

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, November 18, 2024
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember William Illg, Councilmember Sandy Sawyer, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Jonah Howell, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utility Director Jacob Barr, Finance Director Robin Gazaway and Planning Director Ron Haynie.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember Sawyer.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Walden invited residents to come out for the Christmas Tree Lighting, Parade and Jingle Market on November 23, 2024. He also invited them to celebrate the 165th Anniversary of the City on December 2, 2024 at the Gordon Pirkle Room from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Councilmember Sawyer announced Family Connections is holding a poverty simulation on November 20, 2024 at Veteran's Memorial Park at 1:00 pm.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a,b) made by W. Illg; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held October 21, 2024
 - b. Approve 2025 Meeting Calendar (Exhibit "A")
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** The Mayor and Council recognized Steven McNeal as the October Employee of the Month and Sara Beacham for sixteen years of service.

BUSINESS

9. **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:** Motion made by C. Phillips to make the following appointments to Planning Commission:
 - Randy Davis to Post 3 (moved from Member at Large): Fulfilling the unexpired term of Sandra Sawyer through 12/31/2026
 - Josh Nichols to Post 2 (reappointment): Term 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2027
 - Ashley Stephenson to Post 1 (clean-up): Term extended through 12/31/2026
 - Madison Eiberger to Post 1: Fulfilling the unexpired term of Alexis Noggle through 12/31/2024 and new term for 01/01/2025 – 01/01/2027
 - Dr. Saba Haeringer to Member at Large: Fulfilling the unexpired term of Randy Davis through 12/31/2024 and new term for 01/01/2025 – 01/01/2027

Second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

10. **BID SELECTION: SHELTER FOR MAIN STREET PARK:** Motion to award the bid selection to Jeff Register Building & Truss in the amount of \$24,999.00 to be paid out partially by the grant funds received from Amicalola EMC to the Downtown Development Authority (\$20,000) and the balance from SPLOST VII made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR MAYOR & COUNCIL RETREAT:** Mayor Walden called a Special Called Meeting for the City Council to be held on Friday, December 13, 2024 and Saturday, December 14, 2024 for the purpose of a Mayor and Council retreat. The meeting will be held at the Amicalola Lodge located at 418 Amicalola Falls Road in Dawsonville, Georgia beginning at 8:30 am on December 13, 2024.

WORK SESSION – No items

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STAFF REPORTS

- 12. **BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:** Bolz reported there was one leak adjustment totaling \$107.05 and he expressed the value of the new meter reading system which is able to catch leaks immediately.
- 13. **ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Financial reports representing fund balances and activity through October 31, 2024 were provided in the packet,

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Illg stated his excitement for the upcoming Christmas event at the City. Mayor Walden announced he was a Principal for a Day at Robinson Elementary School and has gained a new appreciation for teachers. He also announced he and Councilmember French attended two HOA meetings to become more engaged with the community and an opportunity to share what the City is doing. Councilmember Sawyer stated herself and Downtown Director Edmondson will be attending the Family Connection Poverty Simulation with Leadership Dawson. She also reminded residents of new downtown businesses and encouraged the community to come out and visit them. In closing, Mayor Walden wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hopes everyone can be thankful for their friends and family.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:15 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. French; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 2nd day of December 2024

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



John Walden, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



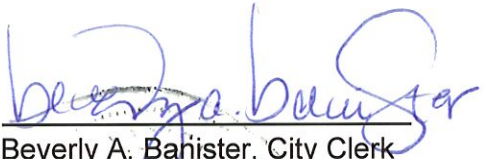
William Illg, Councilmember Post 2



Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attest: 

Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk





City of Dawsonville 2025 Meeting Schedule

January

January 9	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting
January 13	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
January 27	5:30 pm	Downtown Development Authority

July

July 14	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
July 21	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session
July 28	5:30 pm	Downtown Development Authority

February

February 3	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting
February 10	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
February 24	5:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission

August

August 4	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting
August 11	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
August 18	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session
August 25	5:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission

March

March 3	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting
March 10	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
March 17	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session
March 24	5:30 pm	Downtown Development Authority

September

September 8	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting
September 15	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
September 22	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session
September 29	5:30 pm	Downtown Development Authority

April

April 7	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting
April 14	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
April 21	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session
April 28	5:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission

October

October 13	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
October 20	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session
October 27	5:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission

May

May 5	5:00 pm	Regular Meeting
May 8	5:30 pm	Downtown Development Authority
May 12	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
May 19	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session

November

November 3	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting
November 6	5:30 pm	Downtown Development Authority
November 10	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
November 17	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session

June

June 2	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting
June 9	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
June 16	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session
June 23	5:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission

December

December 1	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting
December 2	5:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission
December 8	5:30 pm	Planning Commission
December 15	5:00 pm	City Council Regular Meeting & Work Session