



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2018, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Members Present:

Mayor Gary McCullough and Council Members Roman Gaddis, Bruce Hoffman, Ron Larson, Mitchell Ridley.

Staff Present:

City Manager Bill Schmid, City Attorney Doug Parks, Finance Director Melody Marlowe, City Marshal Jeff Branyon and Assistant City Clerk Mary Csukas.

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance there to support him and the new Council Members.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Prayer led by Rev. Ray Prince. Pledge led by Council Member Larson.

Agenda Approval

Motion by Council Member Hoffman. Second by Council Member Larson. Approved.

Mayor McCullough words of appreciation-Councilman 14 years and Mayor 14 years

Mayor McCullough thanked Council Members for years of service and for their support of him. The incoming Council will do a good job leading. The Mayor is thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for being his Savior and leading him.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials and City Marshal

Judge Raymond George, Lumpkin County Superior Court swore in:

Jeff Branyon, City Marshal
Roman Gaddis, Council Member
Mitchell Ridley, Council Member
Helen Hardman, Council Member
Sam Norton, Mayor

Mayor McCullough passed the gavel to Mayor Norton. Council Member Hardman joined the Council at her seat.

Mayor Norton words of appreciation

Mayor Norton thanked Mayor McCullough for 28 years of service. Thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Hoffman for leading the last couple of years; he was optimistic about the new Council and the capable staff that provide support. Mayor Norton welcomed new City Marshal Branyon. He has a positive outlook about the possibilities ahead with the Mayor's Office, is thankful for the opportunity to serve.

Ratification of Ethics Ordinance

Mayor Norton explained that this document provided principles to guide and was important for new Council and a renewal for the old. Councilman Larson agreed that this 8-page document was very important.

Motion to approve as written by Council Member Ridley. Seconded by Gaddis. This motion was approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

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Approval of Minutes

Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Council Member Larson to approve minutes of December 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, December 21, 2017 Work Session Meeting, December 21, 2017 Special Called Meeting. Second by Council Member Gaddis. This motion was approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

Reappointments

Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve reappointments of Vivian Morse to Lumpkin County Board of Health. Motion to approve by Hoffman. Second by Hardman. This motion was approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve Resident Board Member Janet Tolbert to Dahlonega Housing Authority Board. Motion to approve by Gaddis. Second by Hoffman. This motion was approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Norton called for a discussion of the departmental reports. Mayor Pro-Tem Hoffman stated that three reports were missing. Staff stated that these reports will be forthcoming. Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the reports. Motion by Council Member Gaddis. Second by Council Member Larson. This motion was approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Schmid stated that staff is eager to work with Council and Mayor. First Night was successful and was told that streetscape work continues with the concrete on hold due to the weather.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Norton welcomed UNG students. He thanked the Public Works department for working during the Holidays.

City Attorney Comments

City Attorney Parks thanked Major McCullough for his years of service.

City Council Comments

Council Member Gaddis sent congratulations to Mayor Norton and Council Member Hardman. He will miss Mayor McCullough.

Council Member Ridley said it has been a pleasure to serve with Gary and was looking forward to Mayor Norton's leadership.

Council Member Hoffman informed Council that Council Member Taylor was on a planned visit with the Family.

Council Member Hardman is looking forward to serving.

Mayor McCullough expressed his thanks for naming the Council Chambers after him and for making him an official "Nugget and Mayor Emeritus"

Adjournment

Mayor Norton called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Council Member Gaddis to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Larson. This motion was approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Approved this _____ day of _____, 2018.

_____ Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest: _____ Kimberly Smith, City Clerk