



CITY OF DAHLONEGA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 1, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Dahlongega City Hall – Mayor McCullough Council Chamber.

Council Present: Mayor Sam Norton, Council Members Ron Larson, Bruce Hoffman, Mitchell Ridley, Helen Hardman and JoAnne Taylor.

Staff Present: City Manager Bill Schmid, Community Director Kevin Herrit, Supervisor John Jarrard and City Clerk Mary Csukas.

Other Attendees: City Attorney Doug Parks, Downtown Development Executive Director Jan Harris and, Downtown Development Assistant Carolyn McDuffie.

Summary Vote by Council		
Agenda Item to be Voted upon by Council	Approval	Motion
Ordinance 2019-11 - City of Dahlongega Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Restatement	Approved -4/0 - Gaddis absent	Motion -Hoffman Seconded – Larson
Resolution 2019-05 - FY2019 1 st Quarter Budget Amendment	Approved -4/0 - Gaddis absent	Motion –Larson Seconded –Taylor
Consideration of Right of Way for Cherokee Trail	Approved -4/0 - Gaddis absent	Motion- Taylor Seconded- Ridley
LMIG-2019 – Colditz Trucking Co.	Approved -4/0 - Gaddis absent	Motion - Hardman Seconded – Ridley
Resolution 2019-06 Declaring Election Results City of Dahlongega	Approved -4/0 - Gaddis absent	Motion – Larson Seconded - Hoffman
COA – Hawkins Street	Approved -4/0 Remand to Historic Preservation Commission - Gaddis absent	Motion – Larson Seconded - Hoffman
COA – 27 South Park Street	Approved -4/0 Remand to Historic Preservation Commission - Gaddis absent	Motion – Larson Seconded -Hoffman

Call to Order:

<u>Person:</u>	Mayor Norton	<u>Time:</u>	6:00 p.m.
<u>Prayer Leader:</u>	Council Member Larson	<u>Pledge Leader:</u>	Council Member Hardman

Approval of Agenda:

Purpose Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Larson to amend the agenda and remand items, COA – Hawkins Street and COA- 27 South Park Street, back to the Historical Preservation Commission. Council Member Hoffman seconded the motion.

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.

Purpose Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Larson to proceed with the amended agenda and seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Discussion: 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 Comments:

Mr. Zack Tumlin Mr. Tumlin, Dr. Causey’s attorney, requested directions from Mayor Norton and City Council on the next step with the COA- Hawkins Street and COA- 27 South Park Street, as both have been remained back to Historic Preservation Commission. Mayor Norton directed Mr. Tumlin to submit a new application to the Historic Preservation Commission and advised that the Tree Board would-be put-on notice.

Ms. Angela Wilson Ms. Angela Wilson asked to be on the next agenda to discuss wine tasting rooms with outside dining. Mayor Norton directed Ms. Csukas to place Ms. Wilson on a Work Session Agenda.

- Council Member Hoffman asked that Mr. Parks and City Manager Schmid research the issue of wine tasting rooms as outside dining.
- Council Member Ridley stated that outside wine tasting, on the Square, may enhance our designation as Dahlenega Plateau and invited Ms. Wilson to give a presentation, to the City Council, as a retail business owner with a wine tasting room.
- Mayor Norton asked Ms. Wilson to forward any correspondence that she has in her possession pertaining to the issue of wine tasting rooms with outside dining to the City Clerk.

Mr. John Gadson Mr. Gadson asked for a name correction on line item - Consideration of Right of Way for Cherokee Lane – from Cherokee Lane to Cherokee Trail.

Approval of Minutes:

Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve, the proposed minutes, Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2019, Special Called Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2019, Work Session – March 21, 2019,

Special Called Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2019 and Regular Council Public Hearing – March 21, 2019.

- Discussion:
- Motion made by Council Member Hoffman to approve the listed minutes and seconded by Council Member Hardman.
 - Council Member Taylor asked the minutes to be amended to reflect changes she requested.
 - Mayor Norton stated that the minutes had been amended but as a point of order requested that Council Member Hoffman amend his approval of the listed minutes.
- Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Hoffman to amend his approval of the listed minutes to include the corrections as stated by Council Member Taylor 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.

Recognition

Recognition:

- Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to recognize the American Legion by means of the Joint Proclamation that has been executed by Dahlongega City Council and Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners.
- Discussion: Mayor Norton read the full American Legion Proclamation to the audience at the Work Session. Mayor Norton asked that the representatives of the American Legion please come forward to have their picture taken and be awarded a Dahlongega City Coin along with the Joint American Legion Proclamation.

Recognition:

- Purpose: Council Member Taylor, at the direction of the Mayor Norton, recognized Ms. Paula Nick for her extensive years of public service to the Citizens of Lumpkin County and the City of Dahlongega. Council Member Taylor read the lengthy Letter of Recognition to the audience at the Work Session.
- Discussion:
- Mayor Norton asked that Ms. Paula Nick please come forward to have her picture taken and receive her Letter of Recognition. Council Member Taylor gave Ms. Nick a Dahlongega City Coin.
 - Mayor Norton thanked Ms. Nick and other like her for their years of service to the community as our government is enhanced by people who service selflessly.

Old Business

Agenda Item / Ordinance 2019-11 - City of Dahlongega Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Restatement

- Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-11 City of Dahlongega Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Restatement, as presented.
- Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Hoffman to approve Ordinance 2019-11 City of Dahlongega Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Restatement and 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.

Agenda Item / Resolution 2019-05 – FY2019 1st Quarter Budget Amendment

- Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-05 FY2019 1st Quarter Budget Amendment, as presented.
- Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Larson to approve Resolution 2019-05 FY2019 1st Quarter Budget Amendment and seconded by Council Member Taylor.
- 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.

Agenda Item / Consideration of Right of Way for Cherokee Trail

- Purpose:
- Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve Consideration of Right of Way for Cherokee Trail, a street in Dahlonaga that needs a legal description and boundaries to allow the City to officially take ownership of the street.
 - Mr. Parks stated that the City will need to Quick Claim the Balance of the Street and the part of the street not is not City property; this is to allow which part of the Street is owned officially by the City.
- Discussion:
- Motion made by Council Member Taylor to take acceptance of the dedication of Cherokee Trail in keeping with the generally highlight orange portion of sketch provided to the City Attorney as well a Quick Claim Deed to the balance.
 - Mayor Norton stated that we have motion to execute the document as it is proceeded and asked if there is a seconded for the motion.
 - Council Member Ridley seconded that motion.
- Conclusion: Mayor Norton called for a vote all in favor signifying so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with unanimous vote in favor.

Agenda Item / LMIG – Colditz Trucking Co.

- Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the LMIG 2019 – Colditz Trucking Co. as written.
- Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Hardman to approve the awarding the LMIG 2019 to Colditz Trucking Co. and seconded by Council Member Ridley.
- Discussion
- City Manager Schmid stated that the intent is to Award the contract to Colditz Tracking Co.as the low bidder for the total amount of the contract for the work done on West Circle and Hawkins Street.
 - Mayor Norton asked Council to amend the motion to award the LMIG 2019 to Colditz Trucking for the full amount stated on the contract as listed.
- Discussion: Council Member Hardman and Ridley agreed to amend the motion to state the LMIG contract was awarded to Colditz Trucking Co. for the total amount of the award and the seconded still stands.
- Conclusion: Mayor Norton called for a vote all in favor signifying so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with unanimous vote in favor.

New Business

Agenda Item / Resolution 2019-06 Declaring Election Results City of Dahlonaga

- Purpose Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring Election Results City of Dahlonaga
- Discussion Motion made by Council Member Larson to approve the Resolution Declaring Election Results City of Dahlonaga and seconded by Council Member Hoffman
- Discussion Mayor Norton and Mr. Parks informed Council that the projects will commence before the taxes are collected so we would incur debt.

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

Agenda Item / COA-Hawkins Street

Purpose: Item was remanded back to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Agenda Item / COA- 27 South Park Street

Purpose: Item was remanded back to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Department Reports

Agenda Item / City Marshal Department Report -Marshal Branyon

Discussion: Marshal Branyon is out of Country.

Agenda Item / Community Development and Historic Preservation Commission Report - Director Herrit

Discussion: No additional comments

Agenda Item/ Downtown Development Authority

- Discussion:
- Director Harris informed Council that the informational Farmers Market Meeting will be in the Council Chamber at 5pm tomorrow. Farmers Market Session opens May 4th at 8:00 am.
 - Farmers Market runs on Saturday 8am – 1pm and Tuesday 2pm – 6pm.
 - Ride for Rangers will take place in certain areas of Dahunega and we are waiting on updated insurance information. We have contacted Bruce Georgia at Lumpkin County to discuss this event that will take place predominantly in Lumpkin County; we have forged a partnership - relationship with Lumpkin County through this co-event.
 - Mayor Norton expressed his thanks for the diligence taken to ensure that the City is protected with the insurance of the Ride for Rangers event.

Agenda Item / Finance Department Report - Director Marlowe

Discussion: No additional comments

Agenda Item / Public Works Department Reports - Director Buchanan

Discussion: No additional comments

Agenda Item / Water and Waste Water Plants Department – Supervisor Jarrard

Discussion: No additional comments

Committee Reports

Agenda Item / Cemetery Committee Report –Chairman Chris Worick

No additional comments

Comments

City Manager Comments:

Discussion: • Minor demolition work is underway for the purpose of discovery at the Head House.

- Anticipate a joint Called Meeting with the City Council and the Downtown Development Authority to review the RFI responses received this week, for the property at 147 Park Street
- The 2019 Budget Project is underway, and we expect to follow the same calendar as last year.

City Attorney Comments

- Discussion:
- Resolution 2019-06 - RFP's are needed for the private placement of the 2.1 mil debt that will be issued. The private placement debt must be approved by the City Council. The City and County Joint Debt will be handled by the County.
 - Mayor Norton and Chairman Dockery will meet with GDOT to discuss funds for a State Road Project anticipated soon.

City Council Comments

Discussion: Council Member Larson asked City Manager Schmid to review the GDOT repair schedule for Morris Moore Parkway as many of our citizens have concerns with the condition of the parkway. Mayor Norton stated that GDOT has done spot repairs on Morris Moore Parkway, but more permanent work will be needed soon.

Mayor Comments

Discussion: Mayor Norton reiterated that work is being done at the Head House as City Manager Schmid had stated and that a Joint meeting with DDA and City Council will take place soon in the Council Chamber to discuss the RFI's.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

_____ Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest: _____ Mary Csukas, City Clerk