



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Meeting Minutes

March 04, 2024, 6:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlongega City Hall

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

Mission Statement - Dahlongega, 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

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Taylor led the prayer and asked Councilmember Gaddis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to amend the agenda, move item 7 under Appointments, Proclamations, and Recognition, and rename it item 1a.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to amend the agenda and move item 7 to item 1a, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Benefit Plan Updates, Doug Parks, City Attorney

Strategic Priority - Communication

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, Allison Martin, City Manager

Strategic Priority - Communication

Motion made by Councilmember Bagley to approve the consent agenda as submitted, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA SPECIFIC / THREE MINUTE LIMIT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes - February 5, 2024
Mary Csukas, City Clerk
- b. City Council Work Session Minutes February 19, 2024

Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma to approve the minutes as presented,
Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

APPOINTMENT, PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION:

1. Planning Commission Re-Appointment

Mary Csukas, City Clerk

Strategic Priority - Effectively Manage Growth

Ms. Csukas, City Clerk, requested that Robert Conoway be re-appointed to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve Robert Conoway.

Motion made by Councilmember Bagley to re-appoint Robert Conoway to the Planning Commission for a one-year term, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

2. Cemetery Committee Appointments: Worick & Rupard

Mark Buchanan, City Engineer & Public Works Director

Strategic Priority - Effectively Manage Growth

City Engineer & Public Works Director Buchanan recommends appointing Mr Worick and Mr Rupard to the Cemetery Committee.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to appoint Chris Worick and Robbie Rupard to the Dahlonga Cemetery Committee.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to appoint Chris Worick and Robbie Rupard to the Dahlonga Cemetery Committee, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

Mayor Taylor swore in both new members of the Cemetery Committee. She thanks everyone who volunteers.

3. Tree Committee Appointments: Chris & Kimberly Mihok

Mark Buchanan, City Engineer & Public Works Director

Strategic Priority - Effectively Manage Growth

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to appoint Chris and Kimberly Mihok to the Dahlonga Tree Committee.

Motion made by Councilmember Brown to appoint Chris and Kimberly Mihok to the Dahlonga Tree Committee, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

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

4. Proclamation - Child Abuse

Mayor, JoAnn Taylor

Mayor Taylor read the Proclamation for Child Abuse.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion.

Councilmember Brown's motion moved that April 2024 be Child Abuse Prevention Month, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY REPORTS:

5. January 2024 - Financial Report

Allison Martin, City Manager

City Manager Martin reviewed the January 2024 Financial Report with the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Taylor made a motion to accept the January 2024 Financial Report.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to accept the January 2024 financial report, Seconded by Councilmember Ariemma.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS:

6. Asphalt Leveling and Resurfacing City Streets LMIG Projects #2024-001 In-House Paving Projects #2024-002

Vince Hunsinger, Capital Projects Manager

Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

Capital Projects Manager Hunsinger requests approval for Garrett Paving for Project #2024-001 and Project #2024-002.

Motion made by Councilmember Brown to approve Garrett Paving for LMIG Projects #2024-001 and In-House Paving Projects #2024-002, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

OTHER ITEMS:

7. Cemetery Committee Bylaws Amendment

Quataunda Armstrong, Cemetery Committee Chairlady

Strategic Priority - Effectively Manage Growth

City Engineer & Public Works Director Buchanan stated the proposed changes to the Cemetery Committee Bylaws.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve the committee bylaws.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to approve the Cemetery Committee bylaws

with the February 22, 2024, amendment as shown, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

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

8. Dahlonge Walking Tours and More LLC – 2024 Guided Tours Permit

Mary Csukas, City Clerk

Strategic Priority - Communication

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve.

Motion made by Councilmember Reagin to approve the 2024 Cemetery Guided Tours Permit for Dahlonge Walking Tours and More LLC, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

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

9. Alcoholic Beverage License Consumption on Premise - The Bear Necessities Café, LLC dba The Bear Necessities Cafe

Doug Parks, City of Attorney & Mary Csukas, City Clerk

Strategic Priority - Communication

City Attorney Parks informed the Mayor and Council that this item is ready for approval.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve.

Motion made by Councilmember Brown to approve a consumption on-premises alcoholic beverage license to the Bear Necessities Café for beer and wine only, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

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

10. Alcoholic Beverage License Consumption on Premise – 27onPark LLC, dba Twenty-Seven on Park

Doug Parks, City Attorney & Mary Csukas, City Clerk

Strategic Priority - Communication

Mayor Taylor informed the audience that new information brought forward to the council would take some time to review.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to table this until the next meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to table this until the next meeting, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Ms. Csukas, City Clerk, had no comments.

City Manager Martin had no comments

City Attorney Parks had no comments

City Council Comments

Councilmember Gaddis thanked everyone for reaching out while dealing with the loss of his father.

Councilmember Ariemma stated that he had got the chance to attend the Waffles Tea House and had a great experience. He congratulated Councilmember Bagley and his wife and wished them success with the business.

Councilmember Reagin had no comment.

Councilmember Bagley congratulated the basketball team on reaching the Sweet Sixteen and expressed his condolences to Councilmember Gaddis and Councilmember Shielry for their families' losses.

Councilmember Brown expressed his condolences to Councilmember Gaddis and Councilmember Shielry for their families' losses and congratulated everyone who got sworn in this evening.

Mayor Taylor had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to adjourn at 6:28 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Brown to adjourn, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin,
Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown