



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Dahlonega City Council met Monday, May 2, 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 Joel Cordle, 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

Council Member Michael Clemons led the prayer and Council Member Bruce Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Agenda Approval

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

Public Hearings

City Attorney Doug Parks asked to take the public hearing on the agenda numbered as 4.c. first. City Attorney Parks asked Attorney Joseph Homans to the podium to speak regarding the public hearing for rezoning request by Roberta Garrett 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. Mr. Homans said he represents Roberta Green Garrett, referred to a letter sent to the Mayor and Council via e-mail earlier this date. Mr. Homans asked to give that letter to the City Clerk for inclusion in the minutes and asked Mayor and Council to postpone the public hearing one month.

Council Member Ridley made a motion to continue the public hearing for Roberta Garrett to rezone 16.66 acres at Vickery and Warwick Streets until the next Council Meeting June 6, 2016, motion seconded by Council Member Norton. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Tristan Vanhoff introduced himself to Mayor and Council and said he would answer any questions regarding the rezoning application of Tristan and Katie Vanhoff 215 Auraria Road, Dahlonega GA. City Attorney Parks asked if there was any comment from the public. City Attorney Parks asked if the Mayor and Council had any questions or comments. No comments made and no questions asked.

City Attorney Parks asked Planning Director Chris Head to read the Planning Commission's proposed conditions for approval of the zoning application submitted by the Vanhoffs.

Planning Director Head read the following from the Planning Commission minutes from a called meeting April 28, 2016: Staff and Planning Commission recommends approval of annexation and zoning as B2; and the following conditions must be met prior to a permit to operate a business being issued. 1. An asphalt parking area sized adequately for business staff and wine-tasting customers will be required with curb and gutter to

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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 provided in detail. 2. The access driveway must be improved to meet City Standards.

Tristan Vanhoff spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding the annexation request of Tristen and Katie Vanhoff, 215 Auraria Road, Dahlonega GA. Mr. Vanhoff stated that he intends to have a wine tasting room for Chateau Meichtry of Talking Rock Georgia until his own winery is in production and has plans to open a fine dining restaurant at the location.

Planning Director Chris Head said the recommendation of staff and the Planning Commission is to approve the annexation.

City Attorney Parks asked if there were any comments or questions from Mayor and Council or the public. No comments made or questions asked.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the annexation of 215 Auraria Road, Dahlonega GA; Tax Id. Map 061 Parcel 015 being in Land Lot 788 & 789 12th District, 1st Section Lumpkin County. Council Member Hoffman made the 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.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the zoning request for Tristan and Katie Vanhoff of 215 Auraria Road, Dahlonega GA; Tax Id. Map 061 Parcel 015 being in Land Lot 788 & 789 12th District, 1st Section Lumpkin County for Zoning Designation as B-2 with use limited to wine tasting room, restaurant, retail or office with the following conditions to be met prior to a permit being issued to operate: 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 provided in detail. 2. The access driveway must be improved to meet City Standards. 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.

Announcements – Public Comments

None

Minute Approval

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the minutes of Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting April 4, 2016; Council Meeting April 4, 2016; Special Called Meeting April 6, 2016; Work Session April 21, 2016, 4:00 p.m. and Special Called Meeting April 21, 2016, 4:00 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Clemons and seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental Reports

Mayor McCullough asked if there were any questions or comments on the departmental reports.

Council Member Norton said he noticed sign activity is up and asked that all new signs be checked to ensure compliance. Planning Director Chris Head replied that she would notify Code Enforcement.

Consent Items

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the consent items bid award to Tri Scapes, Inc. total amount of \$1,316,979.77 for Phase One Streetscape and bid award to Heavy Constructors, Inc. total amount of \$2,495,125.00 for Waste Water Plant Renovations. Motion made by Council Member Roman Gaddis and seconded by Council Member Michael Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolutions

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve 2016-6, a Resolution of the City of Dahlonega Authorizing Condemnation to Acquire Certain Property. Motion made by Council Member Norton and seconded by Council Member Larson. 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 for Ordinance 2004-3, Amendment One, Amending City of Dahlonega Ethics Ordinance for Dahlonega Council Members and Employees by amending Article B Section 18. Motion made by Council Member Hoffman and seconded by Council Member Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for a vote of all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Schmid reported that Dahlonega placed in the top ten in all five categories of national contests held by *USA Today* that included the Best Small Town, Best Small Town in the Southeast, Best Weekend Vacation, etc.

City Manager Schmid stated that an employee safety handbook is currently in development.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McCullough asked City Manager Bill Schmid to commend all water, sewer and street department employees and tell them they are all appreciated for the great service they provide for citizens of Dahlonega. Mayor McCullough said these employees work at all times of the day and night when there are water breaks and storms and come in, in the middle of the night to put up Christmas Lights.

City Attorney Comments

None

City Council Comments

Council Member Larson asked *Dahlonega Nugget* Reporter Greg Finan to share the wonderful news of Dahlonega placing in the top ten of all five categories the polls conducted by *USA Today*.

Council Member Norton asked if there have been advertisements run for Mount Hope Cemetery. City Manager Schmid replied that nothing has been advertised and aerial photographs are being compiled for review.

Executive Session for Personnel

Mayor McCullough called for a motion for executive session for discussion of personnel. Motion made by Council member Clemons and seconded by Council Member Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for a vote of all in favor of the motion signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously. Council Members Clemons, Gaddis, Hoffman, Larson, Norton, Ridley, Mayor McCullough and City Attorney Parks remained in the executive session that began at 6:22 p.m.

City Manager Schmid joined the executive session at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session at 7:36 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Gaddis and seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough asked for a vote of all in favor of the motion signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor McCullough reported there was no action taken in executive session.

Mayor McCullough said Council Member Gaddis and he would gather and review the information from the executive session and compile a report.

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Mayor McCullough stated there being no other business he would entertain a motion for adjournment. Council Member Gaddis made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for a vote of all in favor of the motion to say aye, like sign opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

_____ Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk

(City seal)