

**SPECIAL CITY OF DAHLONEGA COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 29, 2008**

The Dahlonega City Council met in special session at City Hall on July 29, 2008. Council members present were Michael Clemons, Gerald Lord, Guy Laboa, Terry Peters and Sam Norton. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary McCullough at 3:30 p.m.

Earl Bouse presented his request for de-annexation of his property located at 72 Windsong Way. Mr. Bouse stated that he would like to have the property return to Lumpkin County's previously zoned classification of mixed use. He stated that it should be just as simple to de-annex his property as the process of annexation was. Mr. Bouse advised that this process would not create an island as this property adjoins county properties owned by himself and his wife. Mr. Bouse also advised that speeding is a problem at this location and there are no sidewalks. He plans to use this property for a bed and breakfast and to construct a home on the adjoining properties. Currently he is unable to use this house as a bed and breakfast due to city zoning regulations. Terry Peters stated that this will create more traffic problems for the residential area. Mr. Bouse advised that the bed and breakfast will cater only to motorcyclist. Sam Norton stated that it would be a disservice to citizens to allow that many motorcycles to travel on the city street. A motion was made by Gerald Lord to deny the request for de-annexation. The motion was seconded by Michael Clemons and approved by all members present. Guy Laboa recommended that Mr. Bouse contact the sheriff requesting extra patrol.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK

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WORK SESSION
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City Manager Bill Lewis advised that he had been notified of an increase in the city's retirement cost. Last year's retirement cost was \$189,671. The cost for next year will be \$282,269. Representatives from GMA were present to explain an increase in the city's retirement plan. They advised that the cost increase was due to several factors including: increase in total payroll which can be attributed to pay increases and additional personnel; loss on actuarial value of assets, increase in average participant age, benefit improvements and other miscellaneous losses. The total percent of payroll for retirement benefits is now 19.17%. Rocky Joyner and Malachi Waterman gave a brief presentation concerning the actuary plan's performance.

Council members were informed that health and life insurance costs will not increase. Also liability insurance cost will not increase and the city can also expect to receive a check in the amount of \$66,000 as a refund on liability insurance.

Mayor McCullough thanked GMA Representatives Steve Durden, Randy Login, Rocky Joyner and Malachi Waterman for their presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.