



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2017, 4:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

The Dahlonega City Council Met Thursday, August 17, 2017 for a Special Called Meeting in the Council Chambers at Dahlonega City Hall.

**Members Present**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bruce Hoffman, Council Members Michael Clemons, Roman Gaddis, Ron Larson and Sam Norton were present.

**Members Absent**

Mayor Gary McCullough and Council Member Mitchell Ridley were absent.

**Staff Present**

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

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Agenda Approval**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called for a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion by Council Member Norton to approve agenda with addition of items 3. b. Wayfinding Signage Authorization for DDA and 3. c. Ordinance 75-1 Amendment 46. Motion seconded by Council Member Gaddis and approved with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

**Council Action**

**Dollar General – Permission to install well**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called for a motion to allow the installation of a public water system well at the proposed Dollar General store to be located 400 feet south of the intersection of Morrison Moore Parkway East and U.S. Highway 19 Business Motion by Council Member Larson to authorize installation of a public water system well for use by Dollar General only with the stipulation that at the time city water service is installed in that area Dollar General will connect to city water. Motion seconded by Council Member Norton and approved with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

**Wayfinding Signage Authorization for DDA**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called for a motion to authorize the Downtown Development Authority to proceed with the Wayfinding Signage project. Motion by Council Member Gaddis to authorize the Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority to proceed with the Wayfinding Signage project. Motion seconded by Council Member Norton and approved with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

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**Ordinance 75-1 Amendment 46**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called for a motion to approve Ordinance 75-1, Amendment 46, entitled Water and Sewer Rates. Motion by Council Member Gaddis to approve Ordinance 75-1 Amendment 1, seconded by Council Member Larson and approved with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

**Resolution 2017-15 A Resolution of the City of Dahlonega making Budgetary Appropriations for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2018**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called for a motion to approve Resolution 2017-15. Motion by Council Member Gaddis to approve Resolution 2017-15 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, seconded by Council Member Norton and approved with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

**Approval of 2017 Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called for a motion to approve the ad valorem property tax millage rate of 6.589 for 2017 Motion by Council Member Clemons to approve, seconded by Council Member Larson and approved with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

**Bid Award for Streetscape Projects**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called for a motion to award bids for Streetscape projects LMIG 2017-02 of \$8769,538.10 and TE 0010681 of \$201,267.97 to Vertical Earth, Inc. Motion by Council Member Clemons to approve bid awards to Vertical Earth, Inc. for Local Maintenance Improvement Grant 2017-002 and Transportation Enhancement 0010681, seconded by Council Member Larson and approved with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

**SPLOST list for discussion with Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners**

There was brief discussion with no action.

**Consideration of Approval of Purchase of Pump for Wimpy Mill Pump Station Upgrade**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called for a motion to approve the purchase of a pump for the Wimpy Mill Pump Station upgrade. Motion to approve the purchase of a pump for the Wimpy Mill Pump Station for \$85,947.20. Motion seconded by Council member Norton and approved with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

**City Manager Comments**

City Manager Schmid reported that the Mayor is improving and anticipates going home in two weeks.

Council gave City Manager authority to discuss certain costs of traffic lights and sidewalk improvements with representatives of the University of North Georgia.

**Mayor Comments**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman reported that he is currently working with City Manager on job description for City Marshall.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman asked if there is a code to regulate empty buildings and storage sheds to require that they be secured so they cannot be used by transient persons. City Manager Schmid reported that Code Enforcement Officer Gary Kansky is currently performing regulation inspections to address these and other code enforcement violation issues.

**City Attorney Comments**

None

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**City Council Comments**

Council Member Larson thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman for filling in for the Mayor. Council Member Larson said he spoke earlier in the day with employee Mike Crann aka "Biker Mike". Mike is resting and recuperating from the injuries he sustained in the accident on Morrison Moore Parkway Monday August 14.

Council Member Norton announced his resignation from the Council effective at the adjournment of this meeting.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Clemons and approved with a unanimous vote of 5/0. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bruce Hoffman, Mayor Pro Tempore

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk