



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2017, 4:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Gary McCullough, 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. Executive Director of the Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority Jan Harris was present.

Agenda Approval

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the agenda with addition of item 8. Approval of W.K. Dickson's preparation of Draft Total Maximum Daily Load Comments for State E.P.D. Motion by Council Member Gaddis and 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.

S.P.L.O.S.T.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve 2020 S.P.L.O.S.T. Intergovernmental Agreement between Lumpkin County and City of Dahlonega. Motion by Council Member Gaddis and seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to raise their right hand, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to suspend the special called meeting to continue the previously suspended work session. Motion by Council Member Gaddis and 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. The special called meeting was suspended at 4:49 p.m.

At 5:00 p.m. Mayor McCullough called for a motion to reconvene the special called meeting. Motion by Council Member Gaddis and 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.

Intergovernmental Agreement between Lumpkin County and the City of Dahlonega for the use and allocation of costs related to the Lumpkin County Fueling Station

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Lumpkin County and the City of Dahlonega for the use and costs related to the Lumpkin County Fueling Station. Motion by Council Member Gaddis and 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.

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Employee Benefits and Insurance Renewals for 2018

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2017-21 thereby approving the employee benefits options for group health, dental, vision and life insurance as presented. Motion by Council Member Larson and seconded by

Council Member Ridley with discussion. Council Member Gaddis said he hopes if the City decides in the future to decrease the portion of health insurance covered by the City that employee pay will increase to make up the difference. 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.

Banking Services

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2017-20 thereby approving banking services with United Community Bank for one year at the same rates in the current contract. Motion to approve by Council Member Larson and 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.

Owens Farm Lift Station

No action.

Approval of W.K. Dickson's preparation of Draft Total Maximum Daily Load Comments for State E.P.D.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve W.K. Dickson's preparation of Draft Total Maximum Daily Load Comments for State E.P.D. at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion to approve by Council Member Gaddis and 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 was approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Schmid introduced Jan Harris, Executive Director of the Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority. Ms. Harris comes to Dahlonega from Kings Mountain, North Carolina, is a Certified Main Street Manager who has nineteen years of experience in Georgia and has Master Degrees in History and Historic Preservation.

City Manager Schmid reported that the Streetscapes project will begin Monday, October 23, 2017.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McCullough said it is his understanding that Ms. Harris also has experience in Historic Preservation. Ms. Harris replied that she does and looks forward to getting to work in Dahlonega.

Council Member Larson asked for an update on the annex. City Manager Schmid said there is one more ramp to be constructed, the contractors will be back on-site Monday to do that and moving in is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Schmid said interviews are proceeding for the City Marshal position and an announcement should be forthcoming soon.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to appoint Ralph Prescott and Steve Ratzel as members of the Dahlonega Historic Preservation Commission. Motion by Council Member Ridley and 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.

City Attorney Comments

None

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City Council Comments

Council Member Larson asked that the City crews involved with sprucing up downtown with landscaping be commended for their work.

Adjournment

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Council Member Hoffman and seconded by Council Member Larson. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

_____ Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest: _____ Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk