

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

WORK SESSION MINUTES February 20, 2014

The Dahlonega City Council held a Work Session on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at City Hall. Members present were Roman Gaddis, Sam Norton, Terry Peters, Bruce Hoffman, Michael Clemons and Mitchell Ridley. Also present were City Manager Bruce Georgia and City Attorney Doug Parks. Mayor Gary McCullough called the Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR HOTEL MOTEL COLLECTIONS:

Interim Finance Director Sabrina Cape informed Council that the City had received more in Hotel/Motel collections than budgeted. She further informed that state law requires a budget amendment to reflect the additional revenue therefore; Resolution 2014-3 was submitted. After further discussion, Mayor McCullough requested this Resolution be added to the March 3rd Council Meeting agenda for approval.

EASEMENT AND PROPERTY PURCHASE REQUEST FROM FLOYD WIMPY:

Mr. Floyd Wimpy informed Council of his interest to purchase a piece of property on Wimpy Mill Road that is owned by the City. He further informed that he owns two (2) acres in Sky Country that is adjacent to the City property and if purchased he will build a home and a pond. Mayor McCullough informed that in order for the City to sale the property, it must be put out for bid. City Attorney Doug Parks informed that the property must also be rezoned. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the property appraised and put out for bid.

ORDINANCE 2005-2 AMENDMENTS CONCERNING ALCOHOL SALES REPORTING:

Councilman Norton informed that all alcohol applicants should complete a standardized form for their 50/50 food ratio. He further informed that this would make the process easier for the City Clerk to clarify each report. Councilman Ridley informed that the reports seemed to have a lot more information that would need to be submitted. Councilman Norton informed that each establishment needed to report purchases as well as the sales for comparison. Also, each form needed to be signed stating that the totals submitted are accurate and penalties needed to be assessed if falsified. Councilman Peters informed that all business owners will always have this type of information. City Attorney Doug Parks informed this could be like a monthly audit an also could help with the annual renewal process. Councilman Gaddis informed that he felt the vendors name should also be added to the purchases report. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to contact approximately three (3) business owners who will agree to use the forms for sixty (60) days and get their opinions on changes or updates that are needed to make the transition easier for everyone.

RECYCLING:

Mayor McCullough informed that he had spoke with Ms. Roberta Green and asked that she allow the City to place the new recycle bins on her property at the Greenbriar Shopping Center. Ms. Green agreed to let the City use the space for the bins. City Manager Bruce Georgia informed that he had spoke with County Manager Stan Kelley and for them to take 100% of our recycling, it will cost the City approximately \$40,000.00 dollars in order to pay the County for an additional employee. Councilman Hoffman informed since the City will be giving the County all of our recyclables for revenue, can this not be an even trade. Mr. Georgia informed that the County has stated that they are operating at a loss on recyclables. After further discussion, Councilman Norton recommended that we asked Leslie George from N. E. Georgia Resources to speak with Council again concerning the pros and cons with joining the County in recycling and to show cost benefits with the program. City Manager Bruce Georgia informed Council that he would bring back definite numbers to them from the County and get with Leslie George in order to determine the direction the City needed to take.

Mayor Gary McCullough adjourned the Work Session at 4:50 p.m.