



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017, 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Members Present

Mayor Gary McCullough and Council Members Roman Gaddis, Bruce Hoffman, Ron Larson and Mitchell Ridley were present.

Staff Present

City Manager Bill Schmid, City Attorney Doug Parks, Finance Director Melody Marlowe and City Clerk Kimberly Smith were present.

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Prayer was led by Mayor McCullough. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member Gaddis

Agenda Approval

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Council Member Gaddis, 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 of approval.

Consideration of approval of Farm Winery Tasting Room license for William Alan Werkheiser of Red, Wine and Blue Vineyard and Winery, LLC d/b/a Kaya Vineyard and Winery

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the alcohol license for a Farm Winery Tasting Room for William Alan Werkheiser of Red, Wine and Blue Vineyard and Winery, LLC d/b/a Kaya Vineyard and Winery Motion to approve by Council Member Gaddis, 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.

Consideration of approval of University of North Georgia's Request for a Traffic Signal at intersection of SR9 and Alumni Drive

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the request from University of North Georgia for a traffic signal at the intersection of SR9 and Alumni Drive. Motion by Council Member Hoffman to approve upon receipt of a written document from University of North Georgia agreeing to install sidewalks in 24 months, 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.

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Call for Special Election to fill unexpired term of Post 2

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the call for a special election to fill the unexpired term of Post 2. Motion by Council Member Ridley to call special election and name City Clerk Kimberly Smith as City of Dahlonega Qualifying Officer, 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.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting August 7, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Work Session August 17, 2017, 4:00 p.m. and Special Called Meeting August 17, 2017, 4:00 p.m. Motion by Council Member Hoffman, 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

Mayor McCullough said the Planning & Zoning Department and Code Enforcement, Historic Preservation, Monthly Financial, Projects and Down Town Development Authority Reports are included in agenda packet and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Resolutions

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2017-16, a resolution of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia for ratification of contract between the City of Dahlonega and the University of North Georgia Board of Regents Motion by Council Member Gaddis to approve, 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.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2017-17, a Resolution of the City of Dahlonega authorizing the execution of the Contract for Tourism Services between the City of Dahlonega and the Dahlonega Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Inc. Motion by Council Member Larson to approve, 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.

Ordinances

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-8 an Ordinance of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia by Changing the Zoning on a .84 Acre Parcel Located in Land Lot 985 of the 12th District, 1st Section, Anderson Rezoning Motion to approve by Council Member Ridley with following conditions:

1. Development shall be limited to a total of seven units, to be constructed in general conformance with the conceptual site plan of 6/9/2017 by DES Davis;
2. Uses shall be limited to those of the R-2 district only;
3. Any proposed sewer mains must meet the City of Dahlonega Comprehensive Development Regulations, including minimum slope of 0.5%;
4. The developer shall be responsible for removal and reinstallation of any sanitary service laterals disturbed or made useless by this development prior to construction;

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5. Any sewer line that will remain unused following development must be filled and abandoned by developer; and
6. Developer shall provide 30' easements to the City of Dahlonega for all new sewer lines

Motion 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.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to amend agenda by adding Item 11. Proclamation for Lumpkin Library Centennial Celebration. Motion by Council Member Gaddis, 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.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the Proclamation for Lumpkin Library Centennial Celebration. Motion by Council Member Gaddis to approve, 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.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Bill Schmid reported on storm clean-up efforts. There was no power outage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. If there had been, the recently acquired back-up generators were in place and ready to be used. The Water Plant did experience loss of power for a couple of days and the generators functioned perfectly fine. There were several pump stations without power and methods proven to work in the past were implemented to keep the pumps working to ensure there were no violations. We appreciate all the efforts of the power line crews that came in from across the country. We are very pleased that there were no reported injuries or serious damage.

Mr. Schmid reported that the City is preparing a disaster relief package for submittal to FEMA for reimbursement of storm damage costs. We are scheduling an after-action review to determine if we could have handled any of the issues any better because we do not expect this to be the last event.

Mr. Schmid said he is pleased to announce the Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority has extended an offer and received acceptance from Jan Harris as Dahlonega Downtown Development Director. Ms. Harris is a Certified Main Street Manager with nineteen years of previous experience in Georgia and holds a Master's Degree in Historic Preservation. The City welcomes Ms. Harris who will start the first week in October.

Mr. Schmid reported that a pre-construction meeting was held with Georgia Department of Transportation for Streetscapes. There will be three former GDOT employees assisting with the project. Preliminary work will include relocation of two power poles and utility marking. Actual construction will not begin until after Gold Rush Days and will most likely begin on East Main Street followed by South Main Street, then South Chestatee Street ending with construction on the Square. Construction will not begin on the Square until after the first of the year, which will be after all Holiday events.

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Mayor Comments

Mayor McCullough said he is very happy to be back and thanked everyone for their visits, cards and prayers. He gave a special shout out to Council Member Ridley for giving him haircuts while he was in Chelsea Park.

City Attorney Comments

None

City Council Comments

All Council Members said it is good to have the Mayor back at work. The Mayor gave thanks to Mayor Pro Tempore Hoffman for covering while he was out and recovering.

Adjournment

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Council Member Larson, 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.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

_____ Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest: _____ Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk