

**DAHLONEGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2010**

The Dahlonega City Council met at City Hall on September 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor Gary McCullough, Ralph Prescott, Gerald Lord, Michael Clemons, Terry Peters, Sam Norton and Johnny Ariemma. Also present were City Manager, Bill Lewis and Finance Director, Christopher Austin.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Mayor McCullough stated that due to Roberts Rules of Order, the Agenda should be approved at each meeting. Michael Clemons made a motion to approve Agenda; this motion was seconded by Gerald Lord and approved by all members present.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 2011 BUDGET:

City Manager, Bill Lewis informed Council that staff was prepared to make a brief presentation if needed. Mayor and Council advised they had no further questions concerning the budget. A motion was made by Michael Clemons to adopt the 2011 Budget. This motion was seconded by Ralph Prescott and approved by all members present.

POLICY STATEMENT ADOPTION:

Mayor McCullough asked Council if there were any discussion concerning the adoption of a Policy Statement regarding additional requirements of employment for the position of City Manager. This Policy would require the City Manager to live within the City limits. With no discussion from Council, Ralph Prescott made a motion to adopt the Policy Statement. This motion was seconded by Michael Clemons and approved by all members present.

BUDGET PROCEDURAL BYLAW:

City Council discussed a procedural bylaw that would require the final budget to be adopted thirty (30) days before fiscal year begins. Councilman Clemons stated that the present budget adoption process has never been a problem in his nine year term on Council. He asked if this would give staff enough time to complete the budget. Finance Director, Christopher Austin informed Council that the budget process would have to be started earlier however it would not be an extreme inconvenience. He stated that some estimates may be less accurate but these could also be amended when needed. Councilman Lord explained his reason for asking for this change to the budget process. He stated the City process is that Council will have second reading and adoption of the budget at the same time. He stated that no citizen has ever objected to the budget however, if someone did he felt Council would not have time to respond to their

complaints. After further discussion, Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the adoption of the Budget Procedural Bylaw. Council approved this motion with the condition that City Attorney, Doug Parks revise the wording to specify that the budget process being completed thirty (30) days before the fiscal year begins would be the final budget adoption. Voting in favor of the motion was Gerald Lord, Terry Peters, Sam Norton and Ralph Prescott. Voting against the motion was Michael Clemons and Johnny Ariemma.

ADOPTION OF WATER AND SEWER RATES ORDINANCE:

A motion was made by Michael Clemons to approve the second reading and adoption of the new water and sewer rates Ordinance 75-1 Amendment 33. The motion was seconded by Sam Norton and approved by all members present.

Mayor McCullough entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. A motion was made by Ralph Prescott, seconded by Terry Peters and approved by all members present.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2010

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk