



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Work Session - Meeting Summary

January 21, 2025, 4:00 PM

Gary McCullough Council 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.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session to order at 4:11 p.m. with all Council members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Council voted unanimously to adopt the Agenda as presented.

BOARD & COMMITTEES

1. Cemetery Committee - December 2024
Mark Buchanan, PW Director/City Engineer
There were no questions regarding the Cemetery Committee Report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AVAILABLE AT: <https://dahlonega.gov/category/department-reports/>

2. Community Development Report - December 2024
Allison Martin, City Manager
There were no questions regarding the Community Development Report.
3. Finance and Administration Department - December 2024
Kimberly Stafford, Finance Manager
There were no questions regarding the Finance and Administration Department Reports.
4. Police Department - December 2024
George Albert, Chief of Police
There were questions regarding the Police Department Report; discussion was held.
5. Public Works - December 2024
Mark Buchanan, PW Director/City Engineer
There were no questions regarding the Public Works Report.
6. Water & Wastewater Treatment Department Report - December 2024
John Jarrard, Water/Wastewater Treatment Director
There was a question regarding the upcoming water audit; discussion was held.

APPOINTMENT, PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION: (Vote at Council Meeting)

None

PRESENTATION

None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

7. Ordinance 2025-02 Amendment to Adopt the National Electrical Code 2023 Edition
Doug Parks, City Attorney
Doug Parks, City Attorney, addressed the Council.

Without exception, the Council unanimously agreed to place this Item under the next Consent Agenda. No formal action was taken.

AGREEMENTS & CONTRACTS:

None

OTHER ITEMS:

8. Upgrades to Council Chamber Technology Systems
Allison Martin, City Manager
Allison Martin, City Manager, addressed the Council; a discussion was held.

No Council action was taken.

9. Reservoir Management Plan Revision
Allison Martin, City Manager
Allison Martin, City Manager, addressed the Council; a discussion was held.

No Council action was taken.

10. Discussion of a 2nd Liquor Store
Allison Martin, City Manager
Allison Martin, City Manager, addressed the Council; a discussion was held.

No Council action was taken.

COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments

There were no comments.

City Manager Comments

There were no comments.

City Attorney Comments

There were no comments.

City Council Comments

Council member Reagin apologized for his tardiness to the Public Hearing that was previously held.

Council member Ariemma stated that he was looking forward to attending the 2025 GMA Cities United Summit.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Taylor announced that she along with all members of the Council, Allison Martin, and Rhonda Hansard will be in Atlanta beginning Thursday evening through the weekend attending the 2025 GMA Cities United Summit.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 4:54 p.m.

Guideline Principles - The City of Dahlonega will be an open, honest, and responsive city that balances preservation and growth and delivers quality services fairly and equitably by being good stewards of its resources. To ensure the vibrancy of our community, Dahlonega commits to Transparency and Honesty, Dedication and Responsibility, Preservation and Sustainability, Safety and Welfare ...for ALL!
