



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Dahlonega City Council met for their regular meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016 in City Hall. Council Members Michael Clemons, Roman Gaddis, Sam Norton, Ron Larson, Mitchell Ridley and Mayor Gary McCullough were present. Council Member Bruce Hoffman was absent. Staff present were DDA Director Joel Cordle, Planning Director Chris Head, Public Works Director Mark Buchanan and City Clerk Kimberly Smith.

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Council Member Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Mayor McCullough led the prayer.

Agenda Approval

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – Public Comments (please limit to three minutes)

None.

Approval of State Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the City of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County

Fire Chief David Wimpy reported that this agreement renewed every four years and not only allows the city and county to assist each other without cost, but also permits requests for state and federal reimbursements for state of emergency events that are declared a disaster by the state and/or federal governments.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the State Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the City of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County. Motion made by Council Member Sam Norton, seconded by Council Member Ron Larson. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Minute Approval:

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting March 7, 2016, Work Session March 17, 2016, 4:00 p.m. and Special Called Meeting March 17, 2016 4:30 p.m. Council Member Ridley made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Council Member Roman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes.

Council Member Norton asked for the Work Session Minutes from March 17, 2016 @ 4:00 p.m. have the following statement added: It was consensus of the council that advertising for owners of known plots and unknown plots begin for identification purposes. To the section regarding discussion of Mount Hope Cemetery. The motion restated including the amendment with the motion to approve and second to the motion remaining. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental Reports

Mayor McCullough said departmental reports were included in the agenda packets.

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Public Works Director Mark Buchanan reported on upcoming construction projects: 1. around April 11, 2016 the manhole at Park and Choice Streets will be rebuilt. 2. Approximately April 18, 2016 a new manhole will be installed at the intersection of Choice Street and Chestatee Street along with extension of sanitary sewer lines. 3. The University of North Georgia will install a sidewalk from the chow hall to the bus barn.

Lumpkin County Fire Chief David Wimpy requested notification to 911 in advance of all street closings.

Council Member Gaddis asked the amount of time for each of the first two projects. Public Works Director Buchanan replied the first should take three days and the second should take a little longer than a week. There was discussion regarding all construction and street closings being coordinated around the Bear on the Square Event.

Council Member Norton requested that someone ride all detour routes to ensure proper signage is in place to ensure the route is complete.

Council Member Clemons asked if the Choice Street and Chestatee Street projects would be of benefit to Streetscape. Public Works Director Buchanan replied yes.

Council member Ron Larson commended departments for remaining within the guidelines of the budget for the first five months of the fiscal year.

Mayor McCullough reported that he city received an award from the Down Town Development Authority at the Annual Downtown Development Authority Awards Banquet the week prior.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovations – Bid Award

This item was not ready for vote because of review not being complete.

Approval of Resolution 2016-3, A resolution of Dahlonega, Georgia to Authorize Finance to Refrain from Processing Check Payments for Refunds in Amounts Less Than Five Dollars (\$5.00)

Mayor McCullough called for a vote for approval of Resolution 2016-3. Motion made by Council Member Ron Larson, second by Council Member Sam Norton. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Comments

City Clerk Kimberly Smith reported all paperwork as being complete and background investigations as clear for approval of alcohol license for Cooke's Food Store, Inc. d/b/a Fresh and Low, Michael Joseph Tooley, Registered Agent for retail package sale of beer and wine with Sunday sale permitted. City Clerk Smith reported that paperwork is in order for approval of offsite catering permit for Yahoola Creek Group, LLC d/b/a Yahoola Creek Grill Catering for sale of beer and wine at Dancing with the North Georgia Stars Gala at Dahlonega Marketplace

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the alcohol licenses for Cooke's Food Store d/b/a Fresh and Low and the offsite alcohol-catering permit for Yahoola Creed Group, LLC d/b/a Yahoola Creek Grill. Motion made by Council Member Michael Clemons, second by Mitchell Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Doug Parks reported that no council action is necessary for special event alcohol permits for events that recur each year if no change is made to the event location or approximate date.

City Clerk Smith reported that University of North Georgia Special Event Alcohol Permits for April 23, 2016 Young Alumni Reunion, All Alumni Mixer and Alumni Soccer Game & Picnic and University of North Georgia Special Event Alcohol Permit for May 13, 2016 Class of 1961 Reunion were issued.

City Clerk Smith reported issuance of St. Luke the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Special Event Alcohol Permit May 21, 2016 for BBQ and Bluegrass Dinner and St. Luke the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Special Event Alcohol Permit November 19, 2016 for Wine and Cheese Dinner.

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City Manager Comments

None

Mayor Comments

None

City Attorney Comments

None

City Council Comments

Council Member Larson reported that he attended the Downtown Development Authority's Banquet last week at the Smith House and the report given at the banquet was a very positive report showing good economic development, increase in businesses and jobs. Council Member Larson commended the Downtown Development Authority for doing an outstanding job in 2015.

Mayor McCullough announced that Kingwood Dahlonega International Resort, LLC who has big plans and hopes for future development of the area, has purchased Achasta Golf Course.

Adjournment

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

_____ Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk