

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Monday, February 15, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Mike Eason called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Stephen Tolson, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Planning Director David Picklesimer, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard and Finance Administrator Robin Gazaway.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Tolson.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason announced City Hall remains closed due to the rise in coronavirus cases, however, there has been recent improvement in the numbers, and he hopes to return to in-person meetings in March.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** No comments from the public.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a, b) made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting held February 1, 2021
 - b. Approve GA Fund 1 Resolution
8. **RECOGNITION OF NANCY STITES, DIRECTOR OF FAMILY CONNECTION:** Councilmember Tolson provided a brief overview of the services provided by Dawson County Family Connection. He praised the work, dedication and vision Nancy Stites has contributed in her fifteen (15) years of service as their Director.

BUSINESS

9. **ZA-C2100098:** Tanco Investments, LLC has requested a zoning amendment for TMP D03 012 Located at 315 Highway 9 North and TMP D03 013 Located at 373 Highway 9 North consisting of 4.09 acres from HB (Highway Business District) to R6 (Multiple-Family Residential District). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on January 11, 2021 and City Council on February 1, 2021. City Council for a decision on February 15, 2021.

Planning Director Picklesimer read the zoning amendment request and presented the stipulations as approved by the Planning Commission. He also stated no opposition was heard from anyone during the public hearings.

Motion made by C. Phillips to approve the zoning amendment as presented with the following stipulations:

- Install a privacy fence at the back of lots 10, 11 and 12
- Install brick, rock and hardie board to the front of all Town Homes and entrance monument shall be the same rock and brick material

Second by M. French. Vote resulted in a tie with two in favor (Phillips, French) and two opposed (Tolson, Walden). Mayor Eason broke the tie by voting in favor and the motion carried.

10. **VA-C2100098:** Tanco Investments, LLC has requested the following variances for TMP D03 012 Located at 315 Highway 9 North and TMP D03 013 Located at 373 Highway 9 North for lot width on 2,5,8,11, 14, 17, 20 and 23 will be reduced from 28' feet to 22' wide. Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on January 11, 2021 and City Council on February 1, 2021. City Council for a decision on February 15, 2021.

Planning Director Picklesimer read the variance amendment request and stated the Planning Commission approved the variance.

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Motion to approve the variance amendment request as presented made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote resulted in a tie with two in favor (Phillips, French) and two opposed (Tolson, Walden). Mayor Eason broke the tie by voting in favor and the motion carried.

- 11. An Ordinance To Amend Section 2-110 To Provide For Revised Connection Fee For A Water Line For Fire Suppression And Firefighting; And For Other Purposes. (First Reading: February 1, 2021; Second Reading and Adoption: February 15, 2021)**

Planning Director Picklesimer read the second reading of the ordinance.

Motion to approve the ordinance as presented made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (Exhibit "A")

STAFF REPORT

- 12. BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:** City Manager Bolz had no additions to his report as provided in the agenda packet. He answered questions regarding the leak adjustments.

- 13. ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR:** Financial reports representing fund balances and activity provided through January 31, 2021. No questions or comments from Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:29 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for potential litigation and personnel was made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 5:43 p.m. a motion to close executive session and resume regular session was made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

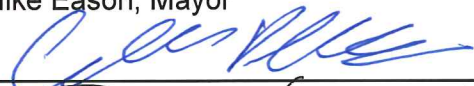
At 5:44 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Minutes approved at the March 1, 2021 City Council meeting.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post 2



John Walden, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested:



Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

Subject Matter: Connection Fee for Fire Line
Date of First Reading: February 1, 2021
Date of Second Reading: February 15, 2021
Date of Adoption: February 15, 2021

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-2021

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-110 TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED
CONNECTION FEE FOR A WATER LINE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND
FIREFIGHTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Dawsonville authorizes the creation, ownership, and maintenance of a water utility and for the City to fix charges and rates therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Dawsonville further authorizes the City to adopt regulations related to fire prevention and firefighting;

WHEREAS, there are instances where the necessary demand for the prevention and fighting of fire do not correspond to the normal and anticipated uses of water for a given business or establishment;

WHEREAS, the costs and expenses associated with certain infrastructure as currently assessed when the infrastructure is required for firefighting or suppression but not normal anticipated use of a business or establishment could be a deterrent to economic growth in the City of Dawsonville;

WHEREAS, the City of Dawsonville desires to promote and encourage responsible economic growth and business development, while maintaining appropriate and necessary firefighting infrastructure in place;

AND WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to amend the City water connection fees consistent with the above stated goals and consistent with the powers granted to the City in its Charter;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE
HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1.

Section 2-110 of Chapter 2, Article IV of the Code of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia, is hereby amended by adding there to the following language to subsection (7) Water Service Connection Fees pursuant to § 14-23(a) of the Code of the City of Dawsonville Georgia:

14-23(a). Water service connection fees (times the number of connections desired):

2" through 8" (fire line only to be used in the event of a firefighting/fire suppression; unauthorized use requires payment of standard connection fee)	\$3,500.00
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SECTION 2.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the assessment of the minimum monthly service charge otherwise called for pursuant to the Code of the City of Dawsonville regardless of whether the connection is utilized in a given month.

SECTION 3.

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage hereof, the public good demanding it.

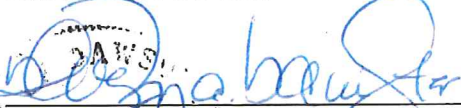
SO ADOPTED AND ORDAINED by the City Council of Dawsonville, Georgia, this 15th day of February, 2021.

**MAYOR AND DAWSONVILLE CITY
COUNCIL**



Mike Eason, Mayor

ATTESTED TO BY:



Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Michael Eason, 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 February 15, 2021.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5²⁹ 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: (check all that apply)

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(b)(1);

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(b)(2);

Other _____ as provided in: _____.

This 15th day of February 2021; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor:



Mike Eason, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
15 day of February, 2021.



Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: February 18, 2024

