



CITY OF DAHLONEGA SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

Date:	December 20, 2018
Time:	4:00 p.m.
Place:	Dahlonega City Hall – Mayor McCullough Council Chamber
Council Present:	Mayor Norton, Council Members Ron Larson, Bruce Hoffman, Roman Gaddis, Mitchell Ridley and Helen Hardman
Staff Present:	City Manager Bill Schmid, Finance Director Melody Marlowe, Community Director Kevin Herrit, Public Works Director Mark Buchanan, City Marshal Jeff Branyon, Water Plant Supervisor John Jarrard, Shop Supervisor Vince Hunsinger and City Clerk Mary Csukas
Other Attendees:	City Attorney Doug Parks and Downtown Development Executive Director Jan Harris

Summary Vote by Council		
Agenda Item to be Voted upon by Council	Approval	Motion
Public Hearing for City of Dahlonega – A request to change the text of the zoning ordinance to include a change to sections 1504, 1604, 1704 and 8-78	Approved -5/0 Unanimous	Motion – Gaddis, Second – Larson
Approval by Council to list delinquent property taxes payers (Two (2+) years in arrears) in the local newspaper- but send an approved certified letter to delinquent tax payers with approval from Lumpkin County Tax Commissioner	Approved – 5/0 Unanimous	Motion- Gaddis, Second- Hoffman.
Tourism Promotion Services Contract with Lumpkin County Chamber. (Amend Section 3 line 1 to state – “last day of each calendar month”	Approved – 4/1 Four Approved One Opposed	Motion - Ridley Second – Hardman Council Member Hoffman opposed,
Hancock Park Children’s Accessible and Inclusive Playground Update (Amend to include vote to authorize Funds)	Approved – 5/0 Unanimous	Motion - Hardman, Second- Larson
Purchase of Solid Waste Truck	Approved – 5/0 Unanimous	Motion – Gaddis, Second- Hardman
TSPLOST IGA and Accompanying Documents Authorization	Approved – 5/0 Unanimous	Motion - Larson, Second- Ridley

Call to Order

Person: Mayor Norton

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Suspended

Person: Mayor Norton

Time: 4:04 p.m.

Call to Order

Person: Mayor Norton

Time: 4:24 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Purpose

Mayor Norton called for a motion to amend the Agenda to include two new items and amend one, line item #5 Purchase Solid Waste Truck and line item # 6 TSPLOST IGA and to change line item # 4 to include Hancock Funding.

Discussion:

- Motion made by Council Member Ridley to approve the amended agenda and seconded by Council Member Hardman.

Conclusion:

Mayor Norton called for a vote of all in favor signifying so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with unanimous vote in favor.

Public Hearing for City of Dahlonega

A request to change the text of the zoning ordinance to include a change to sections:
1504, 1604, 1704 and 8-78.

- Purpose: The Public Hearing opened at 4:24pm. City Attorney Parks, informed Council and Mayor the purpose of this Hearing is proposed changes to a series of text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that have been codified in MuniCode; the sections being contemplated are -1504, 1604, 1704 and 8-78.
- Discussion:
- Community Director Herrit informed Council that Sections 1604, 1704 and 1504, all relate to a change of the Planning Director to Community Development Director or designee within zoning districts with outside dining as a permitted use.
 - Community Development Director Herrit stated that the change to Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-78, is a change to Part 2. Community Development Director Herrit summarized the change as follows:” the change in text will now say we shall allow outside dining and you may use a divider, as opposed to the previous text that stated you shall have a divider.”
- Discussion
- City Attorney Parks asked if there were any comments or questions on this issue from Council.
 - City Attorney Parks asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments. No comments or questions were forthcoming.
 - Mayor Norton called for a motion to adopt these modifications. Council Member Gaddis made a Motion to approve and was seconded by Council Member Larson.
- Conclusion Mayor Norton called for a vote of all in favor signifying so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with unanimous vote in favor.

Approval by Council to list multiple year delinquent property taxes in the local newspaper

- Purpose: Mayor Norton noted that Dahlonega City Resident’s delinquent property taxes have been discussed in the past at a Work Session and the vote today is to approve or not approve the posting of this list of delinquent tax payers in the local newspaper.
- Discussion:
- Mayor Norton informed Council that the list of City property taxes is compiled by the Lumpkin County Tax Commissioner, Rachel Pruitt for the City of Dahlonega.
 - Mayor Norton called for a motion to either list or not list delinquent property taxes, two (2) years or more in arrears, in the local newspaper.
 - Council Member Gaddis made a motion to not post the list of delinquent property taxes payers, two (2) years or more in arrears, in the local newspaper. Council Member Hoffman seconded the motion.
- Discussion:
- Council Member Gaddis amended his motion after a discussion with the Council.
 - The amended motion stated that we do not list delinquent tax payers in the newspaper but that the City of Dahlonega will send a certified letter on behalf of the Lumpkin County Tax Collector and will collaborate on verbiage. The motion was second by Council Member Hoffman.
- Conclusion: Mayor Norton stated that there is a motion and second and all those in favor say aye and those opposed say aye. Mayor Norton stated that the vote was now unanimous as all were in favor.

Tourism Promotion Services Contract with Lumpkin County Chamber.

- Purpose: Mayor Norton stated the item up for vote is the 2019 Tourism Promotion Services Contract with the Lumpkin County Chamber that will be in effect January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019:
- Funding will be capped at \$250,000
 - 3 % administrative fee
 - These are designated restricted tourism funds.

Discussion:

- Mayor Norton reminded Council that these aspects of the contract have been discussed at length with the Council during previous City of Dahlonega Work Sessions.
- Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve signing the 2019 Tourism Promotion Services Contract.
- Council Member Ridley motioned to approve the contract and seconded by Council Member Hardman. Mayor Norton opened the motion to discussion.
- City Manager Schmid asked that the motion for approval of the contract be amended to state a change in the first line on page four, section 3, first sentence to state the last day of the month instead of the 22nd day of the month.
- Mayor Norton asked that the current motion be modified, if agreeable, to reflect the change in the first line of page four, Section 3 to state the last day of the month.
- Council Member Ridley amended his motion to include a change in Section 3 to the last day of month, in a mutual agreement and Council Member Hardman seconded the agreement.

Conclusion:

Mayor Norton stated that there is a motion and second and all those in favor say aye and those opposed say aye. Council Member Hardman, Larson, Gaddis and Ridley are in favor. Council Member Hoffman opposed. Vote 4-1.

Hancock Park Children’s Accessible and Inclusive Playground Update

Purpose:

City Manager Schmid stated that the Hancock Park Children’s Accessible and Inclusive Playground is the first project using the 3% hotel/ motel and CVB dollars which were roughly \$157,000 last year.

- The total budget for the Playground project will be \$241,000, which will include city labor, landscaping, fencing and benches.
- The playground equipment cost will be \$173,000.
- The City’s portion will be well within our budget for this project.

Discussion:

- City Manager Schmid stated that City Attorney Parks has the Kids Play Area equipment contract under review, and he is asking for approval to move forward with the contract.
- Council Member Hardman asked if a motion is needed tonight to go ahead with this project, and City Manager Schmid agreed that a motion was needed to start the project with the funding of the equipment.
- Council Member Hardman made a motion to approve the contract and second from Council Member Larson.

Conclusion:

Mayor Norton called for a vote of all in favor signifying so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with unanimous vote in favor.

Waste Truck Purchase

Purpose:

Mayor Norton informed Council that the City of Dahlonega has a purchasing opportunity for a Solid Waste truck if the purchase is completed within the next 30 days.

Discussion:

- City Manager Schmid asked Supervisor Hunsinger to elaborate on the Solid Waste Truck purchasing project.
- Supervisor Hunsinger stated the cost of the Solid Waste truck is \$155,000, which is under budget. The City can take possession immediately and not wait the normal six-month lead time.
- Council Member Gaddis made a motion to approve the purchase of the solid waste truck and second by Hardman.

Conclusion:

Mayor Norton called for a vote of all in favor signifying so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with unanimous vote in favor.

TSPLOST IGA and Accompanying Documents Authorization

Purpose: Mayor Norton stated that he would like to ratify our TSPLOST IGA agreement with Lumpkin County and asked for a motion to make this ratification.

Mayor Norton stated that Council discussed the issue of TSPLOST IGA, and the money involved, and the next step is to ratify this process.

Discussion:

- Council Member Larson made a motion to approve and seconded by Council Member Ridley.
- City Attorney Parks informed Mayor Norton that he needed to say Ratify Execution of the Agreement.
- Mayor Norton stated that he understood that he must state that the Council motion is to Ratify the Execution of the TSPLOST IGA agreement.

Conclusion: Mayor Norton called for a vote of all in favor signifying so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with unanimous vote in favor.

Adjournment: Council Member Hoffman made a motion to adjourn and second by Larson. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2018.

_____ Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest: _____ Mary Csukas, City Clerk