

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 2008
12:12 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Those present included Council Members Linda Grant, Mike Wilson, Mike Sosebee, Jonathan Cox, and Mayor Joe Lane Cox; staff present were Dana Miles, City Attorney, Kim Cornelison, City Administrator/Clerk, and Gary Barr, Water Superintendent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation was led by Kim Cornelison followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council approved the minutes from the called meeting held December 15, 2008; motion by Linda Grant; second by Mike Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Amendments 2008 year end: Kim Cornelison asked the council for authorization to make any and all necessary budget amendments to the 2008 books for the purpose of balancing and maintaining the budget as is required by Georgia Law. Council unanimously approved authorizing the clerk to make all budget amendments necessary to properly close the 2008 books. Motion by Linda Grant; second by Mike Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

To hear an ordinance to change the fiscal year for the City of Dawsonville; to provide for budgeting and audits in accordance with the new fiscal year; and for other purposes. First hearing December 15; second hearing December 23, 2008.

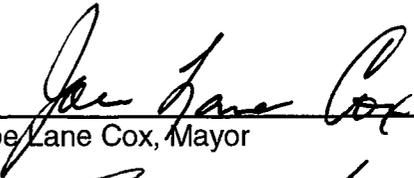
Dana Miles presented an ordinance to amend the fiscal year of the City and opened the public hearing. There were approximately 16 people in attendance and no one spoke in favor or in opposition of the ordinance. Mr. Miles closed the public hearing and turned the matter over to Mayor Cox. The Mayor called for a motion.

Linda Grant made a motion to approve the second reading and adoption of the ordinance; Mike Wilson seconded, the motion carried unanimously. Attached as Exhibit "A".

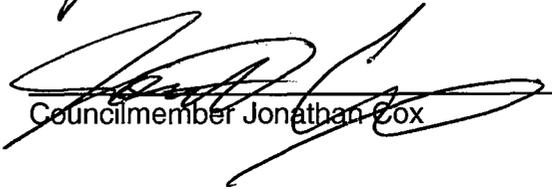
ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Cox read an email from Senator Pearson regarding the meaning of Christmas in these tough economic times.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Linda Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m. Second by Mike Sosebee; the motion carried unanimously.



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor



Councilmember Jonathan Cox

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Councilmember Linda Grant



Councilmember Mike Sosebee



Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested: 

Kim Cornelison, City Clerk

FIRST READING Dec 15, 2008

SECOND READING Dec 23, 2008

PUBLICATION DATES: Dec 10, 2008
Dec 17, 2008

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE; TO PROVIDE FOR BUDGETING AND AUDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW FISCAL YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §6.22 of the Charter of the City of Dawsonville, the City has a fiscal year that runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has the power and authority pursuant to §6.22 of the Charter of the City of Dawsonville to change the fiscal year to a different time frame by ordinance duly and properly passed; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the City of Dawsonville have determined that the operation and management of the City would be more effective and efficient if the fiscal year is changed to a July 1 to June 30 time frame for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the fact that the state of Georgia and other federal and state funding agencies operate on a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year, the budget process will be more efficiently handled in the spring of each year due to the multitude of administrative tasks that compete with budgeting that must be completed at the end of each calendar year, the audit process will be more effective and timely completed due to less conflicts upon the auditors workload, and changing the fiscal year to July 1 - June 30 will not result in the change or modification of any of the City's obligations or liabilities.

Exhibit "A"

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. Change of Fiscal Year to July 1 – July 30.

The fiscal year of the City of Dawsonville is hereby changed to July 1 – July 30 and shall no longer be January 1 – December 31. In order to implement this change, there will be a short fiscal year of January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009. Beginning July 1, 2009 and thereafter, each fiscal year shall begin July 1 of each calendar year and end on June 30 of the following calendar year.

Section 2. Applicability of New Fiscal Year to All Funds and Accounts

The new fiscal year as adopted in Section 1 of this ordinance shall apply to all departments, funds and accounts maintained by the City of Dawsonville, including but not limited to the General Fund, the Water and Sewer Funds, the Cemetery Fund, the Racing Hall of Fame Fund and any other Funds now existing or created in the future by the City.

Section 3. Audit of New Fiscal Year.

The Auditors appointed by the City Council shall timely complete an audit of the short fiscal year of January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 and shall timely complete an audit of the fiscal year of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 and of each fiscal year thereafter.

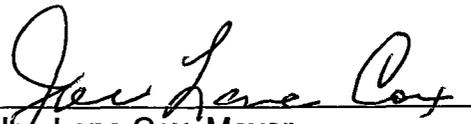
Section 4. Annual Budget Based Upon New Fiscal Year.

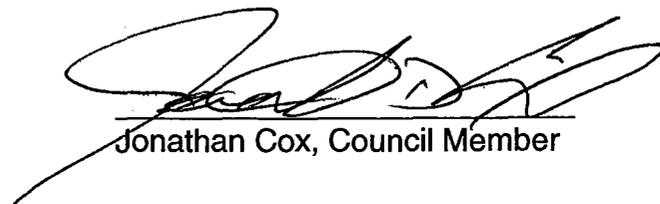
The City Council shall prepare and adopt prior to January 1, 2009 a budget for the short fiscal year of January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009. The City Council shall prepare and adopt prior to July 1, 2009 a budget for the new fiscal year of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 and prior to July 1 of each year thereafter for each subsequent fiscal year. The budget shall be amended by the City Council during each fiscal year as necessitated by the revenues received and expenses incurred in order to arrive at a balanced budget by the end of each fiscal year as required by state law.

Section 5. Repealer and Effective Date.

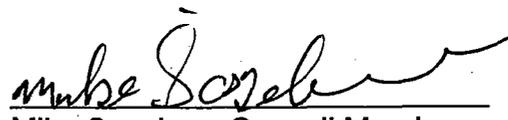
All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall become effective on this upon adoption, the public welfare demanding the same.

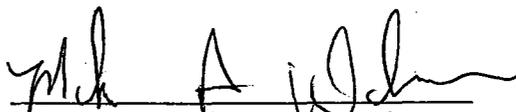
SO ADOPTED by the City Council of Dawsonville, Georgia, this 23 day of December, 2008.


Joe Lane Cox, Mayor


Jonathan Cox, Council Member


Linda Grant, Council Member


Mike Sosebee, Council Member


Mike Wilson, Council Member

Attest:


Kim Cornelison, City Clerk