

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2012
5:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Lane Cox called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Chris Gaines was sworn in to office as Council Member by his father Jim Gaines; he subsequently executed the oath of office. Exhibit "A".

Jason Power was sworn in to office as Council Member by City Attorney Dana Miles; he subsequently executed the oath of office. Exhibit "B".

City Attorney Dana Miles administered the oath of office to Bonnie Warne as the City Clerk. Exhibit "C"

ROLL CALL: Those present included Mayor Cox, Councilmembers Calvin Byrd, Jason Power, W. James Grogan and Chris Gaines, Attorney Dana Miles, Bonnie Warne, Nalita Copeland, Sara Beacham, Betty McGehee, Gary Barr, Jacob Barr and Trampas Hansard.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation was led by Chris Gaines, followed by the pledge.

AMEND AGENDA: Mayor Cox requested to amend the agenda to add discussion for suggested names to appoint on the Planning Commission. James Grogan moved to amend agenda to include Planning Commission as an item; seconded by Calvin Byrd. Motion was carried unanimously to amend agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Chris Gaines/Calvin Byrd. Vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve the minutes December 5, 2011 as written by Calvin Byrd; seconded by James Grogan. Vote was unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

FEMA Maps: Mayor Cox informed the Council that a few homeowners on Pearl Chambers Drive have called inquiring into flood insurance. It was found that the FEMA maps need to be corrected at these townhomes. Kyle Bowen worked on it previously but does not have the paperwork on it. Turnipseed Engineers has been contacted to complete this.

Dawsonville History Museum Lease – renew for 2012: James Grogan motioned to amend the sub-lease to review the electric bill part of the rent in 6 months and adjust accordingly for the museum. Jason Power seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously in favor with amendment.

Board of Elections: Request for possible use of logo of Old Courthouse on plaque: Chris Gaines motioned to allow the Board of Elections to use the city's old courthouse logo for their plaques. Jason Power seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Mayor Cox mentioned that the council will need to select names to appoint to the DDA Board at the next council meeting. Suggestions are: Tommy McKee and Sid Manning.

Boards for Council: Mayor Cox appointed the following for 2012. Chris Gaines to DDA, Jason Power to Board of Health, James Grogan to GRHOF, Calvin Byrd to GMRC/DOT.

Trainings: Council training for James Grogan on Jan. 21, 2012 and Clerk training for Bonnie Warne on Feb. 6 and 7, 2012. Motion to approve attending trainings by Jason Power; seconded by Calvin Byrd. Vote was approved unanimously.

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Planning Commission: Mayor Cox mentioned that the council will need to select names to appoint to the Planning Commission at the next council meeting. Suggestions are: Mike Wilson and Julia Cody.

STAFF REPORT:

Bonnie Warne, City Clerk, informed the Council that the accounts on the financial report as of Nov. 30 are balanced. The revenue received from the L.O.S.T. was \$65K, that's \$2K more revenue than last year. The fund revenue verses expenses all have more revenue coming in than expenses but the enterprise fund, which we continue to try to keep costs down and are looking into the water and sewer rates. She informed the council that Nalita Copeland has provided an Activity Around Town for July-Dec. 2011 of permits and licenses.

Gary Barr, Public Works Director stated that all is running good with the water. They are running extra testing on the sewer to figure out a few problems. He stated that on the sidewalks at Hwy. 53 West, everything is supposed to be approved except the crosswalk which they need to get a count on pedestrians.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

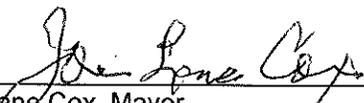
Mayor Cox asked everyone to join the City in welcoming our newest Council Members at the reception in the adjoining room as the Council finishes their executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

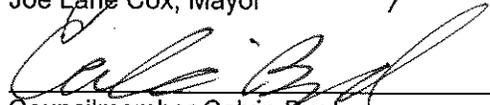
At 5:30 p.m. the council motioned to go out of regular session and to go into executive session for the purpose of pending litigation; the motion carried unanimously; Byrd/Power.

At 6:20 p.m. the council motioned to close executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Grogan/Power.

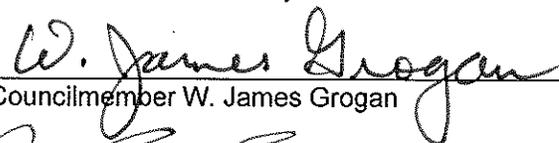
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; Byrd/Gaines.



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor



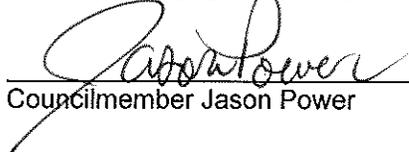
Councilmember Calvin Byrd



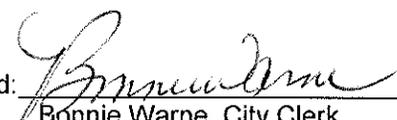
Councilmember W. James Grogan



Councilmember Chris Gaines



Councilmember Jason Power

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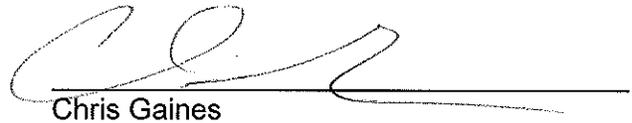
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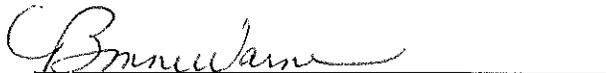
"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Georgia; that I will in all respects observe the provisions of the Charter and ordinances of the City of Dawsonville; and I will faithfully discharge the duties of councilmember. So help me God."

So affirmed in the presence of the Mayor and Council of the City of Dawsonville, this 9th day of January 2012, at the regular meeting of the City Council held at 5:00 p.m., in the G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers, 415 Hwy. 53 East, Suite 100, Dawsonville, GA 30534.



Chris Gaines

Witness:



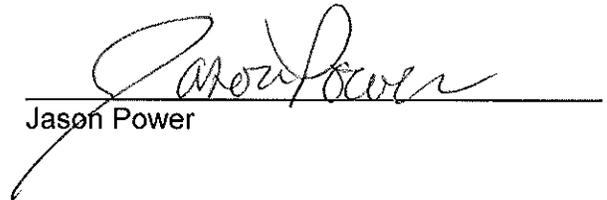
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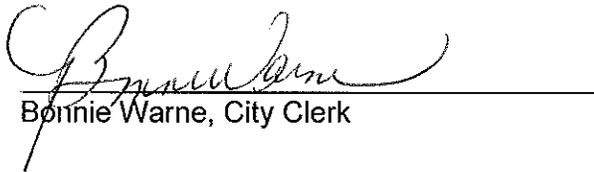
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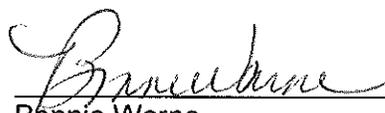
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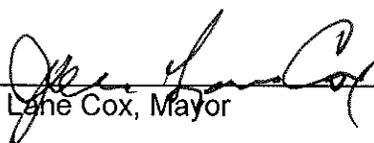
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Bonnie Warne

Witness:



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor, Calvin Byrd, Council Member; Chris Gaines, Council Member; James Grogan; Council Member and Jason Power, Council Member; being duly sworn, state under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1.
The City of Dawsonville Council met in a duly advertised meeting on the 9 day of January, 2012.

2.
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.
The executive session was called to order at 5:30 a.m. (p.m.)

4.
The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

- Consultation with the City Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or any officer or employee or in which the City or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);
- Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____;
- Discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);
- Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6);
- Other _____ as provided in: _____.

This 6 day of February, 2012.

City of Dawsonville, Mayor and council

Joe Lane Cox Joe Lane Cox, Mayor Calvin Byrd Calvin Byrd, Council Member Chris Gaines Chris Gaines, Council Member

W. James Grogan W. James Grogan, Council Member Jason Power Jason Power, Council Member

Bonnie M. Warne
Bonnie Warne, City Clerk
Notary Public

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of February, 2012.

My Commission expires: June 14, 2013

