



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2017, 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

City Manager Bill Schmid, City Attorney Doug Parks, Public Works Director, Mark Buchanan, City Marshal Jeff Branyon and City Clerk Kimberly Smith were present.

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Prayer was led by Council Member Larson. The 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 Hoffman, seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ridley asked for amendment to the agenda to add item 4. Designation of Mayor Gary McCullough as Mayor Emeritus and 5. Approval of Naming Council Chambers as The Gary McCullough Council Chambers. Council Member Hoffman changed his motion to add the amendments. Council Member Taylor amended the second to the motion to include the amendments. Mayor McCullough called for a vote of those in favor to signify so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried as amended with a unanimous vote in favor>

Designation of Mayor Gary McCullough as Mayor Emeritus

Council Member Ridley made a motion to name Mayor Gary McCullough as Mayor Emeritus. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gaddis. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

Approval of Naming Council Chambers as The Gary McCullough Council Chambers

Council Member Gaddis made a motion to name the Council Chambers "The Gary McCullough Council Chambers". The motion was seconded by Council Member Larson. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote in favor.

Announcements – Public Comments (please limit to three minutes)

Melissa Walton from the Dahlonega Jaycees asked to be included in any proceedings that could cause changes to fees or regulations for festivals in Dahlonega.

Council Member Gaddis said this item is not on the agenda and was only discussed very briefly at the Work Session.

Council Member Larson said he hopes that the Council's track record proves that they would not act on something of this importance without making festival coordinators aware.

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Consideration of Approval of Alcohol Beverage Licenses

City Clerk Smith informed Mayor and Council that all paperwork was in order, fees have been paid and there were no issues on the background investigation for this alcohol license. Ms. Smith recommended approval of the license.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve the alcohol beverage license for Roshanibahen Patel of Shree Jay Ambe, LLC d/b/a Citgo Food Mart for Class B Retail Beer Package and Class C Retail Wine Package. Motion 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.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Gary McCullough called for a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Larson made a motion to approve minutes of November 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, November 16, 2017 Committee Meeting Notes and November 27, 2017 Special Called Meeting, 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.

Departmental Reports

Mayor McCullough stated that the reports were in the agenda packet and asked if there were questions or comments. There were no comments or questions.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Schmid reported that Old Fashioned Christmas has been very successful this year. A shout out is due to all city employees involved with making the event successful. Merchants have reported back to back successful weekend sales.

Mr. Schmid said that Streetscape is proceeding well. Work on the Square will take place in January and February 2018. The project should be ready for paving as soon as temperatures are high enough in spring of 2018.

City Manager Schmid said he is happy to announce that Community Development Director Kevin Herrit will be on board with City Monday, December 11, 2017. City Marshal Jeff Branyon began his service with the City by assisting with traffic this past Saturday during the parade.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McCullough expressed his thanks to everyone and said he enjoyed his years of service to the City of Dahlonega.

City Attorney Comments

City Attorney Parks said there is need for Council to approve the Speed Zone Ordinance for Georgia Department of Transportation. This approval is to allow the use of radar and laser speed detection devices in the City of Dahlonega. Any time the areas for use of radar or laser speed detection in the city are changed an ordinance like this will need Council approval.

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-09, Speed Zone Ordinance. Council Member Larson made a motion to approve the ordinance, 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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City Council Comments

Council Member Gaddis said he would like to see a date set for a joint Work Session with Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission and Council after the first of the year.

Council Member Larson said it has been a pleasure to work with the Mayor for the past two years.

Mayor McCullough expressed his thanks to Council Member Hoffman for fulfilling Mayoral duties while he was recuperating.

Adjournment

Mayor McCullough called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Taylor. 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 5:19 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2017.

_____ Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest: _____ Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk