



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024, 4:00 PM
Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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Vision – Dahlonega will be the most welcoming, thriving, and inspiring community in North Georgia

Mission Statement - Dahlonega, a City of Excellence, will provide quality services through ethical leadership and fiscal stability, in full partnership with the people who choose to live, work, and visit. Through this commitment, we respect and uphold our rural Appalachian setting to honor our thriving community of historical significance, academic excellence, and military renown.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called the January 16th, 2024, Special Called Meeting to order at 4:23 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Roman Gaddis
Councilmember Johnny Ariemma
Councilmember Ryan Reagin
Councilmember Ross Shirley
Councilmember Lance Bagley
Councilmember Daniel Brown

ABSENT

Mayor JoAnne Taylor

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis stated he needed the council to amend the agenda, swap items 8 and 9, and put Resolution 2024-01 before the IGA Dahlonega Lumpkin SPLOST.

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley to amend the agenda and swap items 8 and 9 to see nine before 8, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. City of Dahlonega Work Session Minutes - November 20, 2023
Mary Csukas, City Clerk
2. City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2023
Mary Csukas, City Clerk
3. City Council Special Called Work Session Minutes, November 27, 2023
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk
4. Joint Special Called Meeting - City Councilmembers - Board of Commissioners Minutes - December 4, 2023
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk
5. Council Meeting Minutes - December 4, 2023
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk

6. City Council Public Hearing Meeting Minutes December 18, 2023
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk
7. City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes December 18t, 2023
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion to approve items 1-7.
Motion made by Councilmember Reagin to approve minute items 1-7, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.
Councilmember Ariemma suggested a correction on item 1 for his statement that the City of Dahlonge's Square mileage is six sq miles not four-square miles.
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis motioned to approve all the minutes with the correction.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION

8. IGA Dahlonge Lumpkin SPLOST, Communication, Allison Martin, City Manager,
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion.
Motion made by Councilmember Reagin to approve, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown
9. Resolution 2024-01 Authorizing IGA Dahlonge Lumpkin SPLOST, Allison Martin, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion.
Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma to approve the IGA, Seconded by Councilmember Brown.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown
10. Ordinance 2024-01; Squaretail LLC application for property located on Alicia Lane
Doug Parks, City Attorney
City Attorney Parks states that this item is now available to have a vote. The public hearing has been concluded, and no further evidence will be given.
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion.
Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma to approve, Seconded by Councilmember Brown.
Councilmember Ariemma stated that with the two options to do an R3 or leave it B2, why is the council one versus the other?
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis stated that several conditions have been placed in this ordinance and noted that this is now in a good spot to where he suggests it be approved.
Councilmember Ariemma agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis and looks forward to seeing this project progress.
Councilmember Bagley stated he likes the new conditions but questioned the short-term rentals.
Councilmember Reagin stated that if you have more than a certain percentage that is very low, they will not give you a mortgage, which makes it very hard to sell.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

OTHER ITEMS

11. Lime Slurry Tank Purchase, Allison Martin, City Manager & John Jarrard, JWS
Infrastructure

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion.

Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma to approve the purchase of the tank for \$125,000, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

Councilmember Ariemma asked what a slurry was.

Councilmember Bagley asked about the size of the tank.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis opened the comments section.

Ms. Csukas had no comments.

City Manager Martin had no comments.

City Attorney Parks had no comments.

City Council Comments:

Councilmember Ariemma had no comments.

Councilmember Reagin had no comments.

Councilmember Shirley had no comments.

Councilmember Bagley had no comments.

Councilmember Brown thanked the staff for the hard work on the IGA and wanted to echo earlier comments about Squaretail.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis thanked the council and staff for all their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis adjourned the January 18, 2024, Special Called Meeting at 4:37 p.m.