



## CITY OF DAHLONEGA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** July 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, Roman Gaddis, Mitchell Ridley, Helen Hardman and JoAnne Taylor.

**Staff Present:** City Manager Bill Schmid, Finance Director Melody Marlowe, Public Works Director Mark Buchanan, City Marshal Jeff Branyon and City Clerk Mary Csukas.

**Other Attendees:** City Attorney Doug Parks, Downtown Development Assistant Carolyn McDuffie and Cemetery Committee Chairman Chris Worwick.

Summary Vote by Council		
Agenda Item to be Voted upon by Council	Approval	Motion
Ordinance 2019-12 An Ordinance to Enhance Off-Street Parking	Approved 6/0	Motion - Larson Seconded – Hardman
Consideration of Approval for a Temporary Alcohol License for Dahlongega Gold Criterium – Dahlongega Chamber of Commerce	Approved 6/0	Motion – Taylor Seconded – Ridley
Letter of Recommendation for Achasta Lift Station upgrade- Engineering Services Turnipseed	Approved 6/0	Motion - Ridley Seconded- Larson
Georgia Indigent Defense Service Agreement	Approved 6/0	Motion - Larson Seconded - Hardman

Call to Order:

Person: Mayor Norton Time: 6:07 p.m.  
Prayer Leader: City Manager Schmid Pledge Leader: Council Member Hoffman

Approval of Agenda:

Purpose Mayor Norton called for a motion to amend the agenda to include a Letter of Recommendation for Achasta Lift Station and Georgia Indigent Defense Service Agreement.  
Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Larson to amend the agenda as stated by Mayor Norton and seconded by Council Member Hoffman.  
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. M

Public Comments:

John Clower had concerns with franchise businesses opening in the downtown area of Dahlonega and an additional issue with lack of notification about the recent 1% TPPLOST tax that took effect July 1, 2019.

Tina Lucas stated that the flower barrels around town are gorgeous. Ms. Lucas also shared concerns with franchise businesses in the downtown area of Dahlonega and the effect this will have on the existing mom and pop business in our town.

Kim Pyron shared concerns that franchise businesses opening in the downtown area of Dahlonega will affect the future of Downtown Dahlonega.

Tony Owens shared concerns with franchise businesses opening in Downtown Dahlonega. Mr. Owens stated that Merchants need to work together to make a difference in diversity of the downtown area of Dahlonega.

Mayor Norton read an email from a concerned Citizen who shared concerns the franchise businesses opening in the downtown area will be detrimental to the area and will take away the uniqueness of Dahlonega.

Recognition

Purpose: Mayor Norton asked Mr. Seth Alhadeff to please come forward to be sworn in to the Dahlonega Tree Committee with the City Clerk. Mayor Norton stated that citizens who serve as volunteers should be applauded as volunteering takes time away from family and friends and he applauds their dedication.  
Discussion: Mayor Norton explained that Mr. Alhadeff had been appointed at the June 3, 2019 Council Meeting and this is the final formality to appoint a member to a committee or board. City Clerk Mary Csukas administer the oath.  
Conclusion: Mayor Norton invited Mr. Alhadeff to have a photo shot with the Mayor and Council as a newly appointed member of the Tree Committee.

Recognition:

- Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to appoint Mr. Chris Anderson to the Dahlonge Cemetery Committee and Ms. Juanita Tipton to the Tree Committee.
- Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Larson to approve the appointment of Mr. Chris Anderson to the Dahlonge Cemetery Committee and Ms. Juanita Tipton to the Tree Committee 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. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Tipton were not present, so the oath was not administered.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Agenda Item / Approval of Ordinance 2019-12 Ordinance to Enhance Off-Street Parking Options

- Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12 Ordinance to Enhance Off-Street Parking Options.
- Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Larson to approve Ordinance 2019-12 Ordinance to Enhance Off-Street Parking Options 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.

Old Business

Agenda Item /Consideration of Approval for a Temporary Alcohol Beverage License for Dahlonge Gold Criterium September 28, 2019 – Dahlonge Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Inc.

- Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve a Temporary Alcohol Beverage License for Dahlonge Gold Criterium September 28, 2019 – Dahlonge Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce.
- Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Taylor to approve the Temporary Alcohol Beverage License for Dahlonge Gold Criterium September 28, 2019 – Dahlonge Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce and seconded by Council Member Ridley. Ms. Csukas stated that the Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce alcohol license application was recommended for approval.
- 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 / Letter of Approval for Achasta Lift Station.

- Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the Letter of Approval for the Achasta Lift Station.
- Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Ridley to approve the Letter of Approval for Achasta Lift Station and second 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.

## New Business

### Agenda Item / Georgia Indigent Defense Service Agreement

- Purpose: Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the renewal of the Georgia Indigent Defense Service Agreement for 2020. Mr. Parks informed Mayor Norton and Council that the 2020 Georgia Indigent Defense Service Agreement was negotiated to a lower rate.
- Discussion: Motion made by Council Member Hardman to approve the renewal of the Georgia Indigent Defense Service Agreement that is renewed at a lower cost 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.

## Department Reports

### Agenda Item / City Marshal Department Report -Marshal Branyon

- Discussion: City Marshal had no other comments. City Manager Schmid stated that this department has an open position for a part time deputy sheriff.

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

- Discussion: No additional comments – Director is on vacation.

### Agenda Item/ Downtown Development Authority

- Discussion: The Downtown Dahlonga Development Authority has hired a part time intern, Mr. Lucas Chaney. So far, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade has 60 participants and this year the parade will begin with a flyover of a Boeing Stearman plane. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will include activities in Hancock Park and a Patriotic Ceremony at the Gold Museum.

### Agenda Item / Finance Department Report - Director Marlowe

- Discussion: Director Marlowe reminded Council the Budget Meetings are scheduled for next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning at 2:00 p.m.

### Agenda Item / Public Works Department Reports - Director Buchanan

- Discussion: Director Buchanan informed Council that his team is involved in several projects at this time:
- Sidewalks on Hawkins Street
  - Expecting LMIG funds for paving projects – West Circle and Hawkins Street and Misty Way. The Mt. Hope Cemetery paving project will be completed at the same time as the LMIG project.

### Agenda Item / Water and Wastewater Plants Department – Supervisor Jarrard

- Discussion: No additional comments – Supervisor on vacation

Committee Reports

Agenda Item / Cemetery Committee Report –Chairman Chris Worick

Discussion: Chairman Worick and Marshal Branyon informed Council that the entrances to Mt. Hope Cemetery will be blocked for automobile traffic during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July firework ceremony. The cemetery will also be patrolled by bicycle to ensure foot traffic is not an issue during fireworks

Comments

City Manager Comments:

Discussion: City Manager Schmid informed Council that the first 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration was held in 1833 in Dahlonega.

City Attorney Comments

Discussion: No comments.

City Council Comments

Discussion: 

- Council Member Hardman let Council know that the new all-abilities park in Hancock Park is always filled with children and that is wonderful.
- Council Members Ridley informed Council that the Marshal’s office will be patrolling the streets in around south Chestatee Street.

Mayor Comments

Discussion: Mayor Norton stated that the City Council attended the GMA conference in Savannah that allowed the Council to attend classes and learn new ideas. Mayor Norton thanked the Chamber, Lumpkin County and City for the beatification efforts made by everyone to make Dahlonega a wonderful and beautiful town.

Adjournment:

Mayor Norton called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Council Member Hoffman to adjourn the meeting and second by council Member Taylor. Mayor Norton called for a vote by all in favor signifying so by saying aye, like sign for those opposed. The motion carried with unanimous vote in favor.

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Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Csukas, City Clerk