



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

The Dahlongega City Council met Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall for their Regular Meeting.

Council Members Michael Clemons, Roman Gaddis, Bruce Hoffman, Ron Larson, Sam Norton, Mitchell Ridley and Mayor Gary McCullough were present. Staff Members City Manager Bill Schmid, City Attorney Doug Parks, Finance Director Melody Marlowe, Planning Director Chris Head and City Clerk Kimberly Smith were present. Dahlongega Downtown Development Authority Director Rebecca Shirley was also present at 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 McCullough offered prayer and Council Member Mitchell Ridley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Agenda Approval**

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Council Member Hoffman and seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough called for a vote with all those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements – Public Comments (please limit to three minutes)**

None

At 6:01p.m., the meeting recessed to call to order the Special Called Meeting of September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for public hearing regarding the proposed increase in ad valorem property tax increase.

The meeting reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

**Appeal from Freddy Welch of July 15, 2016 of Historic Preservation Commission denial of request for approval to paint bricks on the Thomas House**

Freddy Welch addressed the Mayor and Council with his appeal of the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission's denial of request to paint bricks on the building located at 174 North Grove Street. Mr. Welch said he followed the Historic Preservation Commission's suggestion to acid wash the bricks and that has made them porous and did not improve the appearance. Mr. Welch said repairs to correct issues from the building settling using metal plates and bolts are not aesthetically appealing. Mr. Welch said those plates and bolts would be masked and not so visible if the bricks were painted, also painting the bricks would seal them now that they have become porous from the acid wash.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion on the appeal filed by Freddy Welch. Council Member Clemons made a motion to approve the appeal allowing painting of the bricks at the building located at 174 North Grove Street seconded by Council Member Ridley.

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Council Member Gaddis said the Historic Guidelines state that any masonry surfaces are not to be painted and the council needs to be prepared if they overturn the Historic Preservation Commission's decision rendered using the guidelines in place.

Mayor McCullough said each instance would have to come to Council for approval with consideration given to each instance regarding the circumstances.

Council Member Norton asked if painting the brick would cover up the repairs done to shore up the settling. Mr. Welch replied that it would.

There was discussion regarding the request for shutters. Planning Director Chris Head stated that the shutters were not part of the appeal filed and if Mr. Welch wishes to appeal that decision, he can by filing a separate appeal that can be heard after proper notice is given.

Mayor McCullough called for a vote with all those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with Council Members Clemons, Hoffman, Larson, Norton and Ridley voting in favor and Council Member Gaddis voting in opposition.

**Minute Approval**

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting August 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Special Called Meeting August 15, 2016, 4:30 p.m., Work Session Meeting August 18, 2016, 4:00 p.m., and Special Called Meeting August 18, 2016, 4:30 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Norton and seconded by Council Member Hoffman. Mayor McCullough called for a vote with all those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to appoint Larry Grimsley to the Dahlonega Historic Preservation Commission. Motion made by Council Member Hoffman and seconded by Council Member Norton. Council Member Hoffman requested that future appointees to city boards, commissions and authorities be present at the council meeting when they are appointed. Mayor McCullough called for a vote with all those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**Departmental Reports**

Mayor McCullough said the departmental reports were included in the agenda packets and asked if there were any questions for department heads. There were no questions.

**Consent Items**

Mayor McCullough read the consent agenda items and called for a motion to approve.

Motion made by Council Member Ridley and seconded by Council Member Clemons to approve the consent items: First Night Dahlonega

Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation Enhancement Grant with Georgia Department of Transportation

Old Water Treatment Plant Pump Station Upgrade Engineering Design Services by G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers

Capacity and Feasibility Study for Owens Farm Lift Station by G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers

Probation Services Contract

Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Ordinances**

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 2016-6 Policies and Procedures for the Calling and Holding of a Public Hearing. Motion made by Council Member Larson and seconded by Council member Clemons. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 2016-7 Standards for the Exercise of the Zoning Power, in Accordance with the Georgia Zoning Procedures Law. Motion made by Council Member Clemons and seconded by Council Member Hoffman. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 99-1 Amendment 21 Adoption of the Official Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Dahlonega. Motion made by Council Member Clemons and seconded by Council Member Gaddis. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-3 Amendment One Tristan Vanhoff Change in Zoning Conditions of requirement for curb and gutter on property located at 215 Auraria Road. Motion made by Council Member Norton and seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolutions**

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2016-11, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Franchise Fee Review Compliance Service Agreement. Motion made by Council Member Clemons and seconded by Council Member Norton. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2016-12 A Resolution to Establish Implied Dedication of a Limited Portion of Timberlane Drive. Motion made by Council Member Ridley and seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager Comments**

City Manager Schmid referred to First Night Dahlonega approved on the consent agenda regarding meetings with the applicant Tom Slavichek, Major Ramsey, Lumpkin County Sheriff Stacy Jarrard and himself. The meetings were to discuss safety issues about the event with safety being paramount. Staff suggestion was to leave the square open to traffic during the event with contingency measures in place. City Manager Schmid said he would like to confirm that determining safety measures for the event would be left to the discretion of the City Manager. Mayor and Council agreed.

City Manager Schmid said that the Waste Water Treatment Plant refurbishment is about to be under way, heavy equipment and construction trailer are soon on site.

**Mayor Comments**

Mayor McCullough announced that paving of Morrison Moore Parkway to Riley Road was completed and everyone's patience was appreciated.

Mayor McCullough thanked everyone for calls, well wishes and prayers while he was recovering from surgery and said it was good to be back. Mayor McCullough thanked Council member Hoffman for his assistance.

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**City Attorney Comments**

City Attorney Parks had no comments

**City Council Comments**

Council Member Ridley welcomed the Mayor back from medical leave.

**Executive Session for Potential Litigation**

The City Attorney announced the Executive Session for Potential Litigation was no longer necessary and thus the agenda item is rendered moot by virtue of the announcement.

**Executive Session Real Estate Acquisition**

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of real estate acquisition. Motion made by Council Member Ridley and seconded by Council member Hoffman. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously. Executive session began at 6:21 p.m.

Council Members Clemons, Gaddis, Hoffman, Larson, Norton, Mayor McCullough, City Manager Schmid, City Attorney Parks and City Clerk Smith remained in the Executive Session.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to return to Regular Session. Motion made by Council Member Hoffman and seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously. Executive Session ended at 6:29 p.m.

Mayor McCullough announced that there was no action taken in, or as result of the Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Council Member Clemons and seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye. Like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

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