



**DAHLONEGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor Gary McCullough called the Regular meeting of the Dahlonega City Council to order at 6:26 p.m. Council Members Michael Clemons, Roman Gaddis, Bruce Hoffman, Ron Larson, Sam Norton, Mitchell Ridley and Mayor Gary McCullough were present. City Manager Bill Schmid, City Attorney Doug Parks, Planning Director Chris Head, Public Works Director Mark Buchanan and City Clerk Kimberly Smith were present. Downtown Development Authority Director Rebecca Shirley was also present.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mayor McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Council Member Clemons led the prayer.

Agenda Approval

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Re-Appointment of Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority Members

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve reappointment of Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority Members Donna Logan, Tony Owens and Hal Williams. Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Appointment to the Dahlonega Housing Authority Board

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to appoint Mona Clark to the Dahlonega Housing Authority Board. Motion by Council Member Ridley, seconded by Council Member Norton. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Citizens

City Clerk Kimberly Smith told Mayor and Council that all paperwork was in order and there were no issues with applicants for alcohol beverage licenses on today's agenda.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the alcohol license for Laura Estrada of Flores, Inc. d/b/a Grape Vines located at 51 North Grove Street, Dahlonega, GA for beer, wine and distilled spirits for consumption on premises with Sunday sales permitted. Motion by Council Member Clemons, seconded by Council Member Norton. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the alcohol license for Rajpal Sagoo of BoRaj Enterprises, LLC d/b/a/ The End Zone Tavern and Grill located at 132B Legion Road, Dahlonega, GA for beer and distilled spirits on premises with Sunday sales permitted. Motion by Council Member Hoffman, seconded by Council Member Clemons. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Announcements – Public Comments (please limit to three minutes)

None

Minute Approval

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting September 6, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Special Called Meeting September 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Regular Council Meeting September 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Special Called Meeting September 15, 2016, 4:00 p.m., and Work Session September 15, 2016, 4:00 p.m. Motion by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Clemons. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Departmental Reports

Mayor McCullough said the departmental reports for the following departments were in the agenda packet: Planning & Zoning Department and Code Enforcement Reports; Historic Preservation Report; Financial Report; Public Works Projects Reports; and Downtown Development Authority Report.

Consent Items

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

- Intergovernmental Service Agreement City of Dahlonega and Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority
- Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Recommendations
- Advertisement of Proposals for Demolition of School Building

Motion by Council Member Ridley, seconded by Council Member Clemons. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ordinances

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 75-1 Amendment 45, an ordinance of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia amending water and sewerage rates. Motion by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Ridley. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 94-7 Amendment 13, an ordinance of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia amending sanitation rates. Motion by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Hoffman Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a vote of Council Members Clemons, Gaddis, Hoffman, Larson and Ridley voting in favor and Council Member Norton voting in opposition.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 77-1 Amendment 7, an ordinance of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia amending parking fine amounts. Motion made by Council Member Clemons, seconded by Council Member Gaddis. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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City Manager Comments

City Manager Schmid said he received a request from Litter Free Lumpkin, a non-profit organization, for funding additional clean up in the county. Lumpkin County has funded the group \$2,200.00. City Manager Schmid recommended the City of Dahlonega funding the group \$500.00 now and consider funding an additional \$500.00 six months later contingent upon how the initial funds are utilized.

There was discussion regarding the funding from the city and county being used by Litter Free Lumpkin for trash bags at Halloween on the Square and recyclable automobile trash bags that will be distributed at all schools in Lumpkin County.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion. Council Member Norton made a motion to approve funding Litter Free Lumpkin \$500.00 initially then review later in the year, Council Member Ridley seconded the motion. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor signifying so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

City Manager Schmid told Mayor and Council the City attended the Georgia Gigabit Community Summit in Clarkesville last week and received designation by North Georgia Networks as a Gigabit Community. At this same conference, we became aware of the Next City Centuries Program. That focuses on IT issues for local governments and has 151 participating cities in the nation. Dahlonega is third in the state of Georgia for that program.

City Manager Schmid reminded everyone that the fourteen Japanese Nationals from the Japan America Grassroots Summit are being hosted in Dahlonega. Dahlonega is the third largest hosting community in the state. They will be in Dahlonega Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. There is currently information on the City of Dahlonega's website in Japanese for the attendees of the summit and other visitors that the summit may bring to Dahlonega.

City Manager Schmid reported the announcement recently made that the City of Dahlonega received a Georgia Urban Forestry award for Outstanding Green Space 2016 for the City Square.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McCullough said the *Gainesville Times* has Dahlonega on the front page today showing the Downtown Square blanketed in snow for the filming of the Hallmark Film *Shooting Christmas*.

City Attorney Comments

None

City Council Comments

Council Member Gaddis asked if there will be an ordinance change for the Historic Preservation Commission coming forth or if it is just under discussion. Planning Director Head replied that the changes are under discussion right now. Mayor McCullough stated that the matter would be a point of discussion at the upcoming work session.

Council Member Ridley asked the possibility of obtaining cans for recyclable items on the Square. Public Works Director Buchanan replied that he would look into the matter and get back with Council.

Council Member Ridley said that DDA Director Rebecca Shirley, DDA Projects Manager Danielle Bell, City Ambassador George Albert, Jr. and himself participated in the first annual Six Gap Trike Race and took first place out of four teams. Council Member Ridley thanked DDA Director Shirley for coordinating the team.

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There was discussion regarding handicap parking spaces on the Square regarding the possibility of time limits, request for additional handicap spaces on the South side of the Square, the number of spaces, and how to encourage merchants not to use the handicap spaces on the Square.

Executive Session for Discussion of Pending Litigation

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to go into executive session for discussion of pending litigation. Motion made by Council Member Clemons, seconded by Council Member Norton. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The executive session began at 6:50 p.m. Council Members Clemons, Gaddis, Hoffman, Larson, Norton, Ridley, Mayor McCullough, City Manager Schmid, City Attorney Parks and City Clerk Smith remained in the executive session.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to go out of executive session and back into regular session at 6:55 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Clemons, seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. There was no action taken in executive session.

Mayor McCullough called regular session back to order at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the mutually agreed upon settlement agreement discussed in executive session. Motion by Council Member Clemons, seconded by Council Member Gaddis. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Executive Session for Personnel

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to go into executive session for discussion of personnel. Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, seconded by Council Member Clemons. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The executive session began at 6:56 p.m. Council Members Clemons, Gaddis, Hoffman, Larson, Norton, Ridley, Mayor McCullough, City Manager Schmid, City Attorney Parks and City Clerk Smith remained in the executive session.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to go out of executive session and back into regular session at 6:58 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Clemons, seconded by Council Member Hoffman. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. There was no action taken in executive session.

Mayor McCullough called the regular session to order at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Resolution 2016-14, a resolution of the City of Dahlonega, permanently waiving a specific contract in that certain contract term between the City of Dahlonega and City Manager Bill Schmid dated May 19, 2015. Motion made by Council Member Clemons, seconded by Council Member Larson. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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Adjournment

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Council Member Gaddis, seconded by Council Member Clemons. Mayor McCullough called for a vote for all in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

_____ Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk