

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2011
5:00 P.M.**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem W. James Grogan called the regular meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Those present included Mayor Pro-Tem W. James Grogan, Council Members Calvin Byrd, Mike Wilson and Mike Sosebee, Attorney Dana Miles, City Clerk Bonnie Warne, and Gary Barr, Public Works Director. Absent: Mayor Joe Lane Cox.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation was led by James Grogan, followed by the pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda by Mike Sosebee; seconded by Mike Wilson. Vote unanimous in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the September 12, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting by Mike Sosebee; seconded by Mike Wilson. Vote unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proclamation Recognizing October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month: Mayor Pro-Tem Grogan read the proclamation (Exhibit "A") into the minutes and presented it to Ms. Kathy Shelp.

Proclamation Recognizing Retired Educators Day in Georgia as November 6, 2011: Mayor Pro-Tem Grogan read the proclamation (Exhibit "B") into the minutes and presented it to Mr. Nicky Gilleland.

Audit Presentation / FY 2010-11 Financial Statement: Bryan St. Pierre, CPA with Alexander, Almand & Bangs, LLP presented the draft audit report of the City's financial statements of the governmental activities of fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Mr. St. Pierre reported that the audit has a clean opinion with no material misstatements in the financials. Subsequently he went through the details of fund reports throughout the audit pointing out the financial highlights of the year:

- The assets of the City of Dawsonville exceeded its liabilities at the close of the year ending June 30, 2011 by \$ 11,607,847 (net assets).
- The City's net assets decreased by \$ 268,069 for the year ending June 30, 2011 from the prior year. Of this amount, an increase of \$ 243,039 was associated with governmental activities and a decrease of \$ 511,108 with business-type activities. In spite of the nation's economic condition, the City utilized a minimal amount of reserve funds for the year ending June 30, 2011, along with solid fiscal management and expenditure control. In governmental activities, the City continued progress on installation of sidewalks funded through SPLOST IV contributions.
- The City's investment in capital assets, net of related debt, decreased \$ 94,583 or 1.09% for the year ending June 30, 2011.

Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the audit (Attachment "C" in file); seconded by Mike Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ANX-11-032: Larry, Kenneth, Ronald and Ricky Reed have requested annexation into the city limits of Dawsonville for the 1 (+/-) acre parcel at 160 Elliott Village, TMP D06-019. Current zoning is RSR; the applicant will be rezoned as AP (Annexed Property) upon annexation. City Council hearing dates: September 12, 2011 and October 3, 2011

Dana Miles presented the Annexation Petition and subsequently opened the public hearing. There were approximately 8 people in attendance. There being no public comment in favor or opposition, the hearing was closed and the meeting turned back over to the Mayor Pro Tem. Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the second reading of ANX-11-032; Mike Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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ANX-11-033: Wm. Edwin Looper has requested annexation into the city limits of Dawsonville for the 4.24 (+/-) acre parcel at 717 and 757 Perimeter Rd., TMP D05-006. Current zoning is VCR; the applicant will be rezoned as AP (Annexed Property) upon annexation. City Council hearing dates: September 12, 2011 and October 3, 2011

Dana Miles presented the Annexation Petition and subsequently opened the public hearing. There were approximately 8 people in attendance. There being no public comment in favor or opposition, the hearing was closed and the meeting turned back over to the Mayor Pro Tem. Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the second reading of ANX-11-033; Mike Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ANX-11-034: Mary Alise Armstrong has requested annexation into the city limits of Dawsonville for the 1.18 (+/-) acre parcel at 137 Duck Thurmond Rd., TMP 070-023.001. Current zoning is RA; the applicant will be rezoned as AP (ANNEXED PROPERTY) upon annexation. City Council hearing dates: September 12, 2011 and October 3, 2011.

Dana Miles presented the Annexation Petition and subsequently opened the public hearing. There were approximately 8 people in attendance. There being no public comment in favor or opposition, the hearing was closed and the meeting turned back over to the Mayor Pro Tem. Mike Sosebee made a motion to approve the second reading of ANX-11-034; Mike Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

The financial report of account balances through Aug 31st was provided. Bonnie Warne, City Clerk, stated that the LOST Revenue has increased from last years \$66K to \$81K.

Gary Barr, Public Works Director, stated that the holding pond maintenance is almost complete.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Grogan reported that the ½ mile of Flat Creek Road has been paved.

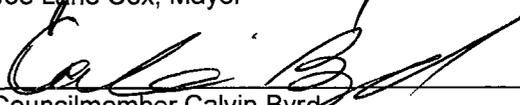
COUNCIL REPORTS: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Mike Wilson/Calvin Byrd.



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor



Councilmember Calvin Byrd



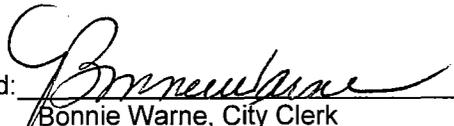
Councilmember W. James Grogan



Councilmember Mike Sosebee



Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested: 

Bonnie Warne, City Clerk



Proclamation

Recognizing October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month



Whereas, individuals with Down syndrome are active citizens who contribute much to the overall quality of life in this community; and

Whereas, greater public awareness and acceptance of these persons will increase their access to education, employment, housing and social and recreational opportunities; and

Whereas, it is the desire of our community to create a place where all people can explore and develop their varied abilities, can enjoy productive work, and can contribute by meaningful participation in the life of the community; and

Whereas, the City of Dawsonville, on behalf of the National Down Syndrome Congress, has worked to secure this proclamation; and

Whereas, it is the goal of the City of Dawsonville to instill positive perceptions of people with Down syndrome;

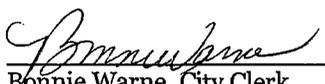
Now therefore, I Joe Lane Cox, do hereby designate October, 2011 National Down Syndrome Awareness Month and encourage all our citizens to promote positive awareness and greater opportunities for persons with Down syndrome, and challenge the citizens of our community to look beyond a person's particular disability, and focus instead upon each person's diverse abilities and contributions to the community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dawsonville to be affixed this 3rd day of October, 2011.



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Attest:



Bonnie Warne, City Clerk



Exhibit "A"



Proclamation

Retired Educators Day

in Georgia

November 6, 2011



WHEREAS: The Governor of the State of Georgia has proclaimed the day of Sunday, November 6, 2011 as Retired Educators Day in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: There are more than 92,000 retired educators in Georgia, 22,000+ of whom are members of the Georgia Retired Educators Association; and

WHEREAS: The retired educators of Georgia donate thousands of hours to volunteer service and make invaluable contributions to the welfare of their respective communities across the state; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate that a day be designated for citizens to express their appreciation for the contributions that retired educators have made and continue to make the betterment of human lives and for society; and

WHEREAS: Local churches will recognize those lasting contributions made by retired Educators in this community; now

THEREFORE: I, Joe Lane Cox, Mayor of Dawsonville, Georgia do hereby proclaim the day of November 6, 2011, as "RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY IN GEORGIA" and I call upon the citizens of Dawsonville to observe that day in an appropriate manner honoring retired educators.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dawsonville to be affixed this 3rd day of October, 2011.



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Attest:



Bonnie Warne, City Clerk



Exhibit "B"