

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2015
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 Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Dana Miles, City Clerk Bonnie Warne, Public Works Director Gary Barr, Public Works Assoc. Russ Chambers and Roads Dept. Trampas Hansard.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Invocation and pledge was led by Caleb Phillips.

AGENDA: Motion to delete oath of office on agenda by: M. Sosebee/A. Smith. Vote carried unanimously. Motion to approve the agenda by: J. Power/C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 6, 2015 and the called meeting work session held April 20, 2015 by: M. Sosebee/J. Power. Vote carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

Quotes for Dawsonville Municipal Complex Air Conditioner Repair/Replacement: Quotes were received for a new air conditioner unit from TLC Heating and Cooling \$9879, Jerry Dempsey HVAC \$15,800, and Setpoint HVAC \$8650. Motion to approve purchase from Setpoint HVAC at \$8650 by: C. Phillips/J. Power. Vote carried unanimously in favor. Exhibit "A"

Proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week: Mayor Grogan read a proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week May 3 - 9, 2015. Exhibit "B"

Roll Back Millage Rate – No City Tax in FY 2015-16 Budget: Mayor Grogan requested to roll back the millage rate and not levy a tax in the City in FY 2015-16. Motion to approve rolling back the millage rate for FY 2015-16 Budget by: J. Power/A. Smith. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Enforcement 2015: Attorney Miles presented the proposed draft of the IGA on Animal Control Enforcement which the County Marshal is to provide animal control in the City. Motion to approve the IGA by: A. Smith/C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. City Clerk is to send the signed copy of IGA to the DCBOC.

Economic Development Grant: Attorney Miles presented the proposed draft resolution on the annual grant program to be administered by the DDA to consider or make changes to. Motion to table for further review until the May 18 meeting by: A. Smith/J. Power. Vote carried unanimously.

Discussion on Revitalization Plan: J.B. Nick Nicodemus spoke to the Council on the revitalization of downtown, especially the need to detour trucks out of downtown. He also mentioned a possible ordinance to remove junk cars on lots. Mayor Grogan spoke on the strides in the revitalization plan: speed was reduced to 55 mph in downtown, GDOT created round-about (which the painting and signage needs fixed), a turn lane was created at HWY 9/53 at Pizza Shop, the City is looking at opening some streets to create downtown parking and move parking behind the buildings, we are waiting for permits by GDOT to put in more downtown sidewalks, the façade grant program was created, the merchant business group was created but lacked participation, discussion with

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GA Power on moving the power poles behind the buildings which requires easements, agreements with property owners, Windstream, and others and has an estimated cost of \$250-300,000.

PUBLIC HEARING:

An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of Dawsonville Related To City Commissions And Authorities; To Provide For An Attendance Requirement For Members Appointed To Commissions And Authorities; And For Other Purposes. First Reading 4/6 and Second Reading 5/4

Attorney Dana Miles presented the second reading of the ordinance. Motion to open the public hearing was unanimous in favor: A. Smith/M. Sosebee. Nobody spoke in favor or opposition. A. Smith/M. Sosebee motioned to close the public hearing, vote carried unanimously, and the meeting was turned over to the Mayor. Motion made to approve the ordinance by M. Sosebee/C. Phillips. Motion carried unanimously in favor. Exhibit "D"

Staff Reports: City Clerk Bonnie Warne informed Council that all the bank accounts are balanced through March 2015. The revenue and expenditures show the Enterprise Fund has revenue at 74% and expenditures at 76%. All other accounts are in budget. The Activity Around Town report from planning & zoning for March and April shows that 140 businesses renewed and 22 closed with 6 new businesses opened so far in 2015. There are 55 construction regulatory licenses issued. 20 residential and 2 commercial permits issued. 5 event applications received. Gary Barr, Public Works Director, reported that all is good. The City also installed 2 speed table bumps in Burt's Crossing.

Council/Mayor Reports: Mayor Grogan spoke on the 'If I Were Mayor' writing contest. The Mayor presented Russ Chambers with the GA Assoc. of Water Professionals Gold Award for meeting/exceeding the permit requirements. Jason Power stated that a Health Board Meeting will be held in the morning. Angie Smith reported that Gil Massey resigned from the Historic Preservation Commission. Mayor Grogan read the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and presented it to City Clerk Bonnie Warne.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business to attend to the regular meeting closed and adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously; A. Smith/J. Power.



Mayor W. James Grogan

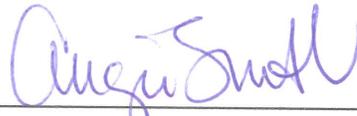


Councilmember Caleb Phillips

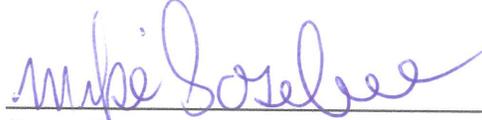


Councilmember Jason Power

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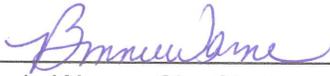


Councilmember Angie Smith



Councilmember Mike Sosebee

Attested:



Bonnie Warne, City Clerk

Proclamation

*Municipal Clerks Week
May 3 through May 9, 2015*

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

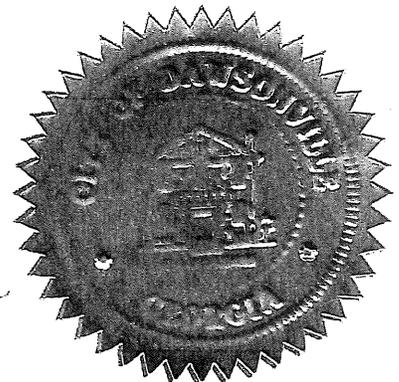
Now, Therefore, I, W. James Grogan, Mayor of the City of Dawsonville, do recognize the week of May 3 through May 9, 2015, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Bonnie Warne and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2015.

Attest:

W. James Grogan
W. James Grogan, Mayor

Bonnie Warne
Bonnie Warne, City Clerk



FIRST READING 4-6-2015
SECOND READING 5-4-2015
PUBLICATION DATES 4-22-2015
4-29-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF DAWSONVILLE RELATED TO CITY COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERS APPOINTED TO COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Dawsonville has via ordinance created certain commissions, including but not limited to the Planning Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, an attendance policy requirement was adopted for the Planning Commission by Ordinance adopted on July 11, 2005 and is now part of the Code of the City at Section 2502.1 requiring inter alia that the Commission members attend at least 75% of the meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this same 75% attendance requirement apply to all City Commissions and Authorities as regular attendance at meetings by appointed members is a critical and essential function of the duties bestowed upon Commissions and Authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City has further determined that it is necessary to adopt an attendance policy for all Commissions and Authorities similar to that of the Planning Commission to best ensure the efficient and competent administration of the duties of all Commissions and Authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City has further determined that a material violation of such an attendance policy should constitute due cause for removal from a Commission or Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Dawsonville hereby ordains:

Section 1. Attendance Policy.

All Commissions and Authorities of the City of Dawsonville, including but not limited to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Downtown Development Authority, but excluding the Planning Commission which is already covered by a parallel ordinance, shall be required to attend at least 75% of the meetings during any calendar year in which the member is serving. If a Commission or Authority member serves for less than a calendar year due to the

time of their appointment, said newly appointed member shall attend at least 75% of the meetings from the date of their appointment until the end of the calendar year. Failure to attend the minimum number of meetings during a calendar year or a partial calendar year in the case of a newly appointed member may constitute due cause for removal.

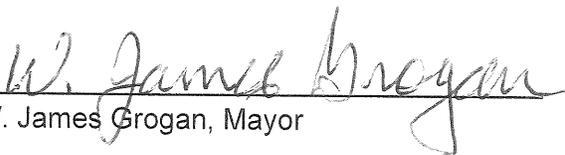
Section 2. Repealer and Restatement.

All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed. However, to the extent not in conflict, all remaining ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof shall not be amended or repealed and shall remain in full force and effect, except as expressly stated in this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date.

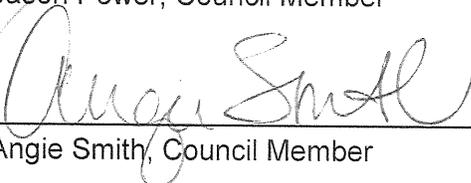
These regulations shall take effect and be in force from and after the adoption, the public welfare demanding it.

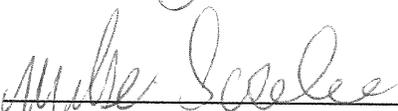
SO ADOPTED, this 4th day of May, 2015 by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia.


W. James Grogan, Mayor

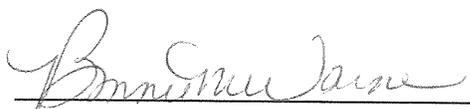

Caleb Phillips, Council Member


Jason Power, Council Member


Angie Smith, Council Member


Mike Sosebee, Council Member

ATTESTED TO BY:


Bonnie Warne, City Clerk