



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

The Dahlonega City Council met Monday, June 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the council room in City Hall. The following Council Members were present: Michael Clemons, Roman Gaddis, Bruce Hoffman, Ron Larson, Sam Norton, Mitchell Ridley and Mayor Gary McCullough. City Manager Bill Schmid, City Attorney Doug Parks, Planning Director Chris Head, D. D. A. Director Rebecca Shirley, Public Works Director Mark Buchanan and City Clerk Kimberly Smith attended the meeting.

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mayor Gary McCullough asked Council Member Larson to lead the Prayer and Council Member Hoffman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Agenda Approval

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

Announcements – Public Comments

Public Hearing – Rezoning Request – Roberta Garrett Rezoning Application to rezone 16.66 acres at Vickery and Warwick Streets, Dahlonega, GA Tax id. Map D07 Parcels 36, 38, 40, 41 and 44; being in Land Lot 928 and 929 District 12 Section of City of Dahlonega Lumpkin County from various zonings to PUD. City Attorney Doug Parks said that the owner has asked that the public hearing continue to the next regular meeting.

Minute Approval

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting May 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Special Called Meeting May 9, 2016, 8:00 a.m. and Work Session May 19, 2016, 4:00 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Clemons, seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental Reports

Mayor McCullough said that the departmental reports were included in the agenda packet. There were no questions regarding departmental reports.

Traffic Operation Change to Two-Way Traffic June 13 – 17, 2016

Public Works Director Mark Buchanan explained that Hawkins Street would be a two-way street 24 hours a day for the week of June 13 – 17, 2016 to prevent through traffic at Dahlonega Baptist Church during Vacation Bible School. There was discussion regarding signage changes in the area to redirect traffic.

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Consent Items

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the consent items:

- Rushton & Company Audit Engagement Letter for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.
- Municipal Code Corporation Contract Codification Services for \$15,000.00
- Amendment One to W. K. Dickson Contract for Renovations to Dahlonega Waste Water Treatment Facility.
- Policy for staff approval of tents in Hancock Park for non-alcohol events when timeframe of event is one day or less, tent size does not exceed-10x10, no more than ten tents and event is associated with nonprofit.
- Purchase of a Bomag BMP8500 Trench Roller from Flint Equipment Company \$32,841.00.
- Purchase of Ford F750 Diesel Dump Truck with 16 foot bed From Jacky Jones Ford \$75,190.12.

Council Member Roman Gaddis made a motion to approve the consent items, seconded by Council Member Bruce Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1 Amendment 1, Film Industry Permitting Ordinance. Motion made by Council Member Michael Clemons, seconded by Council Member Ron Larson. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-2 Annexation of property located at 215 Auraria Road. Motion by Council Member Norton and seconded by Council Member Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the conditions of asphalt parking and curb and gutter in Ordinance 2016-3 Zoning amendment to rezone property located at 215 Auraria Road to B-2 . Owner Tristan Vanhoff asked if the ordinance conditions could change so no curb and gutter would be required and the entire parking area could be pervious surface.

Mayor Gary McCullough replied that the applicant would have to go back before the Planning and Zoning Commission if they desire to change conditions.

City Attorney Doug Parks said the Council could either vote this ordinance down and direct the applicant back to the Planning and Zoning Commission or approve the ordinance with the conditions stated and the applicant could file a new application with the Planning and Zoning Commission to change the conditions. Applicant Tristan Vanhoff indicated that he would like the ordinance approved as presented so as not to impede other approvals later on the agenda. Mr. Vanhoff said he would re-apply to the Planning and Zoning Commission to change the conditions.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-3 zoning amendment to rezone property located at 215 Auraria Road to B-2 with conditions one and two as follows: 1. an asphalt parking area sized adequately for business staff and wine tasting customers will be required with curb and gutter to prevent pollutant migration. Overflow parking with a pervious surface may be allowed and due to the variety of details surrounding pervious surfaces, an owner suggested method will be evaluated once presented. 2. The access driveway must be improved to meet city standards. Motion made by Council Member Michael Clemons and seconded by Council Member Norton. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-4 Water and Sewer Administrative Procedures for Appeals. Motion made by Council Member Gaddis and seconded by Council Member Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2016-7 City Manager Contracting Authority. Motion made by Council Member Clemons and seconded by Council Member Larson.

Council Member Norton stated, while not in opposition to this resolution, he would like to know why the Council would not continue to approve contracts. City Manager Bill Schmid replied that the Council can continue to approve contracts but in certain circumstances when there is a need to move quickly this would be helpful.

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Council Member Norton replied that he understands the reason.

Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2016-8 Authorizing Workers' Compensation Coverage for Mayor and Council. Motion made by Council Member Norton and seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Report – Farm Winery Tasting License for Tristan A. Vanhoff Four Country Vineyards, d/b/a Accent Cellars

City Clerk Kimberly Smith reported that all necessary paperwork is complete, background investigations are clear and recommended approval of the license.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the license for a Farm Winery Tasting Room for Tristan A. Vanhoff, owner of Four Country Vineyards d/b/a Accent Cellars. Motion made by Council Member Ridley and seconded by Council Member Norton. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Bill Schmid reported that Rebecca Shirley has been promoted to fill the position of Downtown Development Authority Director. Ms. Shirley will serve as Film Commissioner for the City of Dahlonega and be accompanying a group including Governor Deal to California to meet with the California Film Association.

City Manager Bill Schmid reported that Melody Marlowe is the new Finance Director for the City of Dahlonega and will begin her duties here on June 20, 2016.

City Manager Bill Schmid said curbing work is continuing in several areas of town.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McCullough reported that he will be recuperating from knee surgery in July and will miss the regular meeting.

City Attorney Comments

City Attorney Doug Parks stated that he would like a motion on record for the continuance of the public hearing for Roberta Garrett.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to continue the public hearing for rezoning request from Roberta Garret to the next regular meeting July 11, 2016. Motion made by Council Member Clemons and seconded by Council Member Norton. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council Comments

Council Member Ridley stated in light of what took place on the square last week he would like to see the Council look into more enforcement or presence of law enforcement on the square.

Council Member Hoffman replied that he agrees with Council Member Ridley, the timing is good and this matter was part of discussion at the recent City county joint workshop.

Council Member Norton asked if the material relevant to the items discussed at the joint work session is ready. City Manager Bill Schmid replied that he has assembled some of that material.

Council Member Hoffman stated that Lumpkin County is currently short five officers.

Council Member Norton said he is proud to report that the armed robber that robbed the Pic Nic Café was apprehended and all stolen items were recovered.

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Executive Session for Potential Litigation

Council Member Gaddis Made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of potential litigation. Motion seconded by Council Member Michael Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

The executive session began at 6:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Clemons, Gaddis, Hoffman, Larson, Norton, Ridley, Mayor McCullough City Attorney Parks and City Manager Schmid.

At 7:10 p.m. Council Member Sam Norton made a motion to come out of executive session and go back into regular meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Ron Larson. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being nothing from the executive session to report or requiring action, Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Council Member Ron Larson, seconded by Council Member Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

_____ Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk

(City seal)