



CITY OF DAHLONEGA  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 19, 2018 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Norton called the Work Session to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Sam Norton and Councilmembers Bruce Hoffman, Ron Larson, JoAnne Taylor and Mitchell Ridley were present.

Staff Present

City Manager Bill Schmid, Finance Director Melody Marlowe, Community Development Director Kevin Herrit, Public Works Director Mark Buchanan and City Clerk Mary Csukas were present. Downtown Development Director Jan Harris was present. City Attorney Doug Parks was present.

Department Reports:

City Marshal's Office

City Manager Schmid reported on the progress of the review of blighted and demolished structures. Council requested that the Marshal include the address of each structure due for demolition or repair in the monthly report going forward.

Security Cameras were discussed with the idea to possibly utilizing cameras in place at local business establishments in the Downtown Square district.

Community Development -Historic Preservation Commission

No Comments

Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority

Way finding signs have been delivered and one sign is to be installed as a test.

Finance/Administration

No Comments

Public Works / Cemetery Committee

Mayor Norton and Council discussed the possibility of a Columbarium at the Dahlonega Memorial Cemetery and the need for wrought Iron or aluminum fencing around the Mt Hope cemetery due to foot traffic. Council Member Hardman and Mayor Norton discussed the possibility of family donations given to support the fencing project at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Mayor Norton stated he would donate money to spearhead the project. Mayor Norton informed Council that the sidewalk project at Calhoun and Morrison Moore Parkway is underway.

Water and Waste Water Plants

No comments

#### Streetscape Project & Wimpy Mill Right Turn Lane Update

City Manager Schmid informed Council that bike sharing markers are down on the asphalt, and only a few items are left for Streetscape that includes electrical components and signage. The Wimpy Mill Right Turn Lane received additional funding by State to allow the project to be fully funded.

#### Hotel/Motel Tax - Amending Ordinance 85-2 Subpart B, Article IV

City Attorney informed Council that this ordinance allows us to match the state regulations for the 8% Hotel-Motel Tax.

#### Artisans at Farmers Market

Director Harris informed Council that artists/crafters will be participating in the Dahlonega Farmers Market at a ratio of 80% Farmers and 20% Artists/Crafters, who will be monitored by her Staff.

#### Food Truck Policy for Events

Director Harris discussed the need for a Food Truck Ordinance and permits to ensure a safe environment at all events associated with Food Trucks. Currently, the idea is to have food trucks at events and festivals that complement the restaurants in the area.

#### Chestatee Restoration Partnership

Justin Ellis, Director of UNG Environmental Leadership, updated the Council on the progress of the Chestatee Restoration Project. Mayor Norton praised the work done at Steak and Shake by the Chestatee Restoration Partnership.

#### Storm Water Program Discussion

City Manager Bill Schmid asked the Council to authorize Staff to move forward with engaging the professional services of Ecological Planning Group of Savannah to determine feasibility of a comprehensive Storm Water Management Program. Council and Mayor agreed this issue will be voted on at the next Council Meeting

#### Revocable License Encroachment Agreement

City Attorney Parks informed Council that the County would be the proper party for the State to approach to execute the encroachment agreement as they own the right of way for the hospital.

#### Happy Hollow Project

City Manager Schmid informed Council that Staff was requesting funds to patch areas of Happy Hollow before asphalt is laid at the sum not to exceed \$40,000.

Adjournment