

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 7, 2014

The Dahlonega City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2014 at City Hall. Members present were Roman Gaddis, Michael Clemons, Bruce Hoffman, Terry Peters, Sam Norton and Mitchell Ridley. Also present were City Manager Bruce Georgia and City Attorney Doug Parks. Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The prayer was led by Michael Clemons and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Roman Gaddis.

Mayor Gary McCullough welcomed Boy Scout Troop 36. They are working on receiving their Communication Merit Badge and one of the requirements is to attend a government meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Councilman Gaddis, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS:

Mayor McCullough informed that Krupban Soni, owner of Trident Food Mart was requesting approval of a Beer Package Sales Alcohol License. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough informed that Dana LaChance, owner of Crimson Moon was requesting approval of a Distilled Spirits Consumption on Premises License, to be an addition to the existing beer and wine license. A motion was made by Councilman Norton to amend the license to add the additional consumption on premises for distilled spirits, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 3rd and March 20th. A motion was made by Councilman Norton to approve March 3rd and March 20th minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for any corrections or additions, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor McCullough informed that all department reports had been submitted.

RESOLUTION:

City Manager Bruce Georgia informed Council that this Resolution had been discussed at the March Work Session concerning re-appropriating funds that were not spent in FY 2013 and move them to FY 2014. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

Mayor McCullough informed Ordinance 2006-3 was for updating the state mandated construction codes. A motion to accept the new codes was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough informed Ordinance 2014-2 was for approval of the administrative procedures for the construction codes. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Bruce Georgia informed that the personnel policy amendment was concerning the mandate of all non-office personnel to wear safety toed boots. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Bruce Georgia informed he was requesting adoption of the 2014-2015 Strategic Goals that were worked on at the annual Council Retreat. A listing was also distributed at the Work Session for review. A motion to adopt the 2014-2015 Strategic Goals was made by Councilman Ridley, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion. Councilman Clemons questioned that any item that requires funding must go back before Council? Mr. Georgia informed yes, that anything beyond the City Manager's spending limit of \$15,000.00 will go back before Council. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor McCullough informed Council that a Mayor Pro-Tem needed to be nominated and this was done by seniority of the Council Members. Mayor McCullough nominated Councilman Sam Norton to be Mayor Pro-Tem and asked for a motion of approval. A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

City Attorney Doug Parks informed with regard to the Historic Preservation Commission, they had worked very diligently for approximately two (2) years to enhance the HPC design guidelines. At this time, he asked HPC Chairman Steve Ratzel to come forward and comment. Mr. Ratzel informed

that the document they had to work with was over twelve (12) years old and they wanted to make it a better workable document for the City. They incorporated examples of what and what not to do and clarified wording for a better understanding to the reader. They also incorporated ideas from other cities in Georgia and from other states. Mr. Ratzel informed they had used consultants from GMRC to help organize and structure the items that went into the guidelines and through the efforts of City Attorney Doug Parks were able to use Yeager Company as a consultant who has wrote guidelines of this nature for many cities over the state. He further informed they had also spoke with former individuals who had served on the Commission previously and incorporated their comments as well. Mr. Ratzel stated he felt that they tried to cover all bases and are very pleased as a Commission on the finished results. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the new HPC guidelines. A motion was made by Councilman Gaddis, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion. Councilman Norton stated that the current Historic Preservation Commission has done a great job and has brought the guidelines back to a useful document. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Gaddis congratulated HPC on this document and informed that he was previously on the HPC and he knew the work that went into updating this document. He also thanked City Manager Bruce Georgia and DDA Director Joel Cordle for their efforts with Shenanigans after their fire.

Mayor McCullough thanked DOT for the new lane and paving of Morrison Moore Parkway.

Mayor McCullough entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Peters and approved by all members present.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk