

**DAHLONEGA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 25, 2010**

The Dahlonega City Council met at City Hall on October 25, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Members present were Mayor Gary McCullough, Terry Peters, Johnny Ariemma, Sam Norton, Gerald Lord and Michael Clemons. Also present were City Manager, Bill Lewis, Finance Director Christopher Austin and City Attorney, Doug Parks.

**LOGO PRESENTATION:**

A slide presentation of all logos submitted was given to Council by City Engineer, Ricky Stewart. City Council Members commented on each design as they were being presented. After viewing all submissions, Council stated some were found to be possible choices. After further discussion, Mayor McCullough instructed Council to choose their three (3) favorite designs and notify Mr. Stewart of those choices. He stated once all Members had submitted their logo designs of choice, another Work Session will be scheduled.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

Finance Director, Christopher Austin informed Council that these budget amendments were necessary for the closing of fiscal year 2010. He stated that the State of Georgia requires a balanced budget for each department to comply with State Law. Councilman Peters questioned if these amendments were actual or standard protocol. Mr. Austin informed that they were not exact, that some buffer was needed for other possible accruals that were not foreseen. The Council was also informed that these budget amendments will be on the November 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting agenda for final adoption.

**LOITERING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:**

City Attorney, Doug Parks informed Council that when State Law preempted posting of private property, the City cannot cite someone nor have a vehicle removed. Being that this procedural part of the Ordinance cannot be implemented and is often misunderstood it is better to be deleted. Therefore, Section 104.4 of Ordinance 94-5 needs to be removed.

**ETHICS ORDINANCE:**

Mayor McCullough informed Council in order for the City to remain a Certified City of Ethics; the City Ethics Ordinance must be re-adopted every four years. He requested that each Member review the Ordinance and ask for any revisions they felt necessary. He stated that the Ordinance needs to be re-adopted at the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Council Meeting.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Mayor McCullough informed the Council that Paul Shimmer of the Historical Society had spoke with him concerning the possibility of making Mt. Hope Cemetery a Historical Site. He stated that there were grants available for this type of project and asked for the Council to grant him the authority to allow Mr. Shimmer to make a presentation. City Manager, Bill Lewis advised Council that City Attorney, Doug Parks should be allowed to check on all of the legal issues that are associated with having a cemetery designated as a Historical Site. Doug Parks informed Council he had never addressed having a cemetery on a National Historic Register. He stated that with any National Register comes a set of restrictions, which could include restoration of monuments and property issues. After further discussion Council agreed to hear this presentation, once City Attorney, Doug Parks had reviewed the legal aspect of this type of decision and reported to Council.

Mayor McCullough entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Councilman Clemons made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Peters and approved by all members present.