



# CITY OF DAHLONEGA

## Council Meeting Summary

February 03, 2025, 6:00 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.

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### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

**Mayor Taylor called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.**

### INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

**Mayor Taylor led the Invocation and Councilman Shirley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.**

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**The Council voted unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.**

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

**The Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT - PLEASE LIMIT TO FOUR MINUTES PER SPEAKER

**There were no Public Comment speakers.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**The Council voted unanimously to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2025; Public Hearing Minutes of January 21, 2025; Special Called Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025; and, Work Session Minutes of January 21, 2025.**

- a. Regular Meeting of January 6, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- b. Public Hearing of January 21, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- c. Special Called Meeting of January 21, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- d. Work Session of January 21, 2025  
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk

**APPOINTMENT, PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION:**

1. Appointment of Jan Tolbert to Public Housing Authority  
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor  
**Mayor Taylor appointed Jan Tolbert to the Public Housing Authority.**  
**No Council action was taken.**
  
2. Arbor Day Proclamation  
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor  
**Mayor Taylor read aloud, and the Council voted unanimously to adopt a Proclamation declaring February 20, 2025 as “Arbor Day” in Dahlonega.**
  
3. Recognition of DDA/Main Street Staff  
Allison Martin, City Manager  
Communication  
**Allison Martin, City Manager, recognized staff from the Downtown Development Authority/Main Street - Ariel Alexander and Skyler Alexander.**  
**No Council action was taken.**
  
4. Recognition of Donna Logan DDA Board Service  
Allison Martin, City Manager  
Communication  
**Allison Martin, City Manager, recognized Donna Logan for her service on the Downtown Development Authority Board.**  
**No Council action was taken.**  
**[Clerk's note: Donna Logan was not present.]**
  
5. Recognition of Donation - Chuck and Debbie Jones  
Allison Martin, City Manager  
Communication  
**Allison Martin, City Manager, recognized Chuck and Debbie Jones for their recent donation of cedar planters to the City.**  
**No Council action was taken.**
  
6. Employee of the Year Award and Nominations  
Allison Martin, City Manager  
Communication  
**Allison Martin, City Manager, recognized the 2024 Employee of the Year - Tim Martin, Building Inspector.**  
**No Council action was taken.**
  
7. Special Award - Jones Family  
Allison Martin, City Manager  
Communication  
**Allison Martin, City Manager, recognized the recipient of the 2024 24-Karat Excellence Award - Justin Priest, Senior Equipment Operator.**  
**No Council action was taken.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**There were no announcements.**

**CITY REPORTS:**

8. Financial Reports - November & December 2024  
Allison Martin, City Manager

**The Council voted unanimously to approve the Financial Reports of November and December 2024.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

9. Ordinance 2024-04 Amending Map  
Doug Parks, City Attorney and Allison Martin, City Manager

**The Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2024-04 - Amended Zoning Map.**

**CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS:**

**None**

**OTHER ITEMS:**

**None**

**COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES**

Clerk Comments

**Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk, congratulated the recipients of the employee awards and announced that the Mayor and Council will hold a Retreat in the City of Gainesville on March 14 and 15, 2025.**

City Manager Comments

**Allison Martin, City Manager, announced that the unveiling of Bears on the Square is approaching and announced that she had received information regarding federal grants and the mandated pause in funding could potentially impact the City and its proposed projects; she confirmed that she and staff will continue to monitor the situation and will keep Council updated.**

City Attorney Comments

**Doug Parks, City Attorney, had no comments.**

City Council Comments

**Councilman Gaddis congratulated the recipients of the employee awards and requested an update regarding the base coat on Park Street. Allison Martin, City Manager, confirmed that she will check to see if a date has been provided and will let the Council know.**

**Councilman Brown congratulated the recipients of the employee awards.**

**Councilman Bagley congratulated the recipients of the employee awards; stated that he saw one of the bear statues and that it looks great; announced the upcoming ConnectAbility Talent Show that will occur at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8; and, announced the upcoming Wimpy Mile that will occur at 10:00 a.m. on February 15.**

**Councilman Ariemma thanked the Jones family (Chuck and Debbie Jones) for their continued support of the City and congratulated the recipients of the employee awards.**

Mayor Comments

**Mayor Taylor thanked the Jones family (Chuck and Debbie Jones) for their generosity; congratulated the recipients of the employee awards; and, thanked the public for attending the Meeting.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:37 p.m.**

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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!

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