



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2026, 4:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

On Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Gary McCullough Council Chambers at Dahlonega City Hall, the Dahlonega City Council held a Special Called Meeting with the following persons present: Johnny Ariemma - Member, Dan Brown - Member, Tony Owens - Member, Ryan Reagin - Member, Ross Shirley - Mayor Pro Tem / Member, Sam Norton - Mayor, Allison Martin - City Manager, Doug Parks - City Attorney, and Rhonda Hansard - City Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- (1.) *Ratification of the letters sent to Senator Gooch and Representative Wade regarding the request for assistance in pursuing local legislation that would authorize a referendum for the Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST) in the City of Dahlonega pursuant to the passage of Senate Bill 33*
Sam Norton, Mayor

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norton called the Special Called Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Ariemma, Brown, Owens, Reagin, and Shirley; Councilman Bagley was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was a motion by Councilman Owens and a second by Councilman Shirley to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried with five members in favor (Ariemma, Brown, Owens, Reagin, and Shirley) and one member absent (Bagley).

NEW BUSINESS

- (1.) **Ratification of the letters sent to Senator Gooch and Representative Wade regarding the request for assistance in pursuing local legislation that would authorize a referendum for the Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST) in the City of Dahlonega pursuant to the passage of Senate Bill 33**

Mayor Norton addressed the Council regarding the letters sent to Senator Gooch and Representative Wade regarding the request for assistance in pursuing local legislation that would authorize a referendum for the Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST) in the City of Dahlonge pursuant to the passage of Senate Bill 33.

There was a motion by Councilman Shirley and a second by Councilman Reagin to ratify the letters.

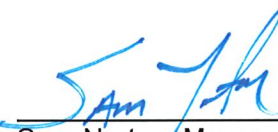
The Council held a discussion to include whether the passage of the proposed Bill could have a negative impact versus a positive impact for the City and whether the City would have an option to enact the LHOST, if passed.

Motion carried with five members in favor (Ariemma, Brown, Owens, Reagin, and Shirley) and one member absent (Bagley).

There was a motion by Councilman Owens and a second by Councilman Reagin to adjourn the Special Called Meeting.

Motion carried with five members in favor (Ariemma, Brown, Owens, Reagin, and Shirley) and one member absent (Bagley), and the Special Called Meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of July, 2026.



Sam Norton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda P. Hansard, City Clerk