



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2018  
4:00 P.M.**

Mayor Norton called the Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Sam Norton and Councilmembers Helen Hardman, Bruce Hoffman, Ron Larson, Roman Gaddis and Mitchell Ridley were present.

Staff Present

City Manager Bill Schmid, Community Development Director Kevin Herrit, Public Works Director Mark Buchanan and City Marshal Jeff Branyon were present. Downtown Development Director Jan Harris was present. City Attorney Doug Parks was present.

Wimpy Mill

Mayor Norton and Councilmembers held a discussion with staff to review the conceptual design of Phase 1 of the Wimpy Mill Picnic Area provided by Public Works Director Buchanan.

Councilmember Hardman stated that the design concept showed a very small picnic area.

Mayor Norton stated that this is a preliminary conceptual drawing and that an expansion will be possible in the future. Mayor Norton stated that this parking area would be a possibility to relieve some pressure at the Main Reservoir Area.

Councilmember Hoffman stated that the Phase 1 drawing shows areas on the left and right side available for future expansion at the Wimpy Mill Picnic Area.

Public Works Director Buchanan stated that expansion, on both sides, is shown in another Phase drawing of the Wimpy Mill Picnic Area, that is for future review.

Councilmember Ridley asked staff about progress on the designation of the Reservoir area as a beach area and City Manager Schmid stated that a letter from the EPD shows progress is not going well. City Manager Schmid will continue working with the Agency to move forward with the permits as needed for this project.

Public Works Director Buchanan stated that the trash cans and four picnic tables are ordered and the bid package for the construction of the picnic area is being handled by Charles Trammell. Public Works Director

Buchanan stated that the winner of the bid will handle the concrete, asphalt and gravel aspect of the picnic area, and staff will place the picnic tables, trash cans and signs.

Mayor Norton inquired about a timeline for completion of the Wimpy Mill project, Public Works Director Buchanan stated that July 4<sup>th</sup> would be a good target date for this initial phase of the project. City Manager Schmid and Public Works Director Buchanan are hoping for completion of the Wimpy Mill Picnic Area project by the 2018 Gold Rush.

Mayor Norton asked staff about signage for the Wimpy Mill Area, and the Councilmembers inquired about the name that would be placed on the sign. In this discussion, Councilmembers asked what designs would be on the sign; city logo and name of park was discussed.

Councilmember Larson asked staff about the progress of the name contest for the Wimpy Mill Picnic Area. Downtown Development Director Harris stated that the contest ended on May 4<sup>th</sup> and Wimpy Mill Park was the winning name in the contest.

City Manager Schmid explained that the State of Georgia would not currently allow this area to be designated as a Park, but the area could be named the Wimpy Mill Picnic Area. City Manager Schmid also explained to Mayor Norton and Council that the hardscape of the sign would be built like the sign placed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Hoffman stated that history of the Wimpy Mill Area would be an important addition to the sign and City Manager Schmid stated that history is in the second phase of the project. Councilmember Hardman stated that she asked Chris Worick to do additional research of the history of the Wimpy Mill area for the historical aspect of the signage.

Mayor Norton asked Council if this would be a good time to discuss signage at Hancock Park and its possible placement on the front gable area of the pavilion. Mayor Norton asked City Manager Schmid to work on designs for signage at both Hancock Park and the Wimpy Mill Picnic Area.

Mayor Norton and Council had a discussion concerning the Connor Memorial Garden and the possibility of the Connor family gifting the Garden to the City for perpetual care or the City purchasing the park outright. City Attorney Parks stated that he was still in discussion with the representatives of the Connor Family and would keep Council informed.

#### Kids Play Area in Hancock

Mayor Norton asked Downtown Development Director Harris to inform Council on the progress of the Kids Play Area in Hancock Park.

Downtown Development Director Harris stated that the new design that is being shown to Council would be \$199,998 and it would include the rubber surface. Mayor Norton asked about a fence to surround the Kids Play Area and Downtown Development Director Harris stated it would be an additional cost.

Mayor Norton and Council discussed the difference of a natural concept and metal concept in relation to a playground that has all-inclusive and accessible play components. In this discussion, the final decision was to have Dustin Graham from Great Southern Concepts create new renderings for Council to review with the new parameters outlined by Council.

Mayor Norton and Council asked Downtown Development Director Harris to have Dustin Graham design new renderings that include a mine shaft, in a natural setting with natural colors and to include accessibility and be within budget. Mayor Norton also asked Downtown Development Director Harris to bring back a design concept for fencing of the Kids Play Area.

City Manager Schmid stated that staff would bring this item back to Council at the next Work Session on June 21, 2018.

Ordinance 2018- 04 An Ordinance to Define and Regulate Control of Domestic Animals

City Marshal Branyon stated that this Ordinance would be helpful in his job to regulate Domestic Animals.

Wimpy Mill Trail Future Grant Opportunities

City Manager Schmid informed Council that he was working on the application for the Second Grant filing due on May 26,2018. City Manager Schmid requested a proposal of Services from Davis Engineering for a Preliminary Engineering Report.

Transcribed minutes from recording:  
City Clerk Mary Csukas