

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2013
5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor W. James Grogan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor James Grogan, Councilmember Mike Sosebee, Councilmember Jason Power, Councilmember Angie Smith, Councilmember Chris Gaines, City Attorney Dana Miles, City Clerk Bonnie Warne, Gary Barr and Russ Chambers. Also in attendance is DDA Chair Nick Nicodemus, County Chair Mike Berg and Brooke Anderson of Etowah Water.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation and pledge was led by Mike Sosebee.

AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda: M. Sosebee/J. Power. Vote unanimous in favor.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 1, 2013: J. Power/ A. Smith Vote unanimous in favor.

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION: Motion to approve the minutes of the work session held April 24, 2013: A. Smith/J. Power Vote unanimous in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Compensation for Elected Officials – Tabled for further research to be done: Gaines/Power

NEW BUSINESS:

Service Delivery Strategy with Etowah Water Authority: C. Gaines motioned to approve the attorney to draft a Service Delivery Strategy on the Water and Sewer Service Area and the Mayor to negotiate with Etowah Water Authority. Seconded by J. Power. Motion approved unanimously.

Georgia Reservoir Presentation: Scott Cole presented a power point presentation on a proposed Calhoun Creek to the Mayor and Council.

Property and Liability Insurance: Mayor Grogan informed the Council that after researching the property and liability insurance both with other companies and re-quoting with the existing insurance company GIRMA, the City rate was reduced and will receive a premium refund of \$105,971 over 3 years.

Proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week: Mayor Grogan read a proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week May 5 through 11, 2013.

Water / Sewer Write-offs: Mayor Grogan spoke on the utility billing accounts spreadsheet of outstanding balances from terminated accounts created by Betty McGehee, Utility Billing Clerk. These are terminated accounts through March 2013 that have not been paid. Betty continues to work on collecting the unpaid debt. Council approved authorizing the uncollected debt of \$1880.54 to be written off of the books and for Betty to track the collection write offs: J. Power/ M. Sosebee. The motion carried unanimously. Exhibit "A"

GDOT 2013 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Bids: Bids presented on the sidewalk project from Tucker Ave to E. 1st St. of \$21,802 and \$34,989. Council motioned to approve the \$21,802 bid and to amend the budget: M. Sosebee/J. Power. Motion passed unanimously in favor. Exhibit "B"

Refinance Water & Sewer Bond Loans: After presentations at the Work Session on April 24th from Merchant Capital and Kidwell & Company, Council motioned to refinance the 7 water and sewer bond loans through Merchant Capital: C. Gaines/ A. Smith. Motion passed unanimously in favor.

Principal Payment on United Community Bank Loan: the City Auditor recommended that with the City having the funds available in reserve in the general fund, for the city to make an additional principal payment on the DDA loan and establish a policy to make future additional principal payments. A savings of \$56,000 in interest. Council approved making a \$200,000 principal payment on the DDA loan and amend the general fund budget \$200,000: J. Power/M. Sosebee. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

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Millage Rate for Budget Purposes: Mayor Grogan requested the millage rate be rolled back so we do not have to levy a tax in the City. J. Power motioned to approve rolling back the millage rate to zero; A. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

Safety Grant: Russ Chambers presented the Safety Grant that was submitted on April 15 to the GIRMA Board for \$6000 and was approved for items like safety colored shirts, eye wash stations and blood spill kits.

Amend DDA Geographical Area: Attorney Miles spoke on the current geographical area of the Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority District and recommended expanding it by resolution for the next meeting. J. Power motioned to approve drafting a resolution; seconded by M. Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ANX 13-001: Mark Byrd on behalf of Hattie Kincaid has made a request to annex 1.391 +/- acres of TMP 094 047. The subject property is located at 1495 HWY 9 S. The property is currently zoned RSR (Residential Sub-Rural) and will be R1 (Restricted Single Family Residential) upon annexation. Second/Final Reading

Public hearing motion to open was made by C. Gaines/J. Power. There were approximately 25 people in attendance. Attorney Dana Miles presented the application. Nobody spoke in favor or opposition. J. Power /A. Smith motioned to close the public hearing and the meeting was turned over to the Mayor. Motion made to approve the final reading of ANX 13-001 with rezone of R1 by M. Sosebee/A. Smith. Vote was unanimous in favor.

To Amend Article II of the Utilities Ordinance of the City of Dawsonville Georgia Related to the Regulation of High Strength Wastewater, Surcharges For High Strength Wastewater and Testing and Measurement of Wastewater; To Provide For Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes. First Reading

Motion to open for the reading of the ordinance was made by J. Power/ C. Gaines. Attorney Dana Miles spoke on the first reading of the amendment to the utilities ordinance at the recommendation of the City engineer. There were approximately 25 people in attendance. Mike Sheetz, Gold Creek Foods, requested a copy of the ordinance. Motion to close ordinance first reading by A. Smith/ J. Power.

ANX 13-002: Mark Sosebee has made a request to annex 1.53 +/- acres of TMP D05 024. The subject property is located at 742 HWY 9 N. Current zoning is VCR (Vacation Cottage Restricted). Applicant requests to rezone to CIR (Restricted Industrial Commercial District) upon annexation with rezone. First Reading

ZA-03-13-46162: Mark Sosebee Realty has requested a zoning map amendment with a petition for annexation for the 1.53 acres at TMP D05 024, located at 742 Hwy 9 North. Current zoning is VCR (Vacation Cottage Restricted). Applicant requests to rezone to CIR (Restricted Industrial Commercial District). TABLED by Planning Commission

Mike Sosebee recused himself on the two requests. Notice of the request to annex and rezone was sent to Dawson County and to date the City has received no response. Motion to open the public hearing and combine the readings to be heard together: J. Power/A. Smith. There were approximately 25 people in attendance. Attorney Dana Miles presented the applications. Nobody spoke in favor. Ms. Whitmire and Mr. Singleton spoke in opposition. A. Smith/J. Power motioned to close the public hearing and the meeting was turned over to the Mayor. No action taken on the first readings.

REPORTS:

Financial Report: Bonnie Warne, City Clerk, reported that all of the bank accounts are in good standing and balance through March 2013 and the revenue and expenses are in budget. Bonnie informed Council that we have received the first monthly check on the TAVT Ad Valorem in March of \$1628.22.

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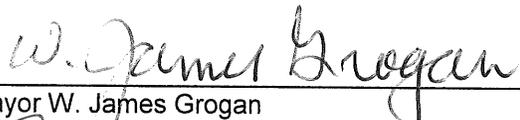
Public Works Report: Gary informed Council that all is running smoothly in the water, sewer and roads department. The sidewalk project is almost complete.

Council Reports: Angie Smith stated that the Family Connection Celebrity Waiter fund-raiser is on June 7th. Chris Gaines mentioned that the DDA held a Town Hall meeting on April 30 which revealed ideas with a great foundation for a thriving city. The final plan will be in about 30-45 days.

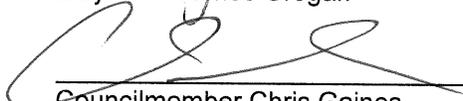
Mayor's Report: Mayor Grogan reported that he had a meeting with GDOT and they plan to help to slow down traffic and the flow. The GMA Municipal Conference in Savannah starts June 21st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

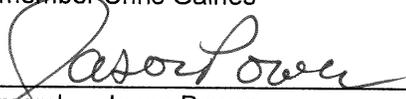
ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to attend to, motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. by J. Power/A. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.



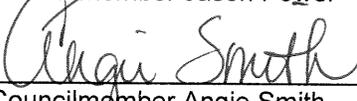
Mayor W. James Grogan



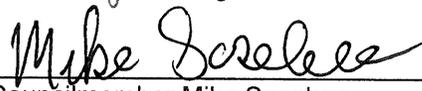
Councilmember Chris Gaines



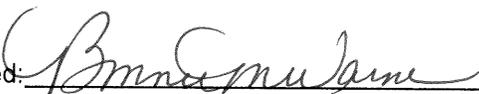
Councilmember Jason Power



Councilmember Angie Smith



Councilmember Mike Sosebee

Attested: 

Bonnie Warne, City Clerk

Terminated Accounts/Lost Revenue

Total # of Accounts = 1015

of Accounts to be written off = 11

1.1 % to be written off as of May 6, 2013 City Council Meeting

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Service Address</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>	<u># of Calls</u>	<u># of Letters/ Bills</u>	<u>Reason for Termination</u>
December -2012						
3901	Samantha Stevens	524 Hwy 53 West	\$6.55	4	10	Final Bill Not Paid
January -2013						
<u>Account #</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Service Address</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>			<u>Reason for Termination</u>
4130	JONATHAN MILLWOOD	201 PEARL CHAMBERS DR	\$177.90	0	9	
3932	KRIS MABREY	5 HWY 9 S	\$78.65	1	7	Customer Terminated Account- Did not pay Last Bill
4231	KARLYN ROBERTS	439 HWY 9 N	\$203.80	1	8	Terminated due to non-payment
4248	TOMMY LANDRUM	147 PEARL CHAMBERS DR	\$35.40	0	4	Account Terminated per Property Owner - Midnight Mover - Final Bill Not Paid
February -2013						
<u>Account #</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Service Address</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>			<u>Reason for Termination</u>
4046	OTIS MOYE	315 BURTS CROSSING	\$153.41	3	5	Terminated due to non-payment
4226	CANDINA LEE	124 ROBINSON RD	\$148.53	4	8	Terminated due to non-payment
4230	PAUL BUTKA	515 HWY 53 WEST	\$288.01	1	6	Midnight Mover- No Forwarding Address
March -2013						
<u>Account #</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Service Address</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>			<u>Reason for Termination</u>
4198	BALLEY ROGERS	2608 HICKORY LN -B9	\$429.41	4	9	Locked Off due to non-payment - Midnight Mover
2085	MINDY VINES	101 RICHMOND DR	\$334.29	2	8	Locked Off due to non-payment - Midnight Mover
4067	JESSICA LEONARD	35 PEARL CHAMBERS DR	\$24.59	0	6	Final Bill Not Paid
Total Write off Request from December 2012 - March 2013 =			\$1,880.54			
Total Water =			\$409.58			
Total Sewer =			\$693.90			
Total Garbage =			\$257.88			
Total Penalty =			\$519.18			
Total To Be Written Off=			\$1,880.54			

LMIG Sidewalk Grant Application

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
431'	5' Sidewalk (+/-)	<u>5,878.00</u>
	How Thick? <u>4"</u>	
	What Pound Mix? <u>3500 lb</u>	
430'	Curb & Gutter (+/-)	<u>3,879.00</u>
2	Driveway Entrance	<u>1,200.00</u>
4	Handicap Mats (push-in concrete)	<u>800.00</u>
<u>430</u>	Road Saw Cuts (+/-)	<u>862.00</u>
3	Drop Inlets	<u>1,950.00</u>
1	Curb Hood on Tucker Ave.	<u>800.00</u>
<u>140</u>	Pipe (+/-)	<u>1,833.00</u>
2	Crosswalks (Painted Thermo Plastic Striping)	<u>1,500.00</u>
	Grading	<u>1,500.00</u>
	Landscape (Dirt, Grass, Haying)	<u>1,600.00</u>
TOTAL: \$		<u>21,802.00</u>

Submitted by: James Peto, Tracey

Date: _____

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<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
431'	5' Sidewalk (+/-) \$3.93 per Ft How Thick? <u>4"</u> What Pound Mix? <u>Class B 3000psi</u>	<u>\$8469.15</u>
430'	Curb & Gutter (+/-) \$15.00 per Ft	<u>\$6450.00</u>
2	Driveway Entrance	<u>\$1400.00</u>
4	Handicap Mats (push-in concrete)	<u>\$1060.00</u>
	Road Saw Cuts (+/-) 2.50 per Ft	<u>\$500.00</u>
3	Drop Inlets	<u>\$5700.00</u>
1	Curb Hood on Tucker Ave.	<u>\$800.00</u>
	Pipe (+/-) 15" \$42.00 per Ft	<u>\$3360.00</u>
2	Crosswalks (Painted Thermo Plastic Striping)	<u>\$1800.00</u>
	Grading	<u>\$3475.00</u>
	Landscape (Dirt, Grass, Haying)	<u>\$1975.00</u>
TOTAL:		\$ <u>34,989.15</u>

Submitted by: Jerry Townley Concrete, Inc.

Date: 4/1/13