better Hometown program is an economic development program utilizing 1) Organization; 2) Design; 3) Promotion; and 4) Economic restructuring to achieve economic development. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is the tool by which the program is implemented. There are specific items that the City and DDA will need to commit to. If the City desires to go forward with the project then the DCA will need a letter of commitment.

The Council approved unanimously. Grant/Wilson.

Downtown Dawsonville Historic Preservation Study/Plan: Steve Holder asked the Council to approve a study for the historic preservation of downtown Dawsonville. The study would cost approximately \$6,000 and the Planning Commission is in support of the study. The purpose of the study is to update the guidelines which will make the ordinance more effective. Kim Cornelison spoke on behalf of the DDA stating that this study would also be a segment of the Better Hometown project the Council previously passed.

Council approved unanimously including authorizing the Clerk to make a \$6,000 budget amendment to pay for the study. Grant/Wilson.

Stars, Cars & Bar-b-que: Kim Cornelison gave an update to the Council stating that the planning for the 2nd Annual event is going very well. The DDA has committed that the event will have a car show segment, a cook-off segment and will have live entertainment and vendors, but the focus of the event will be Memorial Day and recognition of those who have served our great nation. Retired military personnel are working with Kim Cornelison and Gil Massey to procure static military displays and well as potentially lining up a Marine Corp Band to have an outstanding Memorial Day service on Sunday. The Clerk informed the Council of the DDA's need for funds to make this event and other projects successful. The Clerk suggested giving the DDA five or ten thousand dollars to be utilized however they wish.

The Council approved donating \$10,000 to the DDA and for the Clerk to make a budget amendment for these funds. Grant/Wilson

Parade & Public Assembly Application – GRHOF Commission: Kim Cornelison presented the application for the GRHOF Commission to have their monthly Car show, burnout and community yard sale. The application has not been reviewed by the Sheriff or Fire

Marshal and the Clerk is checking into event insurance through GIRMA. The Clerk asked for conditional approval pending review and approval by the Fire Marshal and Sheriff; and requisite event insurance be in place. The Council unanimously approved with the stated conditions. Grant/Wilson

Parade & Public Assembly Application – Linda Byrd: Kim Cornelison presented the application on behalf of the Board of Education Lunchroom Ladies. It is their desire to host a car show to raise funds for Relay for Life. The application is not complete and the Clerk requested approval pending review and approval from the Fire Marshal and Sheriff; and for receipt of the application fee and requisite insurance. The Council unanimously approved with the stated conditions. Grant/Wilson

Public Hearings:

Annexations/Rezones:

Mayor Cox made a general announcement that the City is continuing to work with Lumpkin County officials to reach an intergovernmental agreement. The Mayor stated there will be a meeting between the two agencies on Thursday, March 9th to continue discussions and negotiations. The City does not intend to take any action, other than to table, the Meadow Trace property located in Lumpkin County. The City will go forward with the Meadow Trace property located in Dawson County.

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. (Second 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 second reading and adoption of the annexation petition. Sosebee/Wilson.

To hear Annexation Petition 05-027: Meadow Trace, Inc. has made a request to annex 51.2 acres of TMP 100-2.002 located in Dawson County and 278.795 acres of TMP 036-022 located in Lumpkin County. The subject property is zoned AGR PRESERVE and will be R-1 upon annexation. (Second hearing). Steve Holder read the annexation petition and rezone request reflecting only the Dawson County property. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. There being no public comment Mr. Miles closed the public hearing. The Council approved the second reading and adoption of the annexation petition specifically and only for that property located in Dawson County. Sosebee/Grant for, Wilson against.

Council unanimously approved tabling the 278.795 acres of TMP 036-022 located in Lumpkin County. Grant/Sosebee.

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. (Second hearing). Council unanimously approved tabling Annexation Petition 05-026. Grant/Sosebee.

To hear Annexation Petition 06-003: James L. and Peggy L. Kent have filed a petition to Annex 3.67 acres into the confines of the City of Dawsonville. Identified as TMP 93-049 located at 2364 Perimeter Road. Current use/zoning is R-1 and requested zoning PUD. (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 and adoption of the annexation petition. Grant/Sosebee.

To hear Annexation Petition 06-004: Michael & Deborah Huggard have made a request to annex that portion of their 3.01 lot which is not a part of the incorporated city limits, TMP D06-022. The subject property is located at 257 Allen Street. That portion of the subject property which is located in the County is 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 and adoption of the annexation petition. Sosebee/Grant.

Re-Zoning:

To hear Rezone Application ZA-2-06-1259: Frontier Real Estate Group, LLC has requested a Zoning Map Amendment for TMP 93-048 and 049 consisting of 37 acres. The current zoning for TMP 93-048 is R-3 and TMP 93-049 is R-1; the applicant has requested PUD. This petition correlates to Annexation Petition 06-003. (First hearing). Steve Holder read the rezone request and stated that the Planning Commission approved the rezone with stipulations. A copy of the stipulations is included in the minutes. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. There being no public comment Mr. Miles closed the public hearing. The Council unanimously approved the rezone request with the stipulations presented. Grant/Sosebee.

Mayor's Report:

None.

Public Comment:

Jimmy Smith addressed the Council regarding Flat Creek Drive and the development adjacent to these properties. There is massive grading and dirt continues to settle thickly on their vehicles and homes. Mr. Smith expressed his concern that if it starts raining that the hill is going to wash out on them. Mayor Cox assured Mr. Smith that Steve Holder is checking the project daily and that all proper permits have been legally applied for and received and that the project must comply with soil and erosion control standards.

Mayor Cox said he would have Steve Holder look at the development on Tuesday morning and invited Jimmy to stop in City Hall whenever he had a concern he would like to address.

Annie Dean Samples thanked the Council for approving their request for the GRHOF Commission's regular car shows. She also informed the Council that U.S. Rider & News,

a national magazine, will come in June to film their event. They are hoping to get a free ad for the Stars, Cars & Bar-b-que event and their future events.

There being no further business to discuss, at 7:45 p.m. Mike Wilson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting; Mike Sosebee seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved this _____ day of April, 2006.

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Councilmember Jonathan Cox

Councilmember Linda Grant

Councilmember Mike Sosebee

Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested: _____
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk