

**DAHLONEGA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

The Dahlonega City Council met at City Hall on September 1, 2010. Members present were Mayor Gary McCullough, Terry Peters, Ralph Prescott, Johnny Ariemma, Sam Norton and Gerald Lord. Also present were City Manager, Bill Lewis, Finance Director, Christopher Austin, City Attorney Doug Parks and City Engineer Ricky Stewart.

PROPOSED 2011 ANNUAL BUDGET:

City Manager, Bill Lewis asked Council for any final questions that they might have on the budget. Mayor McCullough stated that Michael Clemons wanted him to ask about the possibility of giving City employees a 2% salary increase. Finance Director, Christopher Austin distributed a schedule to Council of what the cost would be between funds for this percentage of increase. After further discussion, considering the slow growth of utility customers to increase revenue and the debt of the Enterprise Fund, Council concluded that this should not be a consideration for this budget year.

Finance Director, Christopher Austin also explained that in Council packets for September 7th council meeting, a budget summary was included. He asked that they review and call him if they have any more questions. Gerald Lord stated he felt the budget should be approved thirty days prior to the new fiscal year, and wanted to inform Council of his decision to make a motion to that effect at our September council meeting.

COMMUNITY BRANDING AND LOGO OPTIONS:

City Engineer, Ricky Stewart held a slide presentation of all the recommended logo, signage and tag line designs for a new City logo. Mr. Stewart stated that the designated committee wanted to incorporate other ideas into the logo and signage design other than just gold. This was to show different aspects of our area, such as the wineries. After view presentation, Council discussed choosing only one design for both the logo and signage. They felt if only one was chosen, it would need to be a design that could be used for the logo on a city vehicle and would be appropriate for signage at the entrance of town and the historical district. After further discussion, Council agreed they would like for the community to be involved in this decision. Council stated they wanted to let individuals have an opportunity to submit a design. A decision was made that this be published in the Dahlonega Nugget, with a thirty day deadline for submission of designs. Mayor McCullough volunteered to ask the school art departments to submit their ideas also.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Gary McCullough asked for a motion at this time to go into executive session to discuss potential and ongoing litigation and real estate purchase. Ralph Prescott made a motion, seconded by Gerald Lord. Work Session was reconvened at 6:45 and announcement made of no action taken in executive session.

