



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2017, 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

The Dahlonega City Council met Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. for their regular meeting. Mayor Gary McCullough and Council Members Roman Gaddis, Bruce Hoffman, Ron Larson and Mitchell Ridley were present

City Manager Bill Schmid, City Attorney Doug Parks, Public Works Director Mark Buchanan and City Clerk Kimberly Smith were present.

Call to Order and Welcome:

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag:

The prayer was led by Council Member Larson. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member Ridley.

Agenda Approval:

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Larson made a motion to approve with amendment by the addition of Item 7. Extension of date for alcohol beverage license renewal deadline to November 10, 2017 with no penalty. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hoffman. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

Announcements – Public Comments:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting October 2, 2017 5:00 p.m.; Regular Council Meeting October 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m.; Work Session October 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m.; Special Called Meeting October 19, 2017, 4:30 p.m. and Special Called Meeting October 24, 2017, 6:00 p.m. The motion was made by Council Member Gaddis and seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

Departmental Reports:

There were no questions or discussion regarding departmental reports.

Extension of Alcohol License Renewal Payment and Submission Deadline to November 10, 2017 with no penalty:

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve extension of alcohol license renewal payment and submission deadline to November 10, 2017 with no penalty. Motion by Council Member Larson and seconded by Council Member Hoffman. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

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Bid Award for Sidewalk Construction Project on Wimpy Mill Road Off System Safety Project #2017-003:

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to award the bid for the sidewalk construction project on Wimpy Mill Road Off System Safety Project #2017-003. Motion by Council Member Hoffman to award the bid to low bidder Jerry Townley Concrete at \$129,055.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

Owens Farm Lift Station Design Contract

City Manager Schmid reported that this item is on the agenda for information purposes. The project was budgeted at \$50,000 and is estimated to cost only \$41,000.

Consent Items:

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Service Agreement between the City of Dahlonega and the Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority. The motion was made by Council Member Gaddis and seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

Resolutions

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2017-22, a Resolution of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia Amending the GMEBS Life & Health Program Participation Agreement. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Council Member Larson and seconded by Council Member Gaddis. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

City Manager Comments:

City Manager Bill Schmid reported that Streetscape is proceeding well. Items for outdoor dining and alcohol sales and nightly rental options will be on the next work session agenda for discussion.

Mr. Schmid said a person has been offered the Community Development Director position and we are hoping for an acceptance. We are close to a decision in the choice for City Marshall.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McCullough said the only book he received during his stay at Chelsea Park was a comic book from Council member Hoffman.

City Attorney Comments

City Attorney Doug Parks said he needs approval to send a letter to Senator Steve Gooch and Representative Kevin Tanner about amendments to the City Charter regarding quorum requirements and appointment of a Council Member to fill an unexpired term of less than six months.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to authorize the letter to Senator Gooch and Representative Tanner regarding Charter amendments. The motion was made by Council Member Larson and seconded by Council Member Gaddis. Discussion ensued regarding vacancies on Council, reduction in number of Council positions from 6 to 5 and appointment not being made to persons considering running for election.

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Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

City Council Comments

Council Member Hoffman reminded everyone that he will be attending National League of Cities events and will not be in attendance at the Work Session on November 16, 2017.

Council Member Gaddis inquired about the Christmas decorating processes. Public Works Director Buchanan said all is well underway.

City Attorney Parks said that the Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority has a bond reissuance that should close by the end of the year.

Council Member Larson said he was honored to represent the City at the Lumpkin Library's Centennial Celebration. It was a good event.

Adjournment:

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Council Member Gaddis and seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

_____ Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest: _____ Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk