

# **CITY OF DAHLONEGA**

## **WORK SESSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2011**

The Dahlonega City Council held a Work Session February 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Gary McCullough, Sam Norton, Johnny Ariemma, Gerald Lord, Terry Peters, Michael Clemons and Ralph Prescott. Also present were City Manager, Bill Lewis and Projects Manager, Ricky Stewart.

### **TRANSPORTATION H.B. 277:**

Mayor Gary McCullough informed Council of how Transportation H.B. 277 would be disbursed between the County and the City. He explained that H.B. 277 would add an additional 1% to the sales tax. That 1% would be divided with 75% going toward regional projects and 25% would come back to the County and City to be divided according to road mileage for improvements. Mayor McCullough suggested to Council that Morrison Moore Parkway be submitted as the City project. The funds from the 25% are to be used for local resurfacing. However funds from the 75% can be used for any traffic project that is selected by the region and approved by DOT. Mayor McCullough advised Council that our revenues are down and we need to support this Bill as much as possible to improve our region. He also informed Council if Lumpkin County passes this Bill, the City would only have to match 10% funds for local projects. If it does not pass we will have to match 30%.

City Manager, Bill Lewis informed Council that the City was allowed to send in more than one (1) project, and one of them could be bridges. He stated that Wimpy Mill and Torrington bridges need repairs and DOT has evaluated each of these but no engineering plans have been completed. Mr. Lewis advised Council the City needed to at least put a narrative plan together to hold the City a place until a specific project could be identified. The application must be submitted by March 30, 2011.

Work Session adjourned at 4:45 p.m.