

Minutes
City Council Work Session
April 19, 2007
6:00 P.M.

Present: Joe Lane Cox, Mayor; Jonathan Cox, Mayor Pro-tem, Council members Mike Sosebee, Linda Grant, and Mike Wilson. City Clerk Kim Cornelison, Water and Sewer Superintendent Gary Barr, Planning Director Steve Holder, and City Attorney Dana Miles.

1) Old Cemetery fencing project.

Mayor Cox informed the Council that he has asked the DDA to assist with this project. The essence of the project is to provide decorative wrought iron type fencing around the perimeter of the Dawsonville Cemetery that fronts Hwy. 53 West. Mayor Cox informed the council that the DDA is onboard with assisting in locating family members of those buried there and asking for donations towards the project. In the interim, Mayor Cox asked for permission to utilize some of the funds in the Dawsonville Cemetery account to start the fencing project on that portion that fronts Hwy. 53 West.

Steve Holder presented quotes he has received ranging from \$28.00 to \$165.00 per linear foot. With Xtreme Fencing being the best quote at \$28.00 per foot. The fence has a life-time guarantee and is tubular steel covered in vinyl coated paint. The fence is very pleasing aesthetically and is very durable. Council agreed to place this item on the consent agenda as follows: authorize the mayor to expend funds from the cemetery account and make necessary budget amendments to put fencing along the front of Hwy. 53 utilizing the wrought iron look-alike product sold by Xtreme Fencing.

2) Parade or Public Assembly Application: GRHOF June 2, 2007 Smokin' Thunder Car Show/Music Fest/Community Yard Sale 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Council unanimously agreed to place this item on the consent agenda instructing the Clerk to make the applicant aware that this event must be held solely on the City's property.

3) Parade or Public Assembly Application: GRHOF July 3, 2007 Thunder in the Sky Fire Works, 2 p.m. – after dark.

Council took no action on this item after the City Clerk made them aware that the affected property owner would not consent to any further activities of events being held on their property.

4) Parade or Public Assembly Application: GRHOF July 7, 2007 Smokin' Thunder Car Show/Music Fest/Community Yard Sale 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Council unanimously agreed to place this item on the consent agenda instructing the Clerk to make the applicant aware that this event must be held solely on the City's property.

5) Georgia Power costs to serve wells #108 and #109, located at 1307 and 1311 Shoal Creek Road.

Gary Barr presented a letter from Georgia Power (attached) that provided two pricing options for running the power to the two wells located on the Phillips property the City previously purchased. The price of \$52,288.96 is for Georgia Power to do all work; the second option of \$44,172.69 would be if the City dug the ditches to run the power underground. Staff recommended the second option stating that the property owner could

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dig the ditches and maintain the road at a better rate and more to his personal preference since the ditching will affect a house in the back of the property. Council unanimously authorized the City to expend \$44,172.69 to get the power installed. Cox/Grant.

6) SPLOST Negotiations.

Mayor Cox made the council aware of meetings he has held individually with Commissioner Berg and two other members of the commission regarding SPLOST negotiations. He made the council aware of the City's desire to have \$8 million dollars in SPLOST funding to complete city projects. The proposed SPLOST project list is attached. The way the SPLOST works is that if the City and County reaches an agreement then the SPLOST can be collected for six years. If no agreement is reached, then the City's portion can be based on population only which would equate to approximately 4,000,000, but the SPLOST would only be for five years. Mayor Cox suggested the City authorize Dana Miles to work on SPLOST negotiations with the County and that once an agreement was reached it would be brought back to the Council. Council unanimously agreed with and approved Mayor Cox's suggestion.

7) Logo design

Kim Cornelison asked the Council to reconsider the logo stating that the logo approved earlier this year, with the car and checkered flag, were creating printing, seal, and embroidery problems for employee shirts. While the logo is very sharp, once it is reduced in size to fit on stationary or create a seal – it is too small, or in the case of a seal could not be created.

The Clerk presented another logo option which included a car, but also told the council they could always stay with the former logo of the old courthouse. Council unanimously agreed to return to the City's original courthouse logo. Grant/Wilson.

8) Report: Gary Barr – well projects, land application system project, and lift station project.

Gary Barr presented a report to the Council stating that the wells are coming along nicely and estimated that the power will be installed soon and the two wells located on the Phillips property will be up and running in approximately three weeks.

Several sites have been identified for future well sites and will be looked in to later this year.

Improvements on the land application system are on schedule. The aerators are in the pond and pipe is being laid in the spray fields. The aerators should dramatically improve the smell issue at the pond within a week. W.F. Floyd expects to be completed by June of this year.

The Burts Creek lift station project has been completed with the exception or replacing one bad part on a generator which is on order.

9) Report: Steve Holder – Sidewalk project and parking lot project.

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Steve Holder reported that the blacktop was laid today on the new parking lot for city hall. Striping will take place next week. They will also be moving to the back of the building to lay asphalt for parking at the back of the building.

There has been over 3200 foot of sidewalks installed around the City. Within a week there should be another 800 foot of sidewalks completed. The T.E. Grant is in its final stages and final approval is expected within the next 40 days. This grant will help finish Academy Avenue and Allen Street connecting the schools.

- 10) To hear Annexation Petition ANX07-002: Chad Bearden has made a request to annex 1.3 acres of TMP 091-040. The subject property is located at 28 Bud's Drive. The property is currently zoned RA and will be AP upon annexation.

Mayor Cox made the council aware that the first reading of this annexation was held April 2nd and will be heard a second time May 7, 2007.

- 11) An ordinance to adopt personnel policies of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia; to repeal former personnel policies; to provide for severability; and for other purposes.

Mayor Cox announced that the first reading of the new personnel ordinance will be heard May 7, 2007. There has been collaboration between staff and GMRDC to create the ordinance and Dana Miles has also reviewed the ordinance. The staff has been provided a copy at the last staff meeting.

- 12) To hear Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Events by Design, by and through Jennifer Mineo, CEO, has made an application for a Consumption on the Premises Alcoholic Beverage License for the business, Bella's, located at 11 Hwy. 9 North, Dawsonville, Georgia.

Kim Cornelison told the Council that her background checks were completed and there was no issue to preclude her from being issued a license. Council asked the Clerk to put this item on the agenda as new business.

- 13) Mayor Cox announced that the ticket issue with probate court has been cleared up until the end of this year. Chief Judge Andy Fuller has made arrangements for the Clerk of Superior Court to take the tickets/fines. Mayor Cox also announced that the City will need to complete a new radar ordinance to assist the Sheriff in taking radar readings in the expanded city limits. Finally, the Mayor presented having the Sheriff's code enforcement officer potentially pick up any weekend signage posted in the City over the weekends. Council unanimously agreed to have the code enforcement officer pick up signage. Cox/Grant.

- 13) Adult Literacy Center – in kind support.

City previously agreed to provide curb cut on Hwy. 9 and to furnish the water and sewer. Like many projects, the costs have gone up. The grant has been applied for and awarded at \$500,000 to build the new facility. The costs have gone up to \$798,000 and do not include funds to tie the parking lot in to Hwy. 9, it doesn't include parking for handicapped spaces and few regular spaces, and finally sidewalks from Hwy. 9 down to the building. Mayor Cox

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asked the council for support in providing extra "in-kind" support for this project. Council agreed to place this item on the consent agenda as follows: amending the budget in the approximate amount of \$40,000.00 to accommodate the improvements listed above for the literacy center.

- 14) Jonathan Cox announced that he is working with a group who is interested assisted living center in the City.

Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Cornelison
City Administrator/Clerk



Dear Mayor Cox,

I enjoyed meeting with you and your staff earlier this week in regard to the new well pumps that are located off of Shoal Creek Road. Our work to provide service to these pumps will entail installing two more overhead conductors and replacing some poles for about one half of a mile along Shoal Creek Road, installing 3-phase underground primary cables ~ 1600', and installing two 3-phase pad-mounted transformers on the site of the new pumps. The cost to you to install these facilities is \$52,288.96 if we dig the underground ditch, or \$44,172.69 if you dig the ditch to our specifications. The way we calculate any charges for new facilities is we take the new revenue that the facility will generate in a year and multiply it by our PSC approved numbers (2.5 for underground and 3.5 for overhead). If the revenue multiplied by the underground or overhead number above exceeds the construction cost of the job, there is no charge, which happened on the Maple Street job. If it does not meet or exceed the construction cost, the customer pays the shortfall, which happens in this case. As we discussed on Monday, PSC regulations will not allow the combination of jobs and the associated revenues that are not on the same site to cover a shortfall. However, if there is new load that comes on along the lines that we are installing along Shoal Creek or on the well pump site in the next five years, we can refund a portion or all of the above cost, depending on the revenues of the new load. We will calculate that at the time of the new load. Please let us know when you can provide us with a decision on which method above you would like to choose, and once we receive that payment amount, we can begin construction on the project. We understand the tight timeframe of the project and will get it scheduled as quickly as possible. Please don't hesitate to call with any question. My number is 770-535-6403.

Sincerely,

Jason Manley
Engineering Supervisor
Georgia Power

SPLOST V

Proposed projects of the City of Dawsonville

1	J.C. Burt/Perimeter Road Improvements	1,250,000.00
2	Allen Street Extension	781,832.00
3	Main Street Extension	986,040.00
4	Facilities	2,600,000.00
5	Sidewalks	500,000.00
6	Skatepark	50,000.00
7	Fire Engine	850,000.00
8	Water/Sewer Improvements	1,000,000.00

Total \$8,017,872.00